



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE AUGUST 25, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending August 25, 2017.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

The City Council is continuing to lead the charge for positive change in the City with several important actions taken at Tuesday night's Council meeting. These include:

- Authorized hiring of two contract Code Enforcement Officers that will be performing proactive enforcement. The Code Enforcement Division is currently complaint driven. The first priority for these new officers will be to address violations on our main corridors that lead from Highway 4 to downtown, including A Street, L Street and Auto Center Drive. From there, the team will turn its focus to neighborhoods with high incidents of calls for service and blighted or noncompliant conditions. We expect to see immediate results from this program as the front of businesses and residents are required to bring their properties into compliance with the requirements of our Code. Please see the Community Development update for more information.
- Along with our response to a Grand Jury Report, "Animal Shelter Services in Antioch and Contra Costa County," which identifies steps Antioch is taking to improve our service and overall care for the animals, Council approved the new Registered Veterinary Technician position that will assist the new Animal Services Manager position also recently approved by the Council. Both positions will provide significant expertise and experience to our Animal Services Division resulting in an operation that will better serve our community and most importantly, the animals.
- Approved a Master License Agreement with Mobilitie, a company that installs small cell wireless facilities on existing City street lights, primarily in residential neighborhoods. The timing of the Council's action is important. An upcoming



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vote on SB 649, if passed, will significantly reduce the City's ability to regulate the size and look of equipment that will be located on the poles. Antioch now has a standard design that is both aesthetically pleasing and will provide enhanced cellular service as technology in this sector continues to advance.

The Sycamore Back to School Block Party at Contra Loma Estates Park on Saturday was a great success. Participants were treated to haircuts, live performances, school supplies, food, bounce houses, games, groceries and much more. It was wonderful to see so many folks in need of a helping hand receive support from the local Sycamore community. Genesis Church took the lead with help from Golden Hills Community Church and others. Mayor Wright and Council Member Wilson spent the afternoon providing information on the many programs the City offers, including the Mayor's Youth Initiative, PAL (Police Activities League) and recreation programs and services. Council Member Thorpe also attended the event. As always, Chief Brooks was a hit with the crowd as he visited the many booths and brought the Police Department to the community, something he is passionate about doing in his role as the Chief.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



This Saturday the Somersville Towne Center Mall (STM) will be hosting the 1st Annual Antioch Family Fair on August 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Somersville Towne Center Mall parking lot. The event will feature live performances, children's activities, and vendors.

Children's activities include trackless train rides, bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, walk-on-water bubbles, petting zoo, and pony rides. Local businesses will host a variety of games and activities from vendor booths. Live bands, dance performances, and magicians will share the stage all day to entertain the festival attendees with music, games, prizes and dancing.

Admission is free all day at the event. The first 300 attendees will enjoy a complimentary swag bag filled with valuable giveaways from our sponsors, coupons, and samples.





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This event is brought to you by Excalibur Business Solutions and STM. Share this wonderful event with your friends and family and save the date for all day, family fun! Please "LIKE" Antioch Family Fair on Facebook for updates about the event or for more information go to: www.fb.com/antiochfamilyfair.

Last 2017 Downtown Summer Concert this Saturday Evening at Waldie Plaza



This Saturday do not miss the last Summer Concert from our summer series on August 26th in Waldie Plaza in downtown Antioch, across from City Hall, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year we will be closing out the series with Frankie G & the Conviction. This concert is for all ages so bring your family and friends, and 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 also be at the concert.



