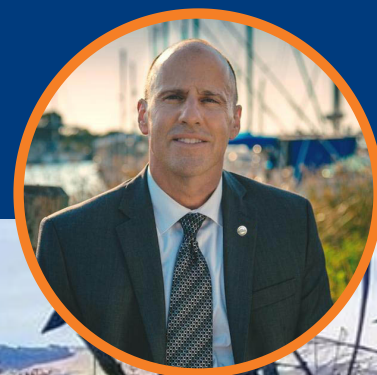


City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



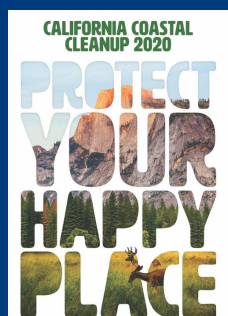
Long-Awaited Laurel and Wild Horse Road Construction Has Begun!

The 2200' segment of four-lane Laurel Road between Highway 4 and Kirk Lane is underway. Additionally, Country Hills Drive from Laurel Road to the point where it currently terminates will also be completed. This vital link between Highway 4 and Hillcrest Avenue to the west will provide another way for residents in this part of Antioch to access Highway 4 and Oakley. Also just begun is the extension of Wild Horse Road from the end of the existing road adjacent to Nelson Ranch Park to where it will ultimately connect to Slatten Ranch Road just east of Highway 4. Over 25 years in the making, both projects are slated to be completed in Spring 2021 and will provide essential infrastructure improvements in the southeast side of town.



Help for the Homeless

Contra Costa County has announced that they have been notified that State Homekey funding will be awarded for the purchase of the 174 room Motel 6 in Pittsburg for the purpose of providing transitional housing for homeless individuals in East Contra Costa County. Building on the success of **Project Roomkey**, Homekey is the next phase in the State's response to protecting Californians experiencing homelessness who are at high risk for serious illness and are impacted by COVID-19. This is a significant step in the County's efforts to locate an **East County CARE** facility for individuals experiencing homelessness. According to Lavonna Martin, the Director of Health, Housing, and Homelessness (H3), the current leasing of Motel 6 and other countywide motels have resulted in 106 at-risk Antioch homeless being housed since the program began in May 2020. Once purchased and rehabilitated to the County's needs, the facility will continue to provide desperately needed shelter and services to the homeless in Antioch and East Contra Costa County.



Coastal Clean-Up

All water leads to the sea, and a clean ocean starts on your street! Coastal Clean Up is in September and this year it is every Saturday in September. Get your household together and head out to your local park or trail and collect the trash. Help keep Antioch's drains and creeks clean so that the river stays clean. Wear masks and gloves, maintain social distance and put litter in its place. Take a selfie during your clean up and email it to kalsaker@antiochca.gov. No need to register and there are prizes for every family member that participates. For more information click [here](#)



POLICE DEPARTMENT

APD continues to serve the evacuation zones

APD continues to serve the evacuation zones of Solano and Napa Counties at the LNU Lightning Complex fire. Officers are there not only to prevent looting and other crimes of opportunity, but also take time to look after the people and animals that were left behind. As of today, the fire has burned over 368,000 acres, has destroyed 978 structures, with more than 30,000 threatened. Firefighters continue to make progress, but the toughest battles lie ahead, and we will support them.

We face many crises in our current time. It's in these moments that being there for our community and neighbors, showing care and compassion, and treating others as we would want to be treated are what carry us forward. These are Antioch values, and as officers of this great city, we are proud to bring them with us in a spirit we like to call Antioch Strong!

Traffic Unit

Our now beefed-up Traffic Unit has been out on the streets responding to YOUR concerns about traffic safety in OUR neighborhoods. Officer Rodriguez, who is affectionately known in our department as "A-Rod," will be shedding the slick-top police sedan for her newly arrived Harley-Davidson police motorcycle.

Officer Rodriguez is the first female motorcycle officer in APD history (First, but not the last!)



