

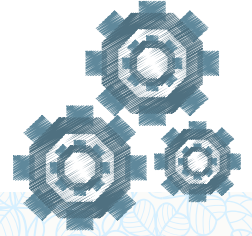
FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2019

CITY OF  
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# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



### Downtown Happenings

Come check out some of the new improvements to Downtown Antioch. The median on Second Street at the east entry to Rivertown is being re-landscaped, the Senior Center and Nick Rodriguez Community Center were recently painted, the City Council Chambers remodel is underway and work on City Hall will begin this fall. In addition, the Amtrak Station demolition project is nearing completion with plans to construct a plaza to follow, and the new Marina Boat Launch restroom is close to completion. At tonight's meeting, the City Council will be considering a preliminary plan to relocate the Veteran's Memorial and improve the area at the entrance to the Antioch Marina with a Veteran's Wall and landscaping. A special thanks to Public Works Director Jon Blank and the men and women who continue to make beautifying our City a top priority.

### Chamber Mixer

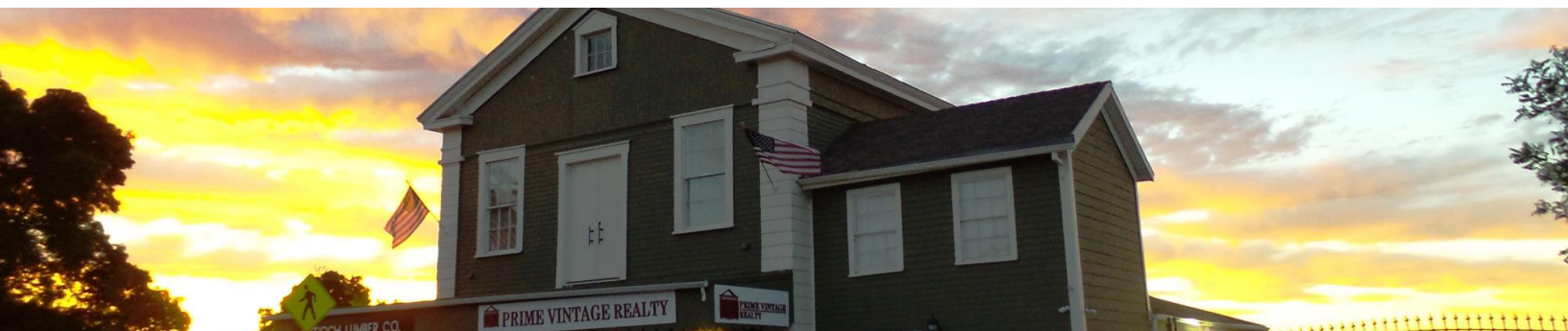
The Chamber Mixer at Prime Vintage Realty (old Beede Lumber and Hardware building) on Second Street was a lively event on our beautiful Antioch waterfront. Thank you to Rodney and Ursula Lal for making a significant investment in this beautiful property.



### Deposition

I gave a deposition to the Attorney General's Office in response to our litigation against the Department of Water Resources (DWR) related to our 1968 Agreement.

The City has asserted that DWR is not complying with terms of our agreement depriving Antioch of compensation for impacts caused by the State Water Project.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### 100th Neighborhood Cleanup

The Antioch Police Department is excited to announce our 100th Neighborhood Cleanup. If you haven't had a chance to take part in one of these great events, there is no better time than now. The cleanup will take place on September 7th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., and we will be cleaning up the areas of Delta Fair Blvd, San Jose Drive, and Buchanan Road. Participants will meet in the parking lot of Antioch Covenant Church located at 1919 Buchanan Road. This is an excellent opportunity for community members and kids to engage with our Antioch Police Officers and to celebrate the BIG 100! After the cleanup, we will be having a small celebration, which will include:

- Tacos for the volunteers (yes, we said TACOS!)
- Rock painting activities for the kids provided by Art Guild of the Delta
- Swag bags for the kids with treats and coupons for even more treats!



We are hoping Antioch businesses, organizations, and residents will participate and make this clean up the most successful clean up yet! 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.



### Volunteers in Police Service

Over the weekend, members of the Antioch Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIP's), K-9 Unit and Explorer Post all attended the East Contra Costa Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair. This event was designed to help people, and their families prepare, prevent, and respond to personal and community emergencies. We had a great time engaging and sharing information with members of our community.







## POLICE- ANIMAL SERVICES



### Harmful Algae Bloom

Antioch Animal Services would like to remind pet owners the danger blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) can pose to our dogs. Blue-green algae thrives when the weather is warm and sunny, and water flow is low, which makes our summer months the most likely time when we can experience toxic algae blooms in the Delta, and our area lakes. Areas, where toxic algae blooms may be present, will often have the appearance of pea-green paint on top, or the surface will appear slimy. Dogs are most susceptible to cyanobacteria poisoning when they drink from or swim in, potentially contaminated waters, as ingesting blue-green algae may cause severe neurologic or liver damage.