Information about the band: <http://www.frankieg.org/>

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

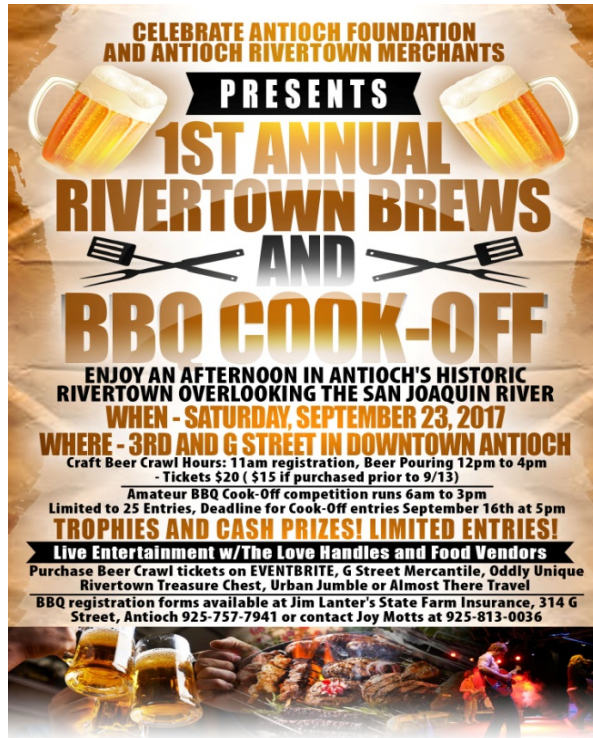
Antioch is the host site for the inaugural "6 on 6" COPA BUD LIGHT soccer tournament in Contra Costa County. This exciting tournament will take place at the turf fields sports complex – Antioch Community Park – on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Copa Bud Light is an adult soccer tournament for up to 32 teams and it is combined with music and entertainment to make the tournament more than just a sporting event. There are prizes and medals for the winning team and all their players. Stop by and visit Antioch Community Park on September 3rd to see some great soccer plays and enjoy the park with friends.





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Sign up today to enter the amateur cook-off at the 1st Annual Downtown Rivertown Brews and BBQ Cook-Off. This event will be on Saturday, September 23rd, on 3rd & G Streets. It is limited to 25 entries and the deadline to enter is September 16th at 5:00 p.m. The Craft Beer Crawl will have you visit 10 local Rivertown Merchants pouring beer from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 before September 13th, or \$20 after that date. There will be entertainment, food vendors & prizes. To enter there is a \$50 entry fee for BBQ teams or individuals. This year only Chicken and Ribs will be judged. You will be cooking for judging only and no BBQ will be sold to the public. Get your tickets online at Eventbrite or hard copy tickets are available at G Street Mercantile, Oddly Unique, Rivertown Treasure Chest, Urban Jumble & Almost There Travel stores downtown. BBQ registration forms are

available at 314 G Street. For more information, call (925) 757-7941 or (925) 813-0036.



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. to 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 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/>



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El Campanil Theatre

602 W. Second St.

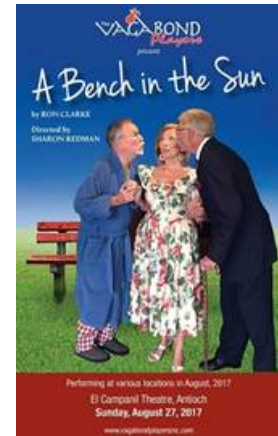
Downtown Antioch

Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com

(925) 757-9500

The Vagabond Players – A Bench In The Sun Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm General Seating

This play, by Ron Clarke, is about two old fogies who spend their days bickering on a bench in the courtyard of their retirement home. Burt is a sloppy, crusty former accountant; Harold is a dapper dandy with failed marriages and businesses. They suddenly have something new to argue about when a faded Hollywood starlet, who the men admired in their younger days, takes up residency. Her flirtatious antics begin a competition between the friends as they vie for her attention. Hilarious antics abound!