Scam Alert

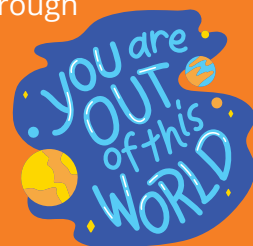
Another phishing scam to get your personal info is going around. Please don't click on links you receive via text from unknown numbers. If you're in doubt about a delivery, go to the company website directly and check. Another reminder – Antioch PD will not call you to collect a debt. Some scammers "spoof" their caller ID to appear as a police phone number. Never ever send money, or gift cards, to anyone you do not know. If you're in doubt about whether the person on the other end of the line is actually APD, get their name, call our 24 hour Dispatch at (925) 778-2441, and verify.

Text Message
Today 5:56 PM

Hello Olivia, your FEDEX package with tracking code GB-6412-GH83 is waiting for you to set delivery preferences: e3fmr.info/onAyXsVfomA

Thank you!

We feel a bit spoiled sometimes working here in Antioch. We often receive treats and cards as a sign of gratitude, which exemplifies the special relationship we have with our community. Please understand these goodies are never expected but are appreciated by your officers and the staff that support them. We want you to understand that our mission to keep you safe is best accomplished through a partnership with our community, and goodies or not, we will always strive to never stop working hard to earn your trust.



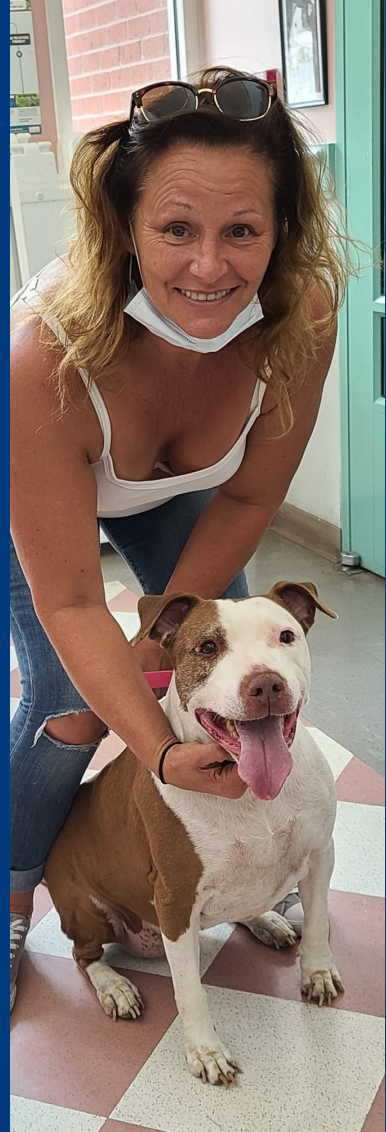
PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

A Happy Tail

"Roxy" arrived at Antioch Animal Services on August 19th. Roxy had a microchip, and as with all microchipped animals, we made every effort to contact her owner via telephone, email, and mail. One of our letters made it to a secondary address associated with the microchip, and it just so happened to still be the residence of a friend of the microchipped owner. Roxy's owner, Annette, called Animal Services in disbelief regarding the letter her friend received. Roxy was stolen from her five years ago! Roxy was two years old when she went missing. When Annette arrived at Antioch Animal Services to redeem Roxy, Roxy recognized her name, and there were many wiggles and doggie kisses for her long lost Mom.



"Microchips are only as good as the information on them. All animals that are impounded or adopted out of Antioch Animal Services leave with a microchip. It is the owner's responsibility to update the microchip information when they move, change a phone number, or the animal changes ownership. Microchips are inserted between the shoulder blades of the animal, just under the skin. They can be detected by microchip scanners that are at most veterinary offices and all animal shelters. Microchips can migrate, so the animal should be scanned nose to tail.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Charlotte Chen** was hired as the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for the Antioch Animal Shelter on August 31, 2020.

