



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE AUGUST 4, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending August 4, 2017.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

On Tuesday, Mayor Wright, Community Development Director Forrest Ebbs, Economic Development Program Manager Lizeht Zepeda and I were privileged to provide a tour of our beautiful downtown waterfront to Senator Glazer, his staff and guests from the Southern California and Sacramento area California Association of Realtors. Senator Glazer complimented the enthusiasm and passion Mayor Wright conveyed as he communicated the City's vision for this important part of our community. The Senator expressed his desire to help Antioch meet its economic development and community goals in any way he could as he returns to Sacramento after the Senate recess.

I attended the Mayor's Conference in San Ramon with Mayor Wright where Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Director of Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), explained her agency's primary role of approving or denying proposals to annex land to cities or special districts, form new special districts and incorporating new cities. Ms. Texeira cited the complex process of Antioch's Northeast Annexation and some of the challenges associated with that action.

I attended a gathering at the Antioch Community Center hosted by Keith and Iris Archuleta, which included Mayor Wright and Council Member Wilson, where Fred Blackwell, Executive Director of the San Francisco Foundation, and his team were introduced to several Antioch agencies, Police Chief Brooks and Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Kaiser. Mr. Blackwell communicated that the Foundation had recently redefined its mission which focuses on "People, Place, and Power." Through the Northern Waterfront Initiative, the Archuleta's are working on a proposal that will emphasize resources and facilities that will train future employees for the jobs Antioch and the region is currently pursuing.



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On Tuesday night, accompanied by Captain Diane Aguinaga, I attended three of over 20 block parties that were held all over Antioch for National Night Out. The overall consensus from the folks we visited was that they love their neighborhoods, neighbors and living in Antioch. It was encouraging to see so many people enjoying each others' company, cooking up and serving delicious food and showing amazing hospitality to the Mayor, Council Members, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), fire fighters, police officers and City staff who attended this event. This is just another way to meet and talk to what really makes Antioch great; it's residents.

In their August issue, *110 Magazine* ran an article entitled "Antioch Is On the Move" where Mayor Wright summarizes the state of our City and the positive happenings in our community. The story emphasizes the team approach to addressing challenges we are facing, along with the many opportunities for Antioch to continue to shine as an emerging destination for businesses and families in Contra Costa County. To read this interesting article, please go to <https://www.110mag.com/>.



With the two-year budget approval process now one month behind us, staff is working on many of the Council's goals and initiatives, including opening the Community Development Department front counter in the afternoons, hiring code enforcement officers that will proactively address blighted neighborhoods and business corridors in our community, bolstering our public relations and marketing efforts, retaining and attracting businesses, and better communicating who we are as a community and what we have to offer. Our strong financial health, with over \$26M in reserves, will allow us to capitalize on the wave of interest from families and businesses that see Antioch as an attractive place to grow families and commerce.



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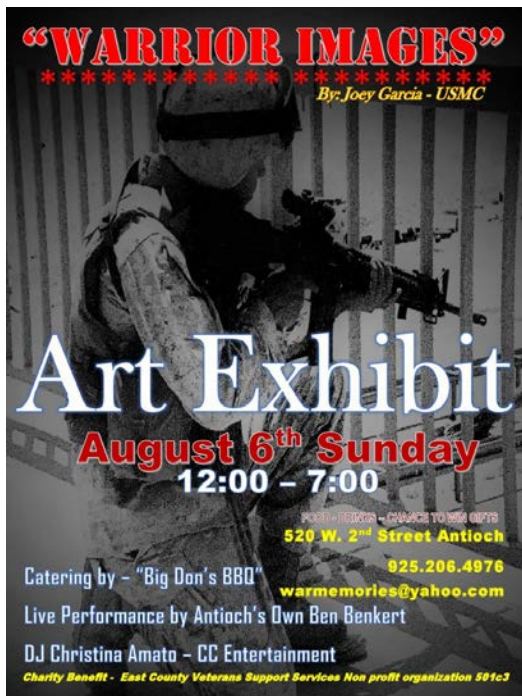
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The free Saturday Summer Concert Series continue through August 26th in Waldie Plaza in downtown Antioch, across from City Hall, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The concerts are for all ages and are a gathering place for families and friends, as well as a great location to make new friends. The concert venue backdrop is the beautiful Delta River landscape with the occasional trains, sailboats, tugboats and more passing by. A nice summer breeze will keep you cool and comfortable as you enjoy a variety of music this summer. Parking is available in the many parking lots in downtown Antioch. Mayas Taco Truck will be in Waldie Plaza at all concerts. Sip & Scoop (Italian ice, coffees and teas) will be there on August 19th, and is working on additional dates. Please note that the Moveable Feast food trucks scheduled for downtown Antioch in the parking lot across from City Hall have been canceled.

