

City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update

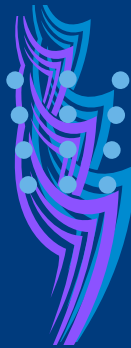


COVID-19 Updates

As the City of Antioch, and our entire country face the unknowns of COVID-19, the City's top priority is to maintain essential services for our community while protecting the health and safety of our residents and employees. We are proactively monitoring public health information for any potential implications for our community.

You can get updated information on our website [here](#).

You can also stay abreast of the COVID-19 situation and how to help reduce the potential spread of this virus, by visiting the Contra County Health Services website [here](#).



Hillcrest Fountain

The beautiful water feature (pictured above) at the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue, Deer Valley Road, and Davison Drive has been enhanced with multi-colored LED lights. Actually, a piece of commissioned art, this structure represents the confluence of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers - check it out the next time you're driving through the intersection.

Ralph Garrow

Longtime resident and community advocate Ralph Garrow passed away on July 23, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer. After graduating from Antioch High School and Stanford University and Yale School of Drama he started his own business here in his hometown of Antioch - **Ralph Garrow Real Estate** on A Street in 1977. Throughout his life Ralph remained active in Antioch. He was past president of the Rotary Club, and he and his wife volunteered to deliver food for seniors in the Meals on Wheels program. Ralph helped create theater space in the Antioch Community Center downtown and served as 2009 chairman of the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, where he spearheaded the Vision 2020 program. This past Spring, Ralph was named Antioch's Lifetime Citizen of the Year. Friends, family, community members, the Antioch Police Department and Contra Costa Fire District honored him with a car parade on July 21. We will miss you Ralph.



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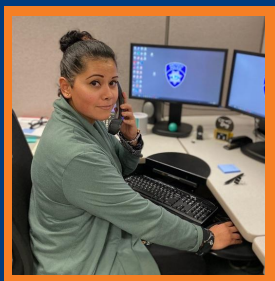


POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Hires

Our Police Department has been busy filling our ranks. In our last report, we talked about some well-deserved promotions. This time around, we would like to congratulate and welcome two new members to our Antioch family. First, I would like to introduce **Officer Matt Mulholland**.

Matt was born and raised in the Bay Area and graduated from California High School, where he played football. Matt graduated with a bachelor's degree from California State University-Chico and joined the US Army Reserve. Matt is an Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran and has served 12 years in the Army Reserve. Matt began his law enforcement career with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office in 2013. While a Deputy Sheriff, Matt was assigned to security and classification at the Santa Rita Jail and has spent the last five years assigned to patrol at both the Eden Township and Tri-Valley substations.



Our second addition is to our Records Bureau. **Records Technician Diane Nieves** was born in Martinez and raised in Antioch. She graduated from Antioch High in 2010 and then went onto Los Medanos College, where she is working on obtaining an associate degree in Administration of Justice. Before working full time in our Records Bureau, Diane was an

Antioch VIP (Volunteer in Police Services) for three years and worked part-time for our Recreation Department. Diane also worked part-time for the Oakley Police Department in their Records Bureau. With all of that experience, Diane is hitting the ground running, as you can see in her picture!

APD Traffic Unit

Did you know the fastest speed limit in the USA (85 MPH) is a single stretch of Texas State Highway 130? (also known as the "Pickle Parkway") **No portion of the Pickle Parkway runs through Antioch, and it certainly doesn't cover Somersville Road.** On July 15th, Officer Johnsen clocked a motorcyclist at eye popping speed of 85 MPH on Somersville Road. That speed might be legal between San Antonio and Austin, but certainly not in Antioch, California. If convicted, the **fine for driving at this speed is \$490** and an additional \$238 for driving without a motorcycle license. Included with the hefty fine is a point on your driving record, which your insurance won't appreciate. Our Traffic Unit is out-and-about trying to slow people down on our streets and through your neighborhoods. Please slow down and save the \$728 in traffic fines for a vacation trip down the Pickle Parkway.

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#APDTrafficUnit
#PickleParkway



PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

Cats at Antioch Animal Services Got Lucky!

