

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



ANTIOCH SUMMER FUN

All Good Things Come To An End

As the adage goes, "all good things come to an end." Although summer is coming to an end, the city of Antioch had a whirlwind and **fun-packed summer**. Our city staff set out to capture a sense of nostalgia by embracing a small-town festive feeling during the summer months. Our Parks and Recreation Department, under the leadership of Director Brad "Ninja" Helfenberger, planned many of these summer events.

For starters, the City of Antioch celebrated its **150th anniversary** of cityhood. In partnership with the Celebrate Antioch Foundation, the Parks and Recreation Department co-sponsored numerous citywide social events, from music concerts to the 4th of July parade, where the city showcased its newly installed "**Rivertown**" **gateway sign** to the revitalized downtown area. Local, county, and state dignitaries joined our city mayor and councilmembers in celebrating the City of Antioch's diversity and rich history.

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, the City of Antioch, in partnership with both Grace Bible Fellowship and Makin' Moves Motorcycle Club, sponsored its first Juneteenth Celebration, which was held at the historical **Williamson Ranch Community Park**. People throughout the Bay Area participated in the festivities.

Under the current leadership of Mayor Thorpe and the entire city council, Antioch is becoming one of the most culturally diverse cities in Contra Costa County.

In the spirit of positive community engagement, our Antioch Police Department, in partnership with District One Councilmember, Tamisha Torres-Walker, sponsored its first-of-its-kind Community Day event. The **Community Day** event was also a great success! The Antioch Police Department joined forces with the city's Parks and Recreation Department, a host of local community-based organizations, vendors, and Makin' Moves Motorcycle Club, to ensure that our residents, especially those residing in the city's Sycamore community, had an opportunity to participate in a **fun-filled** community event.

The City of Antioch realizes that our most significant and most valuable asset is **our residents**. As the City of Antioch's hot summer days end, let us all be grateful to wake up each day and realize that "**Opportunity Lives Here**".



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY FORUM

Thank you to everyone who attended our last Community Forum. We had a great time with the community members in District Four and the folks at the **International Barber Shop**.



After our fourth Forum, we appreciate the feedback from our residents. As a community, it is important to **build meaningful** and lasting relationships, which we feel we are accomplishing with every forum. After you get a haircut at the shop, we will circle back around to District One for next month's forum. Thanks again and see you there! **#community #relationships #barbershop**

SNUG AS A BUG BAGS

Thank you, Allison Norris, for continuing to support our community! For years, Allison has been **donating** "Snug as a Bug" bags for our officers to give to children.



The bags contain a **blanket, a stuffed animal, and a book** and are meant to bring comfort to children and make situations where they have contact with police less scary.

Thank you, Allison, for all your hard work in making our community a better place ♥

ANTIOCH POLICE CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

The Office of the Chief of Police is proud to offer the residents of Antioch the opportunity to participate in our Citizens Academy

Steven A. Ford
Interim Police Chief

POLICE AND COMMUNITY

The Citizens Academy is a unique opportunity to learn and experience the duties of an Antioch Police Officer with classroom and hands-on training

TOPICS COVERED

- Facility Tour
- Dispatch
- Investigations
- Gangs
- Narcotics
- SWAT
- CNT
- Traffic Stops
- EVOC
- Arrest Control
- Handcuffing
- Taser
- K9
- Weaponless Defense

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum age of 18
- Antioch resident
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanor convictions within 1 year of applying

QUESTIONS?

Contact Officer Saffold
dsaffold@antiochca.gov

Classes will begin October 12, 2022

Apply Online Now!

www.antiochca.gov/police/citizen-academy/

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 9/26/22





RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SPORTS FACILITY RENTALS

Over the last year, Antioch **sports field and gym use** have **reached record levels**. In the fiscal year 2022, over 1,000 rentals were scheduled. This represents a 70% increase from 2019, the last full year of rentals before Covid. The City of Antioch offers a variety of sports facility rentals to residents and **local user groups**, including two turf soccer fields and three baseball diamonds at Antioch Community Park, a full-size gymnasium at the Antioch Community Center, and over 30 neighborhood parks with **rentable amenities** such as baseball diamonds, basketball courts, and soccer fields.

User groups consist of local sports organizations that use City fields for **practices, games, tournaments, and recreational play**. Some current user groups include Delta Youth Soccer League, California Adult Soccer, Antioch Junior Panthers Football, Foundation Mega Football, Just B Tuff Basketball Club, Diablo Co-Ed Soccer League, Eastbay Legends Baseball Club, and many more.

