

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



MARKSTEIN SALES COMPANY NAMED A 2021 TOP WORKPLACES BY BAY AREA NEWSGROUP

**TOP
WORK
PLACES
2021**

Just announced, located in Antioch, the Markstein Sales Company, the **largest woman-owned** and operated wholesale beverage distributor in Northern California, named a 2021 **Top Workplaces** by Bay Area NewsGroup. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 **culture drivers** that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution, and connection, to name a few.

This **award** comes as Markstein Sales Co. celebrates **102 years** in business, including challenges such as prohibition in the early years to the pandemic in this most recent year. As an essential business during COVID-19, the Markstein team has continued to find **new and safe ways** to help customers keep their business well stocked during this difficult time. You can read more about Markstein here: <https://www.marksteinsalescompany.com/>

UPDATE ON UNHOUSED RESIDENT SERVICES



In April of 2021, the City launched two pilot activities with the goal of testing a variety of program features as part of the City's future delivery of Unhoused Resident Services. The Laundry Voucher Program teamed up with The Church 4 Me and SHARE Community as part of their mobile shower services, providing participants with access to three Antioch laundromats. As of August 31, 2021, the **Laundry Voucher Program** has served 51 individuals and issued 71 vouchers. The **Motel Voucher Program** offers temporary respite of 3-7 days to people currently living outdoors. Referrals are generated by volunteer-based organizations, City departments and the CORE Team. Homeless diversion strategies and problem-solving are used to navigate resources. Exit plans are **developed** in coordination with service providers to ensure a stable housing option to enter once participants leave the MVP Program.

As of August 31, 2021, the City has issued vouchers to 32 participants for a total of 65 nights of stay with an average duration of 3 nights. A total of 59% of participants exited to more **stable housing** - 31% transitioned to living with friends or family, and 28% exited to supportive interim shelter provided as part of the County's Continuum of Care. A total of 9% of participants reported a return to living outdoors. The City continues to see the importance of evaluating participant experience to **better understand** effective practices and best outcomes. For more information on current programs and the City's future Unhoused Resident Services, please contact **Jazmin Ridley** at jridley@antiochca.gov.



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUR NEWEST EDITIONS TO TRAFFIC BUREAU

(Image above) Officer Blumberg and Officer Egan are our **newest editions** to the Traffic Bureau.



WALK FOR PEACE

We **participated** in a Walk for Peace with Mayor Thorpe, Councilmember Torres-Walker, Councilmember Wilson, Pastors from several churches, and about **50 community members**. The walk started at Most Holy Rosary and went to Sycamore Square before returning to Most Holy Rosary.



FIELD TRAINING COMPLETE!



Please help us in **congratulating** Officer Lundin as and Officer Desiderio as they have both successfully **completed** our Field Training Program!



ANIMAL SERVICES



2021 PET FOOD EXPRESS VIRTUAL PET FAIR

Antioch Animal Services is participating in the 2021 Pet Food Express Virtual Pet Fair. The 11th annual Pet Food Express Pet Fair is happening virtually, all September long! From **9/1/21-9/30/21**, you can access the Virtual Pet Fair to see listings for over 7,000 adoptable animals, browse our favorite vendor brands and learn about CA's vibrant Pet Community.

If you have not yet registered, go to www.petfood.express/petfair and click on **Register Now**. Once you submit the completed form, you will receive an email confirming you have been registered. By participating in the Virtual Pet Fair, Antioch Animal Services will be eligible to receive a donation from Pet Food Express for every pet adopted during the month of September!

To help us adopt more pets, Antioch Friends of Animal Services is also **sponsoring the adoption fees** for all pets during September, so now is the perfect time to add a new furry friend to your family.

HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Loren Bledsoe** was hired as a Police Corporal for the Police Department on August 29, 2021.
- **Joshua Evans** was hired as a Police Sergeant for the Police Department on August 29, 2021.
- **Michael Souza Mellone** was hired as a Police Sergeant for the Police Department on August 30, 2021.

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)
- Building Inspector I/II

The City's open recruitments can be found on the Human Resources page of the [City website here](#). Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.





RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NEW ANTIOCH YOUTH SPORTS

New for fall, the Antioch Youth Sports program is expanding offerings for soccer and basketball. Basketball classes consist of three levels, **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). All classes cost only \$29 for four sessions at **Prosserville Park**, **Diablo West Park**, and the **Antioch Community Center**. Thirty-two total classes are being **offered** in September and October. [Click Here to Register](#)



SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAMS CONCLUDE

The Antioch Tennis program led by instructor **Zonia Alston** returned for summer 2021, offering camps and classes for **residents**. The Family Tennis classes allowed children to learn alongside their older family members in a fun class that focused on getting active and learning the **fundamentals** of tennis. The First Serve Summer Tennis Camps for ages 6-14 focused on **building skills** and learning the nuances of competitive play. In all, 75 individuals participated in one of the tennis programs offered June-August. This fall, **Family Tennis** and **Tennis Mixer** classes continue on Tuesday nights at **Chichibu Park**. [Click here](#) to Register for Fall Tennis Classes



PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

Preschool Academy students have been having fun learning **nursery rhymes** and making cute nursery rhyme crafts. This week we will have a special **cooking circle**, and each student will decorate their own cupcakes with frosting and sprinkles. Sign your little one up soon to have an amazing time learning and **making new friends**! This session is wrapping up, and there are only a few spots open for the next session.

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Antioch Senior Center, 415 W 2nd Street
 Antioch Senior Center's Resource Fair features **transportation** resources, senior care/housing information, and **health and wellness** resources for older adults, caregivers, and families.

In addition to the **vital information** and resources the community will connect with – a free produce box will be available for pickup for each household. Light refreshments included. **This event is FREE!**

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- Housing Resources
- Transportation Resources
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Health & Fitness
- Free Produce Giveaway
- And more!



Friday, September 17th
11:30A - 1:30P

Antioch Senior Center Parking Lot
 415 W 2nd St.
 Antioch CA 94509

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TAKE THE CLEANER CONTRA COSTA CHALLENGE! ● ● ●

10 Easy Actions:

Are you looking for **easy ways** to help the environment? If you're not sure where to start, **look no further!** With around 90 different actions, the Cleaner Contra Challenge has an action for everyone. Try out our 10 Easy Actions (we will be sharing all 10 over the next few weeks! Start with Action 1 below or any other action by visiting www.CleanerContraCosta.org/antioch today!

Action 1: Turn stuff off:

Looking for an easy way to **save money**? Turn off electronics and lights whenever they are not in use. Good habits save energy!

To get more tips and learn about the **impact of conserving energy**, check out the "Turn Stuff Off" action on the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge. <https://cleanercontracosta.org/action/turn-stuff>



SAVE ON YOUR UTILITY BILLS!

Rising Sun, in cooperation with **BayREN** and the **City of Antioch**, is now offering no-cost energy efficiency kits for delivery to all qualifying residences in the Greater Bay Area. Each Energy Efficiency kit comes complete with products proven to **lower** your **utility bills**. Receiving your energy efficiency kit is easy, and the best part? **It's at no-cost to you!** All you need to do to receive your kit in the mail is:

- 1) simply fill out our online survey, at <http://bit.ly/EEkits2021> or
- 2) fill out the survey over the phone with one of our staff members by calling us at **(510) 665-1501 Ext. 300** to schedule your phone appointment.



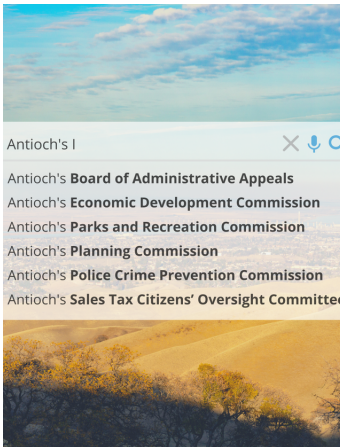


CITY CLERKS OFFICE



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. For upcoming and past meeting information, visit: www.antiochca.gov/government/city-council-meetings/