Tickets: Adults: \$15, Seniors (62 & Over): \$13, Youth (17 & Under): \$10

Information/ Tickets: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/Bench-in-the-sun.html>



James Garner – Tribute to Johnny Cash Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Reserved Seating

For the past 10 years, Garner and his band have faithfully recreated Cash's biggest hits with stunning accuracy in this not-to-be-missed musical event. From a special concert airing on PBS to shows at Folsom and San Quentin Prisons, it's easy to see why this is the premier tribute to the "Man in Black." The show is a fun, toe-tapping trip down memory lane honoring Johnny Cash's life and music, and the boom-chicka-boom sound of his longtime backing band, the Tennessee Three.

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

Information/Tickets: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/cash-tribute-show.html>



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Classic Film Showcase American Graffiti (1973)

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE WERE YOU IN '62?

Nominated for Five Academy Awards. Won Golden Globe Best Film.

It is the proverbial end of the summer 1962 in a small southern California town. It is the evening before best friends and recent high school graduates, Curt Henderson and Steve Bolander, are scheduled to leave town to head to college back east. Curt, who received a lucrative local scholarship, is seen as the promise that their class holds. But Curt is having second thoughts about leaving what Steve basically sees as their dead end town. Curt's beliefs are strengthened when he spots an unknown beautiful blonde in a T-bird who mouths the words "I love you" to him. As Curt tries to find that blonde while trying to get away from a local gang who have him somewhat hostage, Curt may come to a decision about his immediate future. Outgoing class president Steve, on the other hand, wants to leave, despite meaning that he will leave his girlfriend, head cheerleader and Curt's sister, Laurie Henderson, behind. Steve and Laurie spend the evening "negotiating" the state of their relationship.

The ensemble cast, including so many that went on to become hugely successful in Hollywood like Ron Howard, Cindy Williams (well, with Laverne & Shirley at least), Richard Dreyfuss, and, of course, Harrison Ford (not to mention Lucas himself) is handled with great skill from such a young director.

Runtime: 112 minutes

Rated: PG

Tickets: Adults: \$8, Seniors (62 & Over): \$7, Students: \$7

There will be great looking classic cars cruisin' around downtown from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Downtown merchants will be open. Come enjoy the day.

Information/Buy Tickets/Watch the Trailer:

<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/american-graffiti.html>





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

Somersville Towne Center
2550 Somersville Road
Macy's Parking Lot



Freshest Cargo Downtown Tuesdays

Location: Senior Center Parking Lot: 415 W 2nd Street



Website: <http://freshapproach.org/freshestcargo/>

FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FreshestCargo>



For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar
[Chamber of Commerce Events](#)

New Power Hour EAST Contra Costa County in Antioch! Evodio "Vo" Walle, president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Contra Costa County, is proud to announce that we now have a Power Hour EAST CCC networking event starting in Antioch this month!

Join us for the inaugural event on August 30th at the Lone Tree Golf & Event Center, then every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Power Hour will be a new fixture in the Antioch business community going forward, so this Chamber looks forward to partnering with your organization to make it a great success. The inaugural event on August 30th is going to be focused on connecting with the business community and civic leadership. The regular networking program starting the following week, and continuing every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, will be focused on business networking.



To learn more go to their website: <http://h5c.org/>



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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.



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<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.

The Annotated Agenda for the August 22nd City Council Meeting is posted on the City's Website. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/>, and then click 'City Council'.



City Clerk Arne Simonsen fulfilled the requirements of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) and on August 18th was designated a **Certified Municipal Clerk**. The IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk Program requires 60 units of education, along with 50 units of experience. Congratulations Arne!



The City Clerk's office is accepting applications for the following Boards/Commission vacancies:

- One (1) Board of Administrative Appeals – Deadline date to apply: 08/25/17
- One (1) Economic Development Commission – Deadline date to apply: 09/01/17
- Three (3) Planning Commission – Deadline date to apply: 09/06/17



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Any interested resident is encouraged to apply. To be considered for these volunteer positions, a completed application must be received in the Office of the City Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed above. 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hires:

- John Seamen was hired as a Water Distribution Operator I in the Public Works Department on Monday, August 21, 2017.
- Leo Reyes was hired as a Lead Water Distribution Operator in the Public Works Department on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Please join me in welcoming these employees to their new positions with the City of Antioch.