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)
- Assistant City Engineer
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works Department)
- Collection Systems Supervisor
- Public Works 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.





Water Aerobics Returning in September

Water Aerobics provides the **ultimate low-impact workout**. This fall, both weekday and weekend options are offered at the Antioch Water Park. No swimming skills are required. Class limited to 20 individuals to ensure proper social distancing. Click here to register and save 10% by entering the code ALLFORFALL at checkout.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Fall Program Registration

Fall registration for programs and classes began on **Monday, September 7th, at 8:00 AM**. To see the current class offerings, visit the **Virtual Fall Recreation Guide**. Use code **ALLFORFALL** at checkout to receive a 10% discount on program and class registrations (excluding ed2go online courses and drop-in programs). Spaces are limited, and health and safety modifications have been made to all in-person programs. Facial coverings and social distancing are required.



Opportunity is for **everyone** here.
Antioch Recreation Department
Fall Discount!
10% Off All Fall Programs and Class Registrations!
 Enter **CODE: ALLFORFALL** at checkout!
*Exclusion: ed2go classes and lap/family swim do not qualify for discount.
 Online Registration begins: **September 7th**
 For more information contact us at 925-776-3050 or visit our **Virtual Fall Recreation Guide** at: antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration to see all Fall 2020 program and class offerings!
Facial coverings and social distancing required for all in person programs and classes. Classes will be held in the covered outdoor Amphitheater. Virtual classes will be held via Zoom. Details will be provided prior to start of program or class.



Opportunity is for **everyone** here.
Virtual Lollypop Homework Help & Tutoring
Ages 6-14 Years, Grades 1-8
Lollypop Homework Help & Tutoring:
 Daily zoom Homework help and Tutoring services lasts 1.5 hours daily. For 1-month, Private sessions (1 student/1 tutor) and Semi-Private sessions (3 students/1 tutor) are available. See additional information and fees in our Virtual Fall Recreation Guide.
 Online Registration begins: **September 7, 2020**
 For more information contact us at 925-776-3050 or visit our **Virtual Fall Recreation Guide** at: antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration to see all Fall 2020 program and class offerings!

Virtual Homework Help

Virtual Lollypop Homework Help and Tutoring offers kids the help they need to achieve academic success in these challenging times. Semi-Private and Private Sessions are available. See the **Virtual Fall Recreation Guide** for more information and details.



Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division's Abatement Team works hard throughout the City of Antioch addressing illegal dumping and accumulation of trash and City property and streets. These hardworking employees remove mattresses, construction debris, furniture, and other household garbage illegally dumped throughout the City and paint over or remove graffiti from public property. Recently, the Abatement Team undertook a significant cleanup of the area around Roger's Point. The results are dramatic, as seen in the photo below.



Reports of illegal dumping can be filed by sending an email to codeenforcementcomplaints@ci.antioch.ca.us.

In-Person Services

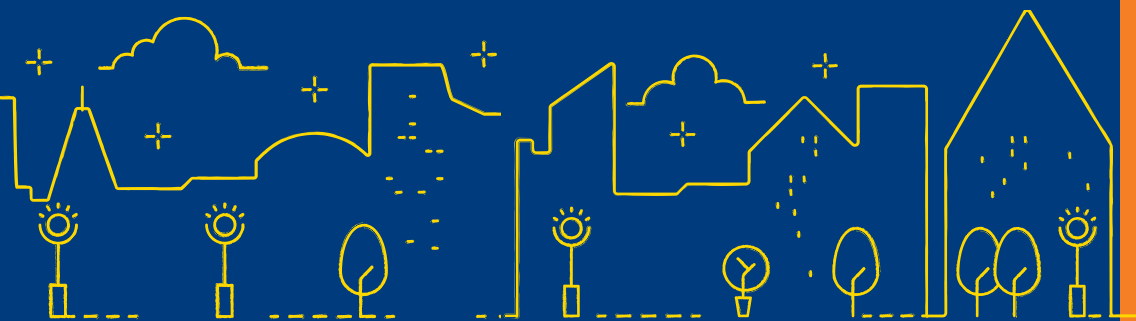
The Community Development Department is offering limited in-person services for all of its divisions at its public counter on the second floor of City Hall. These services are available Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., by appointment. Check our website [here](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building

