

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



TOGETHER WE STAND

As we approach the end of the hot summer months, I am reminded daily how fortunate I am to have the wonderful opportunity to serve in the role of this beautiful community's City Manager. Over the past nine months, I have been both an active and impartial eyewitness to the great things we have achieved by working together as one city. From creating a newly formed **Public Safety and Community Resources Department** to sponsoring a host of citywide cultural events, I am genuinely amazed to see our city come and **work together** in making Antioch one of the most exciting and thriving cities in Contra Costa County. Sir Robert Peel, who is recognized as the father of modern-day policing, once said, "we [police] are the community, and the community is us."

Antioch is one of the most diverse cities in our region. According to recent county data, Antioch is approximately 45% Caucasians, 32% Hispanic, 23% African American, and roughly 4% Asians. Like a bowl of tossed salad, one can only appreciate the **cultural richness** our City has to offer to all who live here. As a preacher's son, my parents raised my siblings and me to embrace and respect all human beings equally. My father made it clear both as a devoted family man and devoted disciple of the teaching of Yeshua (Hebrew for Jesus) that there is only one race: the Human Race. It is in this same sentiment that I serve all Antioch residents. With urban growth comes both great opportunities and challenges. Although the city is rolling out countless **innovative programs** to address our homelessness and public safety issues, these programs come at a cost.

Our leadership team is constantly searching for responsible ways to identify multiple **governmental** and **private funding sources**. This is the primary reason the city just received **CalVIP** funding from the Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC). Our newly appointed Director of Public Safety and Community Resources Department, in partnership with our Chief of Police, is in hot pursuit of applying for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act - Youthful Offender Block Grants (JJCPA-YOBG) funding. Our efforts will ensure that our youth are provided with the **best support** the budget can buy.

With proper planning, laser beam focus, and unwavering commitment, there is nothing we, as a collective and diverse community, cannot achieve. **Opportunity lives here** because our community comes first, and together, we stand! Remember, teamwork makes our dreams work.



NEW TRAINING INITIATIVE

The women and men of the Antioch Police Department were privileged to welcome **Mr. Gordon Graham** as we kick off a new training initiative for all ranks and staff.

Mr. Graham spent 33 years with the California Highway Patrol, but we won't hold that against him! Mr. Graham was not just another motorcycle cop writing tickets on the Interstate – he would eventually pursue his law degree and **pioneer studies** in risk management, ultimately becoming the cutting edge in our profession. He co-founded Lexipol, a company recognized nationally for its dedication to the standardization of training and **sound policymaking** in law enforcement.

Mr. Graham performed a full day of training for our staff in **ethics**, risk management, customer service, employee wellness, and doing the right thing (even when nobody is looking). His presentation was **well-received**, and we look forward to having him back for our next session in about a month.

A friendship kicked off between Mr. Graham and Chief Ford, about ten years ago that helped bring him to our Department today. We are fortunate to have this **internationally renowned leader in policing**, helping us learn new and better ways to serve our community through his core principle, better to "train each day."



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT





RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FALL SPORTS CLASSES

The Antioch Youth Sports Division provides local children with skills and drills classes. Our **Basketball classes** include Little Dribblers (ages 4-6), Jump Shooters (ages 7-9), and Dunkers (ages 10-12). Soccer classes include Little Kickers (ages 4-6), Sweepers (ages 7-9), and Strikers (ages 10-12). Each class only costs \$29 for a **4-week session** and is instructed by Recreation Department Staff.

Throughout the summer, 197 children participated in the classes. Fall activities begin September 10th and run through early November. Lessons take place at **various locations throughout the City**, including the Antioch Community Center, Diablo West Park, and Fairview Park, to make the program accessible to families throughout Antioch. Space is filling up fast; **click here** for more information and to register now.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



The Antioch Senior Center is having Coffee and Conversation with our special guest **Tri-Delta Transit** on **Monday, September 19th, from 10 am -11 am**. Join us in sharing your thoughts and concerns about transportation with Tri-Delta representatives. For more information, call the Antioch Senior Center at **(925) 779-7074**.