Current Open Recruitments:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Dispatcher Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Water Quality Analyst (continuous)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (part-time)
- Assistant/Associate Development Services/Engineering Technician
- Assistant/Associate Planner

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 at <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.



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RECREATION

40 teams and over 600 players have registered to play in the 2017 Adult Fall Softball League. Games started last week and are played at the Antioch Community Park (ACP). Games will continue weekly until mid-November with one week of playoffs immediately following the regular season. Monday night is designated for women's play and Thursdays and Fridays are scheduled for men's play. Weekends at ACP have youth and adult tournaments scheduled through the end of December.

On Saturday, August 26th, family and friends will join in the Antioch Community Center Amphitheater for the Recreation Department Summer Dance Recital. Youth participants enrolled in the Recreation Dance Program have blossomed with confidence and pride. They will dance the summer afternoon away to choreographed dances to the delight of their families! Dance is a wonderful non-competitive alternative to sports. A brand new session of Youth Dance begins again in September!

The Water Park 2017 Season has been winding down and September 4th will be the last day of general admission to the Antioch Water Park. The Water Park will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p. m. that day. Antioch Residents will be able to get into the park for half off general admission with valid ID.



On Saturday, over 30 seniors participated in two programs; 1) the **California Highway Patrol "Age Well/Drive Smart"** program which highlights the warning signs of age-related hazardous driving and precautions drivers should take as they age, and 2) **Rachel Seavey's Hoarding and Chronic Disorganization** class which shares the tell tale signs of hoarding and the resources available for seniors in Contra Costa County.

Over the last week, 357 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>



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT TEAM.

On August 22, 2017, the City Council authorized the formation of a two-person proactive Code Enforcement Team using contract employees. The current three Code Enforcement Officers dedicate nearly all of their time responding to citizen complaints received and, as a result, many common, highly-visible code infractions go unaddressed. The Proactive Team will be focusing on the City's major thoroughfares and heavily distressed neighborhoods with the goal of improving the image of the City and how it is experienced by its residents and visitors. The team will address deferred building maintenance, abandoned buildings, unpermitted signs and construction, sidewalk obstructions, broken windows, and similar conditions that negatively impact the City.



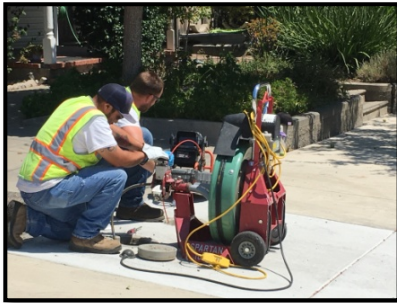
We realize that a Proactive Team may cause some initial confusion or consternation, especially for small businesses and others; many of the anticipated code infractions have likely been in place for several years, even though they were never permitted. To address this, the team will begin with an educational courtesy notice, informing the party of the infraction and providing a cure and timeline. We hope that most conscientious parties will address the infraction at this first contact. For those that do not, a Notice of Violation would follow, along with other measures, including Citations.

As always, it is the goal of the Code Enforcement Division to achieve voluntary compliance at the first contact and we understand that the City's codes are extensive and can be confusing. We ask for patience and cooperation as we engage in this exciting new effort and we all look forward to the positive results. Any questions regarding this program can be directed to Curt Michael, Code Enforcement Manager, at cmichael@ci.antioch.ca.us. Additionally, any complaints should be registered at <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CommentForms/code-enforcement.asp>.