For more information, please visit www.Art4Antioch.org, call (925) 779-7018, or email Diane@Art4Antioch.org.



Warrior Images is a photography exhibit that will be on display this Sunday, August 6th, showcasing a dozen of the best images submitted by war veterans and taken on location where they served from Iraq to Afghanistan. Joey Garcia (USMC) created and is hosting this event along with the East County Veterans. Photos will be sold to the public with 100% of the proceeds going to East County Veterans. Catering from Big Don's BBQ and a live performance by Antioch's Ben Benkert and DJ Christina Amato. East County Veterans is a non-profit organization that helps Veterans with clothing, food, resources, job placement and many other things. These efforts are organized by Josie Monaghan who started this program over five years now.

Located Downtown: 520 W. 2nd Street
From 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.



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Food Truck Thursdays had another successful event at the Antioch Community Center! The Foodie Crew had a line-up of trucks including BBQ, gyros, pasta, and desserts. This is a food truck market that will take place every Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. through the end of September, and possibly through the end of October. This event is sponsored in part by the City of Antioch Recreation Department and is presented by The Foodie Crew and United Bites Food Truck. Please come out and support this new event. If you are interested in having your Food Truck or Dessert Truck at this event, or if you are a non-food vendor, please email info@foodiecrew.com.



Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/311496855945551/>



El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St.

Downtown Antioch

Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com

(925) 757-9500

Mariachi Divas

Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Adults: \$30, Seniors: \$28, Youth: \$15

Reserved Seating

Get ready for a south-of-the-border evening of cheerful music with southern California's own Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea. Founded in 1999 by trumpet player Cindy Shea, the two-time Grammy Award Winning Mariachi. Divas de Cindy Shea is a multicultural, all-female ensemble that continues to push and expand the scope of mariachi music. Since 2003, Mariachi Divas has been the official mariachi of the Disneyland Resort where they entertain audiences of all ages and backgrounds on a year-round basis. In addition to performing regularly at the Disneyland Resort and when they are not busy recording





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albums, Mariachi Divas and their music can be found in films, music videos, Hallmark greeting cards, and movie soundtracks, as well as touring across the United States and Mexico.

Buy Tickets/Watch Video: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/Mariachi-Divas.html>



James Clark and The Jailhouse Rockers

California's Premiere Elvis Tribute Band

Carrying on the Legacy of the King

Saturday, August 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Adults: \$27, Seniors (62 & Over): \$25, Youth (under 18): \$10

Reserved Seating

James Clark is a nationally acclaimed Elvis Tribute Artist, rated top 10 in Las Vegas King of Kings. He has performed with Elvis' legendary Jordanaires, and presently headlining in casinos. The Band has had the privilege to open for such acts as Mark Lindsay, Paul Revere and the Raiders, Steppenwolf, The Drifters, Juice Newton and Jerry Lee Lewis.

James Clark & The Jail House Rockers, is California's PREMIERE ELVIS Tribute Band! This show is certain to bring back your fondest memories of Elvis. This is a high energy show, lasting two full hours with spectacular suits, and award winning vocals performed by James Clark from 1968 to the late 1970's. This is a very classy portrayal of Elvis Presley and his band.

Buy Tickets / Watch Video: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/james-clark.html>

Southern Café

400 G Street

(510) 708-2013



Southern Café, in the heart of Downtown Antioch, proudly presents four-time Grammy Nominee, Michael Henderson Live, singing classic songs like "You are My Starship, At The Concert, Take Me, I'm Yours, Be My Girl, Valentine Love and so many more! With an intimate setting and great



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ambiance, you do not want to miss this show. Two Shows on Saturday August 12, 2017: 7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Tickets: Regular Seating \$30, Preferred Seating \$40, VIP Seating \$60

More Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michael-henderson-live-performance-tickets-35779891619>

Email: prbellsoutherncafe@gmail.com



The Antioch Water Park is celebrating "Customer Appreciation Day" on Monday, September 4th. Admission fees will be half price all day long. Bring your friends and family for the great **Last Call for Summer Fun!**

Antioch Recreation and the Antioch Senior Citizens Club present a *Hot Summer Night Car Show Fundraiser* at the Antioch Senior Center, 415 W. 2nd St. on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Come enjoy classic cars, live entertainment, a hot dog BBQ and a spectacular raffle. The fundraising event takes place from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm and is a great way to spend the day in Historic Downtown Antioch. Tickets are only \$10.00 and are on sale now at the Antioch Senior Center.