With Antioch Animal Services' cat numbers at a minimum because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it seemed like the perfect opportunity for AAS to give their cats a **housing upgrade**. Thanks to animal welfare and veterinary organizations, AAS is one of 82 shelters across the U.S. and Canada, where cats will be living large while they wait for new homes. Dubbed **Portalmania 2020**, the campaign was headed up by the Million Cat Challenge, a shelter medicine initiative launched in 2014 with the goal of saving the lives of one million shelter cats in North America within five years.

Cramped housing is a big cause of stress and stress-related illness for shelter cats. For those felines, the installation of portals between two smaller cages can **create much-needed space and allow separation** of litter boxes from sleeping and eating areas.

Many of the cat housing cages at AAS already had portals to allow for double-sided housing for our cats. By receiving the Portalmania grant, AAS will now be able to upgrade the remainder of cat housing throughout the shelter to allow for double-sided housing of all cats.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Manuel Hicks** was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Worker II for the Public Works Department on July 19, 2020.
- **Diane Nieves** was hired as a Police Records Technician for the Police Department on July 19, 2020.

Please join us in welcoming this employee to their new position.

Currently open recruitment's include:

- **Police Officer Lateral (continuous)**
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Assistant City Engineer
- Deputy Public Works Director I/II
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works Department)
- Police Records Technician

There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch.

The City's recruitment openings can be found on the Human Resources page [here](#). Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the Job Position, click on Apply.

Please check our website for the following future recruitment:

- Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator





Jr. Giants at Home this Summer!



Baseball may look different right now, but Jr. Giants are still serving **Antioch youth**. Junior Giants at Home is a virtual season that brings the fun of the field to children's homes. It is a four-week season, and many Giants players help introduce the **fundamentals of the game** along with important life lessons for all ages.

On Friday, July 24th, Recreation staff met the T-Ball players and their families as they "drove through" to pick up a free book bag for summer reading and a brand-new baseball mitt. Let's root for the home team – Antioch!



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Family Swimming Continues on Weekends

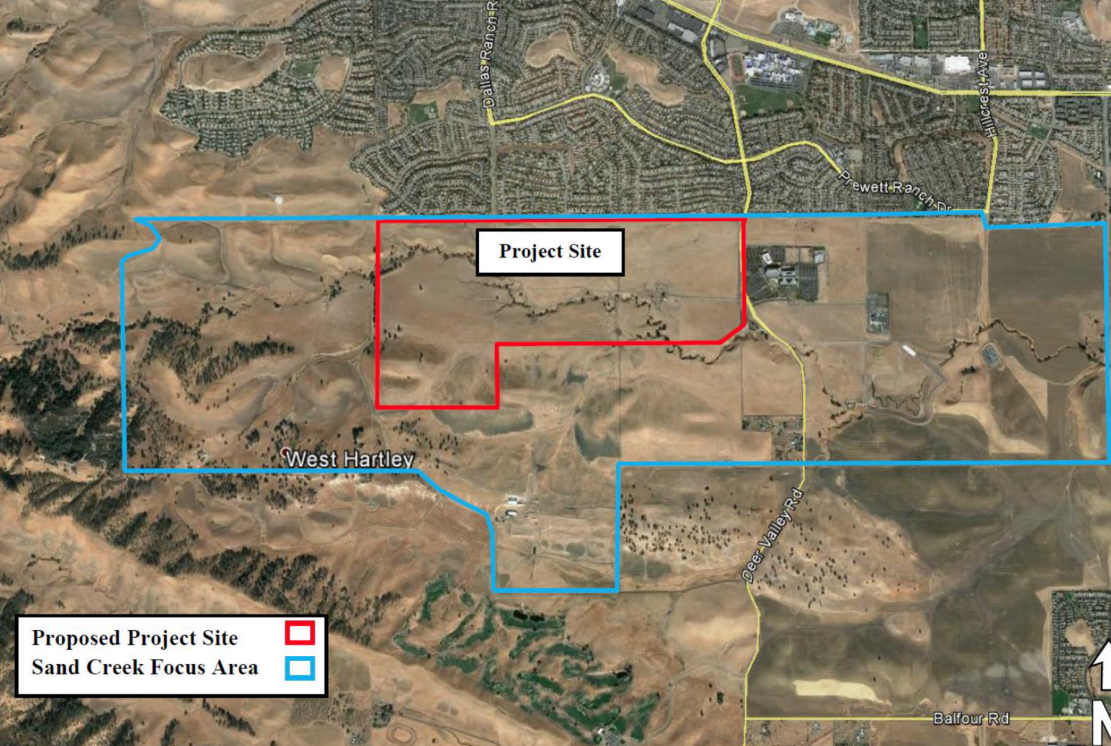
Antioch Water Park has weekend swimming opportunities for families through August. The park is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m., each one-hour session has a cost of \$5 per person. Lap swim is still available daily from 6:15 p.m. to-7:15 p.m. ; each 30-minute session has a cost of **\$4 per person**. To reserve a time slot for either Family or Lap Swim, please call the Antioch Water Park front desk at (925) 776-3070. For a complete list of precautions, the Water Park is taking to ensure guest safety, visit the Antioch Water Park website at <https://www.antiochca.gov/water-park/>. Don't let the "dog days of summer" keep you from cooling off, come splash with us!