PLEASE NOTE

The Antioch Senior Center has a new phone number!
(925) 779-7074.

THANK YOU FOR A SPLASHING GOOD SUMMER!

The Antioch Water Park has officially ended its summer 2022 season! Over **50,000 guests** visited **Antioch Water Park** throughout the season, and we can't wait for you to see what we have **planned for 2023!**

DANCE WITH BE EXCEPTIONAL

Be Exceptional has been outstanding in adaptive and **inclusion programming** for the City of Antioch. Currently, Be Exceptional is offering classes for an array of ages and abilities of youth. A new course that stands out is the Friday **Shining Stars Playgroup**. This class gives 1-3-year-olds a chance to interact creatively with their parents. Be sure to sign up for one of the next classes **here**; key word *Be Exceptional*.



ANIMAL SERVICES

There are always exciting career opportunities with the City of Antioch.

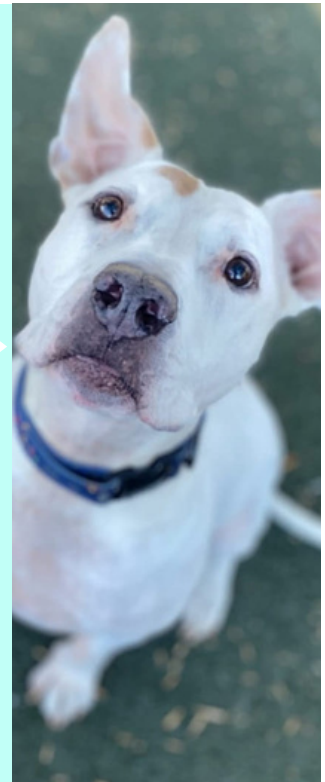
The City's open recruitments can be found on the **Human Resources page** of the City website.

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

ADOPTION FEES SPONSORED

Antioch Friends of Animal Services will sponsor all adoption fees during **September and October**. All our adoptable pets can be viewed at **24petconnect.com** and are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new homes. Peter Frampton, pictured here, is one of our many wonderful adoptable pets waiting for a new home.

On Saturday, September 24th, President Barbara Soblavarro of Antioch Friends of Animal Services will host a **Fall Equinox Celebration** in our lobby at 300 L Street from 1 pm to 3 pm. Come by and say "hi" to Barbara and thank her for always being a friend to the animals of Antioch Animal Services.



HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Amanda Donahue** was hired as a Police Records Supervisor effective August 29, 2022.
- **Tania Briceno** was hired as an Administrative Assistant I for the Public Works Department effective August 28, 2022.
- **Montserrat Cabral** was promoted to Youth Services Network Manager effective August 28, 2022.
- **Lisa Reinke** was promoted to Administrative Analyst II for the Police Department effective August 28, 2022.
- **Diane Nieves** was promoted to Lead Police Records Technician effective August 28, 2022.
- **Joseph "Craig" Andrews** was reclassified to Building Inspection Services Manager effective August 28, 2022.

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

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Community Services Officer
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works Maintenance)
- Recreation Supervisor (Senior Center)





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Accessory Dwelling Units have become popular in recent years and allow for a smaller unit on an **existing residential property**. The Delta Association of Realtors invited Antioch Planning Division staff to participate in a panel discussion on Accessory Dwelling Units on September 8, 2022.

The panel included local lenders, title company staff, and the Contra Costa County Assessor. City staff **provided background** on State policies, local procedures, and working with Planning & Building Divisions on an ADU project.



LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

The City of Antioch is developing its first comprehensive Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) that will enable the City to **identify potential traffic safety** projects. The objectives are to (1) develop a successful LRSP utilizing a collision database and traffic safety committee and (2) create a **decision-making** process that relies on a partnership with stakeholders and public outreach using the four "E's" of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Services.