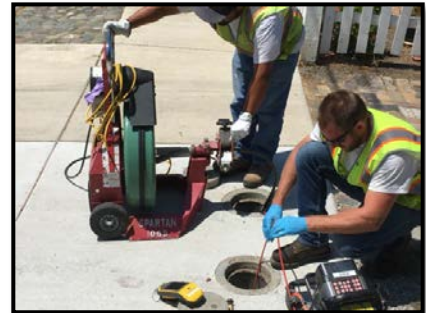
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PUBLIC WORKS



Collection Systems Division's community response. Collection Systems team members responded to seven requests for assistance from the community this week. Our crews are highly trained and dedicated to providing outstanding community service. When we receive a notification of concern or a problem is reported to our Division, the Collection Systems crews respond as quickly as possible

(usually within an hour) to assist our community and mitigate the impacts to health and the environment. Crews work from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and are on call 24/7 to respond to sewer system problems or concerns in order to prevent and reduce the inconvenience of sewer system failures and blockages.



Keep them Safe and keep them Rolling! The Public Works Fleet Team of two Mechanics and one Lead Mechanic does a GREAT JOB of servicing and repairing all of the City's Fleet. The City has just short of 300 pieces of rolling stock ranging from backhoes to staff sedans. One of our highest priorities is our Police patrol vehicles; we service each one of our patrol vehicles every 45 days. Standard items are checked such as fluids, tire pressure and each inspection is concluded with a comprehensive safety inspection.



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Business at Antioch's Marina is looking UP! James and Darren are doing excellent work at the Marina and the increase in customers is proof of that fact. The past recession hit our Marina business hard, but James and Darren are up for the challenge; they are building a solid reputation and providing a level of customer service that is tough to beat! As James often says, 'We are the "Best deal on the Delta".' Over the past three months we welcomed

seven new customers

to our Marina. These days the Antioch Marina has much more to offer with an impressive automated self serve fuel dock and newly remodeled restrooms. If you or anyone you know has an interest in our Marina, please do not hesitate to give us a call at (925) 779-6957, or send us an email at Antiochmarina@ci.antioch.ca.us. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have. Well done, James and Darren!



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

POLICE

Call if you can...text if you can't. The Antioch Police Department dispatch center is now capable of accepting text to 911 services. We are proud to announce that we are one of the first agencies in California to offer this alternative contact for emergency police services.

You use this feature by simply sending a text to numbers, "911." This service does not provide your location, so it's extremely important you include that in the body of the text.





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This is relatively new technology, so there are some limitations. Not all cell service providers offer the ability to text 911, and users can only use this function if they are in an area where the cell tower being utilized for the transmission is routed to our dispatch center. If either of these conditions exist, users will receive a response directing them to make a voice call to 911 instead.

Useful tips for texting 9-1-1:

- Only use text to 911 in an emergency where making a voice call is impractical or impossible.
- No pictures, icons or emojis can be received.
- Text to 911 cannot be transferred to County fire and medical dispatchers. Therefore, text to 911 requesting these services may result in delays due to our need to relay the information back and forth.

This is another example of how the Antioch Police Department continually strives to provide innovative and alternative solutions to better serve our community.

We are HIRING!!!! Have you ever considered becoming a police officer? The Antioch Police Department is hiring for all categories of officers. Entry level, academy student/graduate and lateral positions are available. Did you know that you can get paid up to \$21.00/hour while attending the Police Academy? Call or e-mail our Recruiting Sergeant, Rick Martin, for more information at (925) 779-6864 or Rbmartin@ci.antioch.ca.us.



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Animal Services. Last week Animal Services (AAS) reported that we were participating in NBC Bay Area's #cleartheshelters event on Saturday, August 19th. This event was a HUGE success! On one day alone, 23 animals were adopted from AAS! This is an amazing number and was achieved by the hard work of the staff and volunteers at the shelter. AAS was not the only success story. During the event a total of 4,504 animals

were adopted in the Bay Area. Nationwide over 73,000 animals found their forever homes since the beginning of the campaign. The final number is expected to rise as the final counts come in. Great work AAS and a heartfelt THANK YOU to our community for adopting not shopping!!!



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