Coyote Hills Outside Makes a Great Summer!

Coyote Hills Outdoor Day Camp, All-Stars Week, was full of fun and non-stop activities! Campers individually competed in **disc golf and hacky sack challenges!** Art Teacher, Abraham Rodriguez, popped into camp with two fun and creative days of "All-Star" art project demonstrations for campers to participate in! Four **Coyote Hills Outdoor Camp** weeks down and one to go!





Planning Division

On Friday, July 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued new guidance allowing barbershops and hair salons to operate outdoors. Previously, these types of businesses were prohibited from operating at all. In response, the City of Antioch has developed a new **no-fee express application for Outdoor Businesses**. This application is simple to use, has no cost, and is usually approved within 24-48 hours. It is very similar to the current Outdoor Dining application. Though the recent State guidance refers specifically to **hair salons and barber shops**, this Outdoor Business application can be used for any type of outdoor business, including churches conducting outdoor services. Of course, only those uses allowable under the State and County Orders can be permitted.

For more information and to apply for an Outdoor Dining or Outdoor Business permit, please refer to the Planning Division website [here](#).

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Application for Master Planned Community

On July 28, 2020, the City Council will consider an application for a master-planned community consisting of **1,177 residential units over 253.50 acres** of a 551.50-acre site within the **Sand Creek Focus Area**, known as The Ranch at Antioch. The application requests the following approvals:

- Certification of an Environmental Impact Report
- A General Plan amendment,
- A rezoning of the property to Planned Development District,
- Approval of a Master Development Plan,
- Design Review and approval of Design Guidelines
- Approval of a Resource Management Plan, and
- Approval of a Development Agreement

The Planning Commission considered the project on July 1, 2020, and was supportive of the project and recommended that the City Council approve the project, including all of the above actions. This application will go to the **City Council for final action on July 28, 2020**. The agenda and staff report for the July 1, 2020, Planning Commission meeting is available [here](#). The proposed Master Development Plan can be found [here](#).

CITY CLERK

City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for preparation of agendas and minutes; ensures compliance with legal noticing requirements; serves as the Elections Official for the conduct of general municipal and special elections; responding to requests for public Records; maintenance of the City's Municipal code; and management of the citywide records management program. The City Clerk is also the filing officer for Political Reform Act Documents. Copies of Campaign Statements are available on the City's website. Copies of Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk.

City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month**. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are posted onto our City's Website 72 hours before each Council Meeting. To be notified when the agenda packets are posted onto our City's Website, simply click [here](#) and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the current and past agenda information, click on the following link [here](#)



Get Informed, get involved and VOTE

You are eligible to register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen, 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not found to be mentally incompetent by a court of law.

Register to vote online or update your current registration.

You need to update your registration if you:

- Move to a new residence,
- Change your name, or
- Want to change your political party affiliation.

To register to vote or for more information check out cocovote.us [here](#)

The logo for Antioch, California. It features the word "ANTIOCH" in a bold, sans-serif font, with a stylized wave graphic under the "O". Below "ANTIOCH" is the word "CALIFORNIA" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark background.

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Landscape Maintenance

Here is this week's update on the crews who are back on the job and working hard to get our **medians and landscaped areas trimmed up**. It's been quite a job catching up with the overgrowth after the mandatory shut down, so we wanted to give you an update on where we are with landscape maintenance in our medians and rights of way. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue working to get these areas back to clean and green.