The Building Inspection Services Division of the Community Development Department issues all building permits for the City of Antioch. With the great demand for housing, they have been very busy issuing permits for new housing and also for remodels and other construction projects. During the month of August, the Division issues 340 permits, an average of over 16 building permits each workday. Notable projects that were recently permitted include Park Ridge by Davidon homes, which was recently issued twelve new building permits for new houses. The Quail Cove project by Discovery Homebuilders has been issued building permits for all 31 homes in that project.

Building permits for the clubhouse amenity for the Promenade – Vineyards at Sand Creek by Century Homes will be issued next week. In addition, building permits will soon be issued for a major remodel of the Target store on Lone Tree Way. Throughout these unique times, the Building Inspection Services Division has been hard at work, maintaining City services for the building industry and current homeowners. Building permits are available and are being issued through an appointment system. Information is available [here](#).



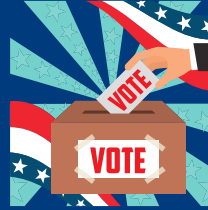
CITY CLERK

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 on this [link here](#) and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the current and past agenda information, click on this [link](#). Members of the public seeking to observe the Council Meeting may do so at https://www.antiochca.gov/live_stream, on Comcast Channel 24, or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

General Election

The following Antioch residents have qualified and will appear on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. The Secretary of State's randomized alphabet drawing for ballot placement took place on August 13, 2020 See [Link](#).



Mayor

Lamar A. Thorpe
Gabriel Visaya Makinano
Julio Jesse Mendez
Rakesh Kumar Christian
Sean Wright

Council District 1 (2-year term)

Manuel Louis Soliz, Jr.
Joy Motts
Tamisha Walker

Council District 2 (4-year term)

Mike Barbanica
Tony G. Tiscareno

Council District 3 (4-year term)

Marie Arce
Nichole Gardner
Lori Ogorchock
Antwon R. Webster, Sr.

Council District 4 (2-year term)

Alex John Astorga
Sandra Gail White
Monica E. Wilson

City Clerk

Dwayne Donald Eubanks
Ellie Householder
Arne Simonsen

City Treasurer

Lauren Posada
James Davis

Get Informed, get involved and VOTE

[Register to vote online or update your current registration](#)

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.

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.



Operations and Utilities

Our Collections (Sewer) line maintenance crews are performing sewer line cleaning maintenance with our hydro flushing trucks. We have two crews that are working. One is north of Hwy. 4 and East of Cavallo Road. Our repair crew is working at various spots on sewer main lines that have been identified as needing repair. In advance of the rainy season, we have a crew inspecting our Storm Drain Catch Basins in various areas north of Hwy. 4.

Our NPDES (stormwater system) crew is working at East Antioch creek just off Hillcrest Ave. near Lone Tree Way performing fire abatement and trash removal per Contra Costa Clean Water program. Once completed in these areas, we will be heading to the creek near 18th St. just west of Terrace Dr. for creek maintenance.

Please stay alert in these areas and slow for the cone zone!

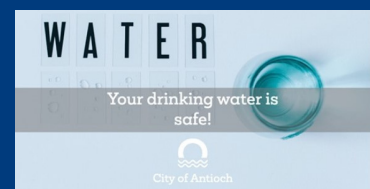


PUBLIC WORKS

Water Quality: Your drinking water is safe!