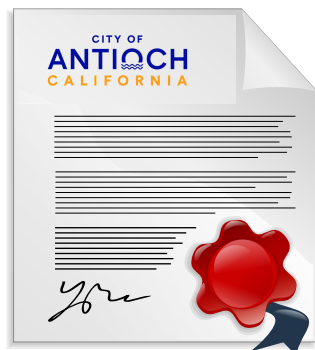
Help us by reporting your area of concern. **Your input is essential** for the success of this Local Roadway Safety Plan. Click [here](#) to provide us with your concerns regarding traffic and safety. For further updates, check project updates or **subscribe** to receive notifications.





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



MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD



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 COLLECTIONS LATERAL MAINTENANCE CREW

The lateral maintenance crew is working at **Barbona Court** between Silverado Drive and James Donlon Blvd. The lateral crew plays a critical role in assessing the service life and physical condition of the over **31,000 city-maintained wastewater laterals**. During field inspections, pipe defects are identified and classified according to a standard pipe condition code.

This systematic method provides accurate and consistent data to prioritize future maintenance activities, informs decisions about pipe rehabilitation and replacement, and helps to estimate our pipe's remaining useful life and its **long-term performance** capabilities. If the crew identifies any debris, grease, or roots in the pipe, they immediately conduct preventative maintenance with a sewer rodding machine. Completing these inspections and **proactively** performing maintenance plays a vital role in protecting our collection system, our environment, and the health and safety of the members of our community.

If you experience a sewer issue, please call Public Works for assistance at **(925) 779-6950**.

SOUND WALL PAINTING

The Public Works Streets Maintenance Crews are repainting the sound walls along Contra Loma Boulevard and James Donlon Boulevard. For many of these walls, this is the first time they've been repainted which gives them a better appearance and helps to **beautify the neighborhood**. This year the Streets Maintenance Crews will be repainting three miles of sound walls throughout the city.



WATER DISTRIBUTION

Emergency Standby Distribution crews responded to a vehicle accident that **damaged a water meter** and backflow device causing water to pour out.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

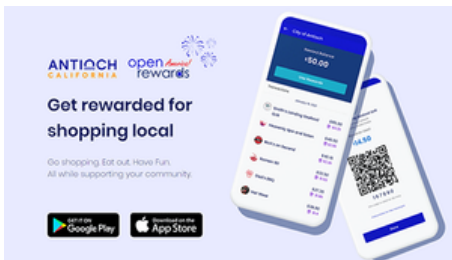
MICROBUSINESS GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

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



ANTIOCH YOUTH COUNCIL

INFO MEETING

6th - 12th graders

FOOD | Leadership

Skills | FUN

Contact Travis Abner at Tabner@antiochca.gov
for more information.



Wednesday, 9.14.22
4:30PM - 6:00PM
Antioch Water Park

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ANTIOCH YOUTH COUNCIL

Antioch Council of Teens (ACT) is accepting applications for youth! ACT is for youth (6th through 12th grade) who want to earn community service hours, have fun, and have their voices heard!!!

Information meeting on
Wed., 9/14/22 at 4:30PM!

EL CAMPANIL THEATER

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



An Evening of Magic

with Andy Amxx

Wednesday, October 19th @ 7:30PM

All tickets: \$20

Abracadabra! Enjoy an intimate evening of astounding **close-up magic** courtesy of the incredible Andy Amyx as our Lobby Series continues. Grab a drink, settle into our lobby with your loved one, and experience a night that you won't soon forget! These tickets are **limited to only 50 patrons**, so get your tickets before they disappear!

The Sun Kings

Sunday, October 30th 3:00 pm

Adults \$32 | Seniors \$29 | Youth \$15

All together now: here come the Sun Kings! One of El Campanil's favorite bands--and the premier **Bay Area Beatles tribute band**--are back this Halloween weekend to "Let It Be", and you don't want to miss it!