Signs of blue-green algae toxicity include seizures, panting, excessive drooling, respiratory failure, diarrhea, disorientation, and vomiting. If you notice any of these symptoms after your dog has consumed from or swam in waters possibly contaminated with cyanobacteria, contact your veterinarian immediately. Prevention is the best way to keep your dog safe! For information about water quality in the area, visit the harmful algae bloom (HAB) Incident Reports Map [here](#).

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- Timothy Manly Williams was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Please join me in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

### Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Community Service Officer
- Administrative Assistant I/II

There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch. The City's open recruitment's can be found on the Human Resources page [here](#). Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.







## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Opportunity Imagines Here

Registration is in full swing for fall programs, classes, and events! Check the 2019 edition of the City of Antioch Fall Recreation Activity Guide and see the fun and festive fall programs we have to offer:

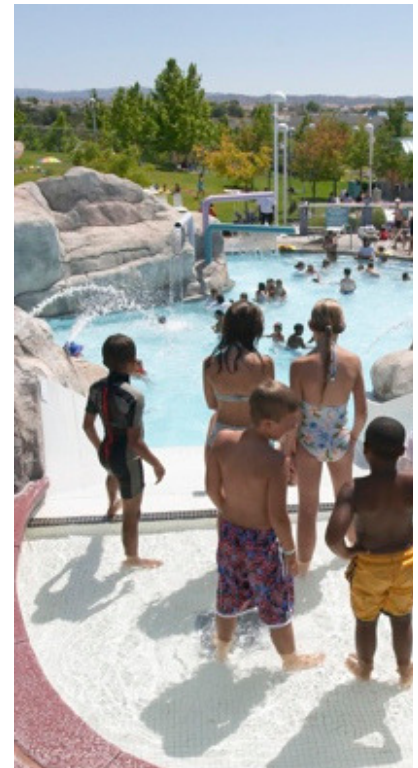
New Antioch Recreation Preschool Academy classes, dance, gymnastics, Coyote Hills Day Camptoberfest and Arctic Blizzard, Pocket Sketch On The Go, Ukulele, Guitar

for Beginners, Zumba, Yoga, Tai Chi and Chi Gong, Krav Maga-Self Defense classes, Martial Arts, sports, online courses and so much more! Pop-Up Recreation will be touring our Parks and Rollin' with Rec will be out and about providing Afterschool Programs to our community starting this September! There is something for everyone this season so don't miss out on all the fun this fall!



### Fall Events at the Water Park for Free

The Antioch Water Park is hosting the 2nd Annual Teen Pool and Patio Party on Wednesday, September 4th. From 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., local students with a current middle or high school ID can enjoy the Water Park for free! Swim attire is required; no street clothing. Families can enjoy one last dip in the pool and ride down the slide before the weather turns! The FREE fall family frolic at the Water Park is Friday, September 6th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family.



### Celebrate the End of Summer at the Water Park

Join us at the Antioch Water Park for the final weekend of our summer season! The Water Park will be open Friday, August 30th from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 31st through Monday, September 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Celebrate Labor Day – it is half-priced admission all day on September 2nd!







## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Planning

On August 21, 2019, the Planning Commission considered an application for a Use Permit for the establishment of Contra Costa Farms - a large-scale cannabis business facility at 3400 Wilbur Avenue. The project site is 9.2 acres in size and would retain and remodel a 2,400 square-foot building, and a 5,000 square-foot building for cannabis uses. In addition, four new buildings will be constructed – 56,440 square feet, 32,000 square feet, and two at 58,000 square feet. In total, the site will contain 211,800 square feet of space. The proposed cannabis business includes cultivation, non-volatile manufacturing, distribution, retail sales, and delivery uses. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Use Permit and the application will now be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at its September 10, 2019 meeting. More information can be found at [here](#).



### Code Enforcement

Did you know that Republic Services offers bulk trash and junk removal for its customers in Antioch? If you have furniture, an appliance, or other large items, please reach out to Republic Services to see what options you have – all customers are entitled to limited bulk pickup services at no charge! For more information, please contact Republic Services [here](#).



### Residential Growth Management Ordinance

On September 4, 2019, the Planning Commission will consider amendments to the City's Residential Growth Management Ordinance. Presently, the Ordinance prohibits the issuance of more than 600 building permits for new houses in a single calendar year and requires a new metering program if more than 500 permits are issued. The Residential Growth Management Ordinance originated in a 1998 ballot measure (Measure U) that compelled the City to develop a program to regulate growth in response to limited infrastructure, jobs, and pressures on schools and other services. The current Ordinance replaced the original Residential Development Allocation program in 2014. More information will be available in the staff report for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting, available at <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/planning-commission/> Please contact Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, at [febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us) with any questions about this effort.