Sewer Work

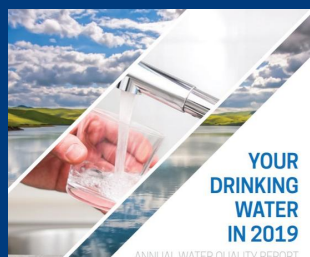


Our Collections (Sewer) Line maintenance crews are performing sewer line cleaning maintenance with our hydro flushing trucks. We have two crews that are working throughout the city performing Quarterly maintenance. Our repair crew is working at various spots North of Hwy. 4 on sewer main lines that have been identified as needing repair. We have a crew inspecting sewer cleanouts and laterals in the neighborhoods near Almondridge Park.

PUBLIC WORKS

Open Space is Looking Good!

Public Works crews went above and beyond what is required by fire code regulations to keep our residents safe and the open space looking GOOD! Check out that new asphalt level course that PW Street Maintenance crews paved last week (pictured above) – this road leads to one of our water tanks, and it is in tip-top shape now! Now It's Your Turn... Antioch's 2020 Firebreaks and Weed Abatement Program is complete. Please take a moment to review the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's Defensible Space Guide to learn what you can do to protect your home and family. It's an annual routine that we all must do for our families and community: cccfd.org/self-assessment



Annual Water Quality Report for 2019

Every year we provide a report full of water quality data to see how **Antioch's water quality** compares to state and federal drinking water standards. We encourage you to read the report

to understand the water you drink. The report is available online at antiochca.gov/public-works-dep.../water-treatment/. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact **Laura Villasana, Water Quality Analyst at 925-779-7024 or lvillasana@ci.antioch.ca.us**.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Department Hours

The Economic Development Department staff will continue to provide service and information remotely during the **Contra Costa County mandated shelter in place order**. Departmental phones are being answered, and email capability is in place. **The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Small Business Updates/Reminder

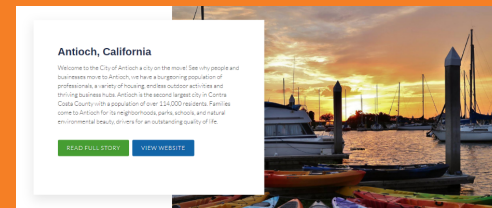
On July 20th, **Governor Newsom allowed barbershops and hair salons to operate outdoors**. The City of Antioch has created a new Outdoor Business Application that is a no-fee permit and is typically approved within a day. **The application can be found [here](#)**. For more information, please contact Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director.

Economic Development Commission

The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its July 21st meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. The Commissioners discussed the **COVID-19 Recovery, Retention, and Thriving Plan** in great detail to prepare a recommendation to City Council at the August 11, 2020 meeting.

bludot open

The City of Antioch is working with **Bludot** to provide a more user-friendly version of the Antioch Essential Business List. The list combines information for customers seeking open essential businesses and business owners seeking to be added to the list, in one convenient location. The program is available on both desktop and mobile platforms. Be sure to use the "filter" feature to search by business type. Please visit **[Antioch Open Essential Businesses](#)**.



Innovate Antioch

All you need to know about Antioch Sites, Buildings, & Community The City of Antioch has a great website to find all your needs for available sites, demographics, and other data needed to make Antioch your next move.



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Here's what's happening In the City of Antioch



LAUNCH YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER; BECOME A CNA!

In partnership with Mt. Diablo Adult Education, we can help you gain the professional and personal skills you need for better pay today and career advancement in the future while becoming a certified nursing assistant.



Program Support Includes:

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- Direct connection to employers
- Job placement assistance
- Transportation support
- Tuition waiver available
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During this COVID-19 Pandemic

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Did you know the City of Antioch has a variety of ways to communicate? Check out our social media; we are continuing our efforts to better communicate with our residents.



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Camp Registration Fees
Enter coupon code:
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Must register by noon Friday
prior to first day of camp!



Opportunity plays here.

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Ages 6-12 Years

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Outdoor Day Camps**
Full Day Camps Available 8AM-3:30PM

All-Star Week #7066
July 20 - 24 \$210R/\$222NR
Mad Scientist Week #7069
July 27 - 31 \$210R/\$222NR

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