BART is Hiring for Hillcrest Station



Would you like to live and work in Antioch? BART is hiring for various positions for the Hillcrest Station and other eBART stations. The new track is a 10-mile stretch estimated to take riders 10 minutes to transfer. The facilities building is a LEED certified building. Five BART officers and four community officers will be assigned to the area. New cars are diesel with a capacity to hold 200 riders in each section. New trains are quiet with most of the mechanics on top or on side panels of the trains for easy maintenance. 70 people will be staffed to operate multiple shifts with a 22-hour, 7 days a week operation, based out of the facility building. For new positions go to BART's website, search jobs, keyword "eBART": <https://www.bart.gov/about/jobs>.



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Antioch Family Fair. Calling all vendors of any type the Somersville Towne Center is looking for vendors who would like to participate in this event!

Call the team at **Somersville Towne Center**
2550 Somersville Road
(925) 754-5230

Somersville Towne Center
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Macy's Parking Lot

The Somersville Towne Center and the Midnighters Car Club team up to host a Car Show every Friday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Freshest Cargo Downtown Tuesdays Located at the Senior Center Parking Lot: 415 W 2nd Street

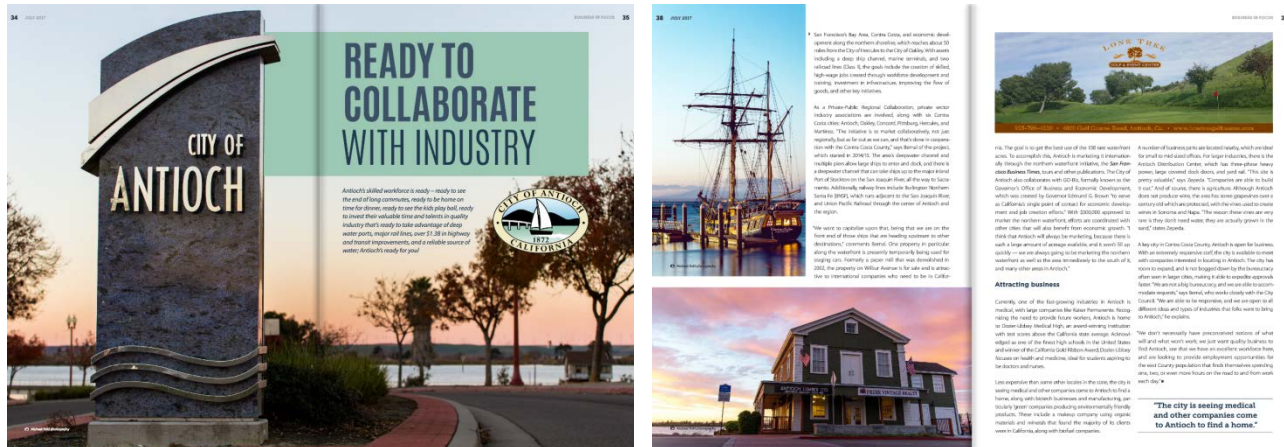


Website: <http://freshapproach.org/freshestcargo/>
FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FreshestCargo>



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Antioch's featured article in Business In Focus Magazine July Issue



Business In Focus (BIF) is an online and print magazine that focuses on the latest news and events across multiple industries, and highlights the nation's leaders in their respective fields. Economic Development Program Manager Lizeht Zepeda and City Manager Ron Bernal worked with BIF to put together an article focusing on the need for industry in Antioch. The beautiful photographs featured in this piece were provided by local photographer, Michael Pohl. The article also features Oakley, Brentwood, and Pittsburg. The idea was to showcase all East Contra Costa County Cities and their efforts to collaborate on regional issues.

Link to article:

http://www.businessinfocusmagazine.com/e_mag/BIFNAJul2017/#?page=32

Antioch's Future Growth. The region is projected to grow in population and wealth. Antioch is in a period of economic growth and we welcome residents and new residents as they make Antioch their town to raise a family. Click [San Francisco Business Times](#) for article on growth.

"Come Grow with Us" Marketing the City of Antioch: As part of the City's Strategic Management Plan for Economic Growth, a marketing campaign effort has been put together. Two videos (link below) have been produced demonstrating the City's housing, parks, recreational sites, retail, programs, schools, and revitalization concept plans for downtown. An annual City Report has been created (link below). The report contains information on every city department and highlights milestones, projects, and updates.



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City Marketing Videos

2016 City Report

Do you have Economic Business News to share?

Please email: izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or media releases on our social media outlets.