The Recreation Department is accepting **Sports Facility Applications** through December 31st, 2022. Natural grass fields are closed beginning November 21st for renovations, but **turf field and gym rentals** remain open during winter. If you are interested in renting a facility, please contact Recreation Supervisor Troy Faulk at tfaulk@antiochca.gov.

FALL CLASSES

Fun and exciting Fall classes are starting in September for the whole family. A few classes to be on the lookout for include: family fun night, parent's night out, Delta Kayak sunset tours, **Yoga**, Anime art, **Zumba** and much more. Also, a few events to save the date for include **Big Truck Day** on October 13th as well as **Fall-O-Ween** on October 27th & 28th.

These events offer a great time out to enjoy fall entertainment for all ages. To sign up for classes, please visit www.antiochca.gov/register.

DECLUTTERING!

Downsizing and decluttering can make **life easier and safer**, even if you're not moving. It can also be stressful and emotional, especially if you've lived in one place for a while.

Join us on August 25th at the Antioch Senior Center on the best ways to make this easier! Call **(925) 778-1158** for more information



ANIMAL SERVICES



CLEAR THE SHELTERS EVENT

As we venture into week three of our Clear the Shelters event in August, we have adopted **37 animals over the course of two weeks!** Thank you to Antioch Friends of Animal Services for sponsoring adoption fees and to our amazing community of animal lovers for sharing, caring, and those who are choosing to adopt a **shelter animal in need!**

We have new adoptable pets listed daily at **24petconnect.com**.

Call **(925) 779-6989** to make an appointment, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pictured left is the **beautiful and easy-going girl, Maple**, an approximately five-year-old German Shepherd mix and a volunteer favorite.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Police Dispatcher
- Community Services Officer
- Public Works Technician
- Economic Development Program Manager

Current Promotional Opportunities include:

- Police Corporal
- Police Sergeant

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 website. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CITY HALL 2ND FLOOR SNAPSHOT

Many visitors to City Hall may not be aware of the activities on the second floor. This is where you will find the **Community Development Department** and the **Engineering Division of Public Works**. The Community Development Department includes Planning, Building Services, and Code Enforcement and oversees the development review process from concept to building permit and maintenance beyond. In short, we oversee the physical development of the City.

Planning guides the development and implementation of the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and the many Specific Plans throughout the City. Planning assists with home businesses, new commercial businesses, and the entitlement process for small and large residential projects. Information is available at:

<https://www.antiochca.gov/community-development-department/planning-division/>.

The **Building Inspection Services Division** is known as the "Building Department" and is where you go for building permits. Most construction projects require a building permit and inspections throughout the construction process. The Division includes building inspectors and public counter staff. More information is available at:

<https://www.antiochca.gov/community-development-department/building-division/>.

The **Code Enforcement Division** responds to complaints and addresses violations of the Antioch Municipal Code. They respond to improper land use/zoning issues, unpermitted construction complaints and enforce the Antioch Municipal Code as it relates to the use or maintenance of private property. Information is available at:

<https://www.antiochca.gov/community-development-department/code-enforcement/>.

The **Engineering Division** of the Public Works Department is located on the second floor of City Hall. The Division works with the development review process for new subdivisions and manages private work in the public right-of-way. They issue encroachment permits and review plans for new city infrastructure. More information is available at: <https://www.antiochca.gov/public-works-department/engineering/>.

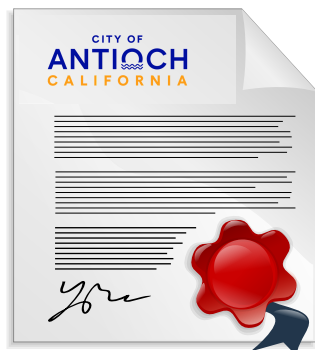
Contact the second floor for assistance if you are starting a business or construction project. The main phone number is (925) 779-7035.





REQUEST A PROCLAMATION

NEW! Request a PROCLAMATION online by clicking this link. Proclamations are used to **commemorate a specific time** period (day, week, or month) for the purpose of **raising awareness** about an issue or celebrating milestones.



QUESTIONS?

Contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@antiochca.gov

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Participate either in-person or virtually. For more information, [click here](#).



APPLY TODAY



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in their local community by volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#).

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE





SEWER MAINTENANCE

Our collection cleaning crew is currently working off Lone Tree Way and Williamson Ranch Parkway, doing an outstanding job, cleaning approximately 4000 ft. of pipe each day. This is an **essential aspect** of what we do here in collections; it is vital for our sewer system to **stay functioning properly**. These procedures reduce the inconveniences and environmental effects of a sanitary sewer spill to members of our community. This will also reduce **FROG (Fats, Rags, Oils, and Grease)** related issues in the sewer system.