### Boards and Commissions

The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for the following Board/Commissions:

- Board of Administrative Appeals, Alternate Member – one partial-term vacancy

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 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2019. Applications are available here and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 H Street, Antioch, CA 94509, (925) 779-7009, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Applications and resume can be emailed to [cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us).

### Future Board of Administrative Appeals

Hearings will be held at the Antioch Community Center, beginning August 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. These meetings are held every first Thursday of each month.

Board of Administrative Appeal Agendas, including Staff Reports are posted onto our City's Website 72 hours before each Board hearing date. To view the agenda and staff reports, simply click on the following link [here](#).

### City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Council Meetings will be held at the Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, beginning August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., during the Council Chambers renovation.

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 on this link: <https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/> 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!

Register to vote online or update your current registration. Voter registration forms are also available at the City Clerk's Counter with free postage.

You are eligible to register to vote if you are:

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



You need to update your voter registration if you:

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

Click [here](#) for more information.





### Park Improvements

The Capital Improvements Division completed Phase I of the Contra Loma Estates Park Basketball Court project this week. The contractor removed the existing materials, graded and poured the asphalt. The asphalt needs to cure for three weeks, then the striping and goals will be installed. This project brings two full basketball courts to serve this neighborhood. The project is expected to be completed by early September 2019.

### Brackish Water Desalination Project Update

As part of the Brackish Water Desalination Project, the City's existing river intake pump station and fish screen will be replaced with new state-of-the-art equipment. The new fish screens will be installed on underwater piers approximately 50 feet east of the existing pump station near the old Fulton boat launch. River-bottom soil data will be collected in this area for the design of the piers using drilling equipment mounted on a small barge that will be launched from the existing boat ramp. Soil collection work is expected to be completed within three days starting Tuesday, August 27 through Thursday, August 29. To ensure public safety, the Fulton Shipyard Boat Ramp parking lot and ramp will be closed to the public while this work is taking place.



**Contact Public Works (925) 779-6950**

Mobile Devices: Download the SeeClickFix app on a mobile device.

Email: [publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us).

City Website: [Click Here](http://www.antiochca.gov)

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### The Ancient Vines of Antioch

Video: The Ancient Vines of Antioch, CA - Evangelho Vineyards – The Economic Development Department is showcasing the City's historical roots with Evangelho Vineyard which is one of the most unique vineyards in all of California. Economic Director Kwame Reed narrates the video. The vineyard located on E 18th Street was planted over 130 years ago in Antioch. Unlike other heritage

vineyards, but very common to ancient styles of growing, Evangelho has a wide variety of grapes within the vineyard, including Zinfandel, Carignan, Mourvedre, Alicante Bouchet, Muscat, and Palomino. Before technology that allowed winemakers to blend and manipulate wines, diverse vineyards is what the expert growers practiced. [Click Here](#) to check out the video.

### Manufacturing in the Future

On August 22nd, Economic Development Director, Kwame Reed, was invited to attend a panel discussion in Concord. The event was sponsored by SynBioBeta, which is an innovation network of biological engineers, investors, innovators, and entrepreneurs that have a shared vision of using biology to create more sustainability. The panel featured SynBioBeta CEO, John Cumbers, Nishan Degnarian – Special Advisor to the World Economic Forum on Oceans, Nick Talken – CTO at Molecule, and moderator Amy Feldman – Senior Editor of Manufacturing at Forbes. The topic discussed included education, bio-tech, massive 3D printing manufacturing, and other issues related to production in the future.



### Somersville Area/District Survey

On July 15, the Economic Development team sent out approximately 40 letters to all commercial property owners in the Somersville Area to gauge interest in whether or not they would be willing to participate in a PBID (Property & Business Improvement District). If you received the letter, please take a few minutes and complete the short online survey. By answering the survey, you are [not obligating](#) yourself to anything more than supporting the City's efforts to start the process of developing a PBID for that area/district.





# what's HAPPENING in Antioch



Rivertown Peddlers Faire is excited to come back to Downtown. This year an additional 15 vendors spaces are available and the event will add a kid zone for families.



El Campanil Theater  
602 W 2nd St, Antioch  
Phone: (925) 757-9500 [Click here](http://www.elcampaniltheatre.com) for  
website & upcoming attractions.





### Share your Event

Does your business or organization have an event that you would like to share with the Antioch Community? We have added the capability for you to share your event [here](#). Test it out and give us your specials to help share with the community.



Be in the know with [Antioch On The Move \(AOTM\)](#) submit an event, see what our community is about.



**Antioch on the Move**  
Antioch, CA Community and Events

### Stay Connected to 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.



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