Chamber of Commerce Events



@AntiochCAgov

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofantiochca/>

CITY CLERK

City Council Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports for the August 8th Council Meeting, 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 on this link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

The City Clerk's office is accepting applications for one (1) Board of Administrative Appeals unexpired-term vacancy. Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. To be considered for this volunteer position, a completed application must be received in the Office of the City Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2017. Applications are available at www.ci.antioch.ca.us and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 H Street, Antioch, CA 94509, (925) 779-7009, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Your interest and desire to serve our community is appreciated. A completed application and resume can be emailed to cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us; faxed to (925) 779-7007; sent by mail; or dropped off at City Hall in the Office of the City Clerk. Appointees are required to file a FPPC Form 700 "Statement of Economic Interests" within 30 days of their appointment by the City Council.



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The Antioch Municipal Code has been updated with the 2017 Supplement S-30 and is available on the City's website. All department hard copies have also been updated.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Faradeh Faraji as the Alternate Member to the Board of Administrative Appeals. Ms. Faraji is a retired Civil Engineer, and Code Enforcement Officer for Mountain House and served on the Antioch Parks & Recreation Commission from 1996-2004.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions. Riley Kathain was hired as a Community Service Officer on Monday, July 31, 2017. Please join me in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch. The City's open recruitments can be found on the Human Resources page of the City's website <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

RECREATION

"Family Game Day" at the Antioch Water Park had friendly games for all ages on Friday. Participants earned prizes as they played, swam, and splashed the day away. The Antioch Water Park is open daily through August 13th followed by afternoon and weekends through Labor Day. There is plenty of summer fun available so **COME SPLASH With Us!**



Kids do not have to jump over furniture or climb up walls anymore! This week 44 children participated in the Coyote Hills Summer Day Camp Ninja Warriors Week. Inspired by the hit TV series *American Ninja Warrior*, our campers had a blast running a variety of obstacle courses and playing course challenges including water games and more!



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Last weekend, 12-17 year olds participated in the Babysitting Safety & Certification program. Certified babysitters, unlike regular babysitters, are individuals who have received specialized training in babysitting duties and responsibilities. Our certified babysitters attend a 4.5 hour training program, which prepares them to provide safe, high quality care in our community.

“Adventures in Fun and Fitness” came to an end on Thursday. During the four week program, more than 250 school-age children enjoyed this unique drop-in mobile recreation program. The program allows our community youth to participate in free recreational and educational activities, and create fun, healthy snacks from scratch.

At the Senior Center, the *California Telephone Access Program* setup an informational table in the main lobby and shared information regarding free specialized phones for those with impaired vision and/or hearing.

On Wednesday, 12 seniors enjoyed Movie Mania. This week’s movie was, *Masterminds*. Popcorn and refreshments were served too!

Over the last week, 363 affordable, healthy meals were served through the CoCo Café. This program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. No membership or income requirements are required to eat at the CoCo Café. All supplies are provided by the County for participating cafés.



<https://www.facebook.com/antiochrecreation>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What to Expect When You Report a Code Violation – How the Code Enforcement Process Works. Residents often wonder what happens once they submit a complaint to the Code Enforcement Division. Without a good understanding of the process, one might feel ignored or that their complaints will never be addressed. Hopefully, the following information will be helpful to all of Antioch’s residents.



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There are many ways to reach the Code Enforcement Division to submit a complaint or otherwise ask for service – anonymous complaints are accepted. Due to the volume of complaints, however, staff only contacts reporting parties if it is specifically requested. Once received, each complaint is then reviewed to determine if the item being reported is actually a violation and if there is already an active Code Enforcement case for that situation. If it is a new complaint, staff creates a new case using an electronic case management system and all reported information is inputted. The case is then assigned to a Code Enforcement Officer based on the location and type of violation. This process usually takes 1-3 days.

A Code Enforcement officer will then conduct an inspection and issue a Notice of Violation to the owner and occupant for any violations found. This Notice describes the violation and provides a reasonable time limit for correction based on the violation's type and effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Property owners will typically be required to correct the violation(s) within 10 days. We aim to provide this inspection within one week of the complaint, but sometimes have to prioritize more critical cases affecting public health or safety.

A re-inspection will occur on, or shortly after, the compliance deadline has passed. If the property is in compliance, the case is closed. If any violations remain, or additional violations are found, enforcement action continues until the property is in compliance. Enforcement action may also include the issuance of citations and/or abatement by the City.

At times, the Code Enforcement Division receives complaints that are handled by other City departments or outside agencies. When receiving such complaints, staff determines the responsible division or agency and provides the reporting party with the proper contact information.