A friendly reminder about FROG

- Scrape and wipe down pots, pans, and work areas before washing
- Dispose of food waste directly into compost bin or trash
- Do not pour waste oil directly into the drain, parking lot, or street.
- Do not use emulsifiers or solvents other than dishwashing detergents
- Do not flush rags or wipes down the toilet. (even flushable wipes damage your system)

We will be working in that area for the next few weeks. If you see a truck with a big tank and blue hose attached to the front, know that your sewer system is being maintained.



WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Antioch Water Treatment Plant staff is performing annual cleaning and maintenance on sedimentation basins for one of the city's surface water treatment plants.



DISTRICT ONE UPGRADES

The Public Works Operations crews recently completed an upgrade of the picnic area at District One located off Gentrytown Dr. Upgrades include new tables, benches, BBQs, garbage receptacles, and a new decomposed **granite walking surface**. These upgrades and recent irrigation system improvements make this area the perfect place for a summer picnic or family outing.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Our Water Distribution Division is training how to do a hot tap on the water main. "Hot tapping" is the ability to safely tie into a pressurized water main, by drilling, without interrupting water service.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

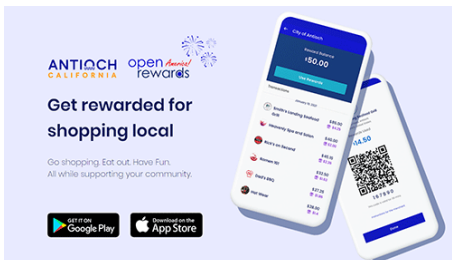
MICROBUSINESS GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

The California Office of the Small Business Advocate has awarded funding to the Chabot - Las Positas Community College District for the Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to provide grants to microbusinesses in the counties of Alameda, Amador, Contra Costa, and El Dorado.

This program will provide grants of \$2,500 to microbusinesses that have fewer than 5 employees and earning less than \$50,000 per year that were in operation in 2019, still in operation, and were impacted by the COVID-19 public health restrictions. For additional eligibility requirements and more information [click here](#).



OPEN REWARDS PROGRAM



Bludot and the **City of Antioch** have partnered to launch Open Rewards, a city-wide rewards program to incentivize consumers to shop local in the City of Antioch! An App for consumers is [here](#) to download! How it works? When you shop in

Antioch participating small businesses in the program, consumers will earn 5% credit. Consumers can spend their accumulated rewards at any participating business in Antioch! The App shows a list of small businesses that are part of the program. We have over 45 businesses participating in the program.

For Customers Phone App for Open Rewards, download from:

- Apple Store
- Google Play

If you are a business, please register for the full program [HERE](#) and be listed as a participant.



C ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS DIVISION

The City's newest addition, the Department of Public Safety and Community Resources, is now home to the division of Housing and Homelessness. This division is tasked with **finding solutions** to address the needs of the City's unhoused population. Currently, the City supports various programs such as the Laundry Voucher Program, Motel Voucher Program for limited stays, and an agreement with Contra Costa County to house 15 unsheltered Antioch referred residents at their Delta Landing Interim Housing Site.

The City is stepping forward with a city-led response. A Non-Congregate Bridge Housing program at the Executive Inn, is set to open in late 2022. In addition, the City recently released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to partner with a developer for a **Homekey** Application to expand housing availability for Antioch's unsheltered population.

For more information about our programs or how to qualify, contact Unhoused Resident Coordinator **Jazmin Ridley** at (925) 204-4167 via phone call or text message, or email at jridley@antiochca.gov.

EL CAMPANIL THEATER

602 West 2nd Street Antioch | (925) 757-9500



Lobby Series: Meredith McHenry

Saturday, Aug. 27th at 8:00 pm
All tickets \$20

Join us for another intimate Lobby Series presentation! Limited to only 50 patrons, join us for the fabulously talented Meredith McHenry and her music partner Michael Scott as they give a marvelous performance of original songs and cover renditions!

Stax City

Sunday, Aug. 28th 2:00 pm
Adults \$32 | Seniors \$29 | Youth \$15

This 8-piece band presents a classy, mixed collection of old-time favorites that features melodic horn parts, powerful vocals, and a driving beat on the drums.

Celebrating the music of James Brown, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding, Al Green, Tower of Power, and more... these are the sounds that set the stage for today!