Some residents have noticed an unpleasant odor in the water, and we are taking steps to mitigate the problem. The Antioch Municipal Reservoir experienced a large algae bloom last week, creating odor-causing substances; however, not all algae are harmful. Algae are efficient at converting sunlight and nutrients into more algae. When conditions are right – like the extremely hot days we just experienced, algae can multiply rapidly, causing algae “blooms.” Some of the blue-green algae produce an odor substance, named geosmin. The human nose is extremely sensitive to geosmin and can detect it at very low levels. These odors are not chemically toxic but have an unpleasant smell (musty and/or earthy).

Conventional water treatment can generally remove intact algae cells from the water. The City of Antioch uses chlorine as a disinfectant to treat “raw” surface waters, which can also safely destroy algae cells. The pipes in our distribution system and the drinking water tanks are exposed to the extreme heat, which also contributed to the taste and odor in the city’s drinking water.



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.**

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

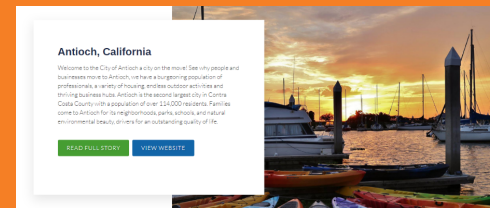
The City of Antioch's Economic Development Commission had its September 1 meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. The Commissioners received a detailed verbal report from Director Reed on the City Council's discussion and passing of COVID-19 Recovery, Retention, and Thriving Plan. The recommended item prepared and created by EDC was well received at the August 25 Council Meeting. The City Council adopted a resolution to approve **CARES Act** funding and reprogramming of the Economic Development Department budget towards COVID-19 for small business relief that includes money for the Antioch Chamber of Commerce to administer the small business grant program. The EDC thanked the commissioners involved for all the hard work and research on this endeavor and hopes that this program package will help small businesses thrive in Antioch.

Small Business Updates/Reminder

On August 31, Governor Newsom allowed hair salons and barbershops to operate indoors in Contra Costa County with safety guidelines in place. Indoor shopping malls may also reopen at 25% maximum occupancy as long as public congregation points and food courts are closed, and the mall has approved a COVID-19 safety plan from Contra Costa Health Services. Gyms and fitness centers may begin operating outdoors in accordance with state guidelines and checklist.

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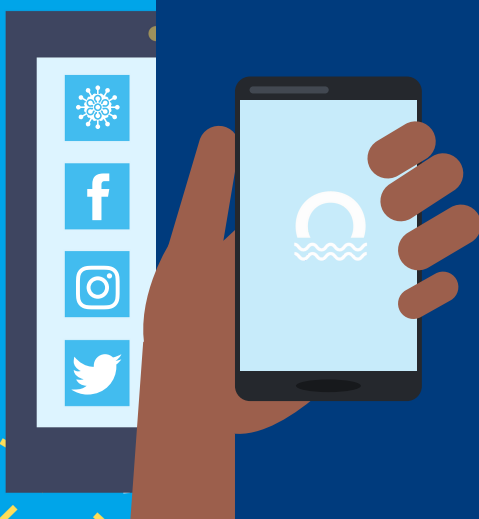
Here's what's happening In the City of Antioch



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.



GAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS FROM HOME!

Classes taught via Zoom!



ADMINISTRATIVE CAREERS TRAINING

**FIND A CAREER IN AN OFFICE
ENVIRONMENT AT NO COST TO YOU!**

- 12 weeks computer & life skills training
- 4 month paid internship
- Career guidance
- Job placement assistance
- Laptops and books are provided
- Must be a Contra Costa resident

**CLICK A DATE/TIME
BELOW TO APPLY**

[Sept. 8th \(Tues\), and Sept. 14\(Mon\)](#)

[3 PM on Sept. 2nd \(Wed\), and Sept. 9th \(Wed\)](#)

Government partners include the CDBG Programs of the City of Antioch, City of Pittsburg, and Contra Costa County; the Contra Costa County CSBG Program, and Contra Costa's Employment and Human Services Department.

ANTIOCH ON THE MOVE

Antioch, California
Community and Events