To receive a status update on a complaint or request for service, please contact Antioch Code Enforcement via phone, e-mail, in person, or through the City's website. Once your request is received, the assigned Code Enforcement Officer will contact you with an update on the Code Enforcement activity. You can reach the Code Enforcement Division to submit a complaint or request service in a variety of ways:

- Phone: (925) 779-7042
- E-mail: CodeEnforcementComplaints@ci.antioch.ca.us
- In person: Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



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- City website:
<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/CommDev/Code-Enforcement>
- SeeClickFix app available at:
<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm>



PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Operations Supervisor, Matt Gall takes it to a higher level as a graduate of the Contra Costa Local Government Leadership Academy. The academy is a seven-month program that helps individuals improve their leadership ability.

Matt really shined at the graduation ceremony as he was selected to be one of two keynote speakers on behalf of all the other participants from other cities in Contra Costa County. We love it when our team members 'stand out' and that is exactly what Matt did at the ceremony. Congratulations Matt!





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Public Works Street Maintenance is paving the way to a better Antioch! Last week the asphalt paving crew made short work of a section of roadway on northbound L Street. In one day they removed and replaced this section of the road that had some areas within it that were causing pothole issues. Great Job Street Crew!



<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Antioch-Public-Works-566519033543711/>



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POLICE

Please join us in welcoming our newest Community Services Officer Riley Kathain. Riley has lived in Brentwood his entire life. He graduated from Heritage High School and received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Los Medanos College. Prior to being hired as a CSO, Riley was a Lineman for AT&T. Riley has wanted to work for Antioch PD since he was a kid, so he is very excited to begin his career here! His goal is to eventually become a Police Officer with Antioch PD. As a CSO he looks forward to assisting officers any way he can to make their jobs easier. In his spare time he enjoys hanging out with his family, camping, and watching sports.



Last Friday, members of our Crime Prevention Commission participated in a "Back to School Safety Event" at JC Penny in the Somersville Towne Center. This was an opportunity to share great crime prevention and safety tips to families who were shopping in preparation for the upcoming school year. This was a great partnership and the feedback on the event was extremely positive. We look forward to continuing our outreach efforts in order to promote everyone recognizing and taking responsibility in doing their part to make our community safer.





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National Night Out. This past Tuesday, the entire City Council joined City Manager Ron Bernal, members of the Antioch Police Department, Crime Prevention Commission, and Antioch Police Explorers in taking part in National Night Out. Over 20 block parties were held throughout the City, getting residents and communities together in an effort to promote crime prevention and building relationships. It was great spending time with everyone and the positive energy and commitment to making Antioch a better and safer community was amazing! Thank you to all who participated!





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Neighborhood Cleanup. The Antioch Police Department is excited to announce the 83rd installment of the Neighborhood Cleanup Program. This is a collaborative community effort which involves active participation from the Antioch Police Department Crime Prevention Commission, Neighborhood Watch Program, Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), community volunteers and the Public Works Department.

Collectively, “**We**”, everyone who works and lives in the City Antioch, can make a difference and improve the quality of life. It’s our community and it’s our chance to make a difference.

WE CARE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP



OUR COMMUNITY LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE !



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The City of Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup program is not just for residential neighborhoods. It is a program that will change venues on a monthly basis and it will include business and commercial areas, as well. Neighborhoods that are free of trash and refuse are inviting, and a clean community instills a sense of community pride.

The 83rd Neighborhood Cleanup event will occur on **Saturday, August 5, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We will be cleaning the neighborhood along Center Lane, Tregallas Road, Garrow Drive and Worrell Road. Volunteers will meet at Belshaw Elementary School, 2801 Roosevelt Lane.

Volunteers will receive instructions and the equipment necessary to accomplish the goal. The targeted area is within walking distance. Excluding inclement weather, future Neighborhood Cleanup events are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month and the locations will be announced in advance. Remember, cleaning up your neighborhood can make life better for your family, your neighbors and your community!



<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochPolice/>

Animal Services. Animal Services is still reeling from two large animal hording cases as well as unusually high intake numbers for cats and dogs. We are thankful for our rescue partners who stepped up and pulled animals from us during the month of July:

Animal Rescue Recon, Inc.
BAD RAP
Berkeley Animal Care Services
Berkeley Humane
Dogma Animal Rescue
East Bay SPCA
EBARR - East Bay Animal Rescue & Refuge
First Responders Animal ResQ
Furry Friends Food Relief Program
HARP
K9 Paw Print Rescue
K911 Adoptions
K-9 Homefinders & Rescue, Inc.
Ozzies Pound Puppies
Miranda's Rescue



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Rhodie's Rescue
Woof Project Rescue
Throw Me A Bone Dog Rescue / K911
Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation
Umbrella of Hope



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