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Antioch Needs Your Voice

The City of Antioch encourages residents to **become involved** in their local community. One way to do so is to serve in an advisory capacity on one of the various commissions, boards and committees. For **more information** and to check openings, visit: www.bit.ly/ApplyAntioch

CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

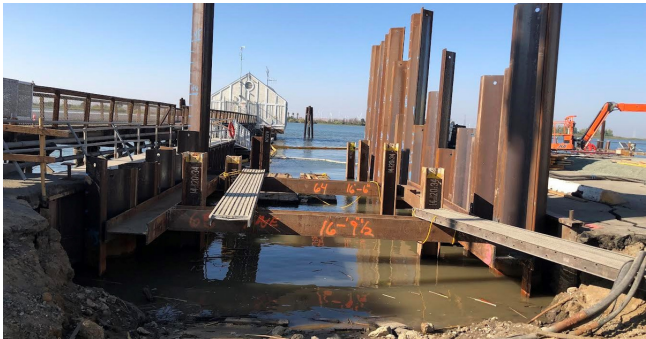
Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are **grouped together** into a district for purposes of electing a councilmember.



The City of Antioch is redistricting after the **2020 Census** count. The City Council will be holding hearings to receive public input on where **district lines** should be drawn. **Share** your specific thoughts, draw a map, or attend a workshop to **get involved!**

Learn more: antiochca.gov/districtelections





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WORK PROGRESSES ON ANTIOCH BRACKISH WATER DESALINATION PROJECT

Antioch's Brackish Water Desalination Project, which was awarded last winter, has now progressed to a level of completion approaching **25%**. The Project is scheduled to be **completed** and put into operation in the **summer of 2023**. Once completed, the new facilities will produce up to 6 Million Gallons of drinking water per day for Antioch residents. This will significantly **reduce** Antioch's vulnerability to the impacts of future droughts.



The Project has four main components:

- Replacement of the **river water** intake pump station at the end of Fulton Shipyard Road,
- Installation of **3000 feet of 30-inch pipeline** along Lone Tree Way south of Putnam Street,
- Construction of the Brackish Water Desalination Plant at the existing Water Treatment Plant located at 401 Putnam Street, and
- Construction of 4.3 miles of a **new brine water pipeline** will wind through City streets from the Water Treatment Plant to the discharge point at the end of Arcy Lane near the northwest corner of the City.

For more information, go to the City's project website at antiochbrackishdesal.com.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

City staff is working on the City's Water Distribution system infrastructure, replacing a **35-year-old** 8-inch water meter and two (2) 35-year-old backflows. Water Distribution employees are responsible for nearly 33,000 meters and 3,400 backflows throughout the City.

Water meters are **tested and replaced** when they no longer accurately record consumption used as part of a water loss audit. Backflow preventers are used to **protect** the City's potable water and are tested annually and repaired or replaced when no longer serviceable.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



EVANGELHO VINEYARDS

Earlier this summer, Economic Development Director, Kwame Reed, was asked to provide information and **photographs** that would be incorporated into a writing competition. Chris Howard, Ph.D., originally from California but now resides in Wellington, New Zealand, is a **wine writer** and anthropologist. Chris started researching ancient vine vineyards for an annual writing competition held by Jancis Robinson, an internationally known wine writer. For more information about Jancis, [click here](#). The competition is called the WWC21, **Wine-Writing Competition 2021**, and this year a total of 136 entries were submitted, and Chris Howard's piece on our very own Evangelho Vineyard was selected to the shortlist of the top 20. This year, the WWC21 features a **people's choice award** where they are allowing the public to vote for three stories. This is the shortlist of stories; please vote for Chris's story.

[Jancis Robinson](#) | [JancisRobinson.com](#)

[WWC21 - the shortlist](#) | [JancisRobinson.com](#)

[2021Old Vines writing competition poll Survey](#) ([surveymonkey.co.uk](#)) **(VOTE HERE)**

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

On Tuesday, August 24th, staff attended an informative webinar on the **CA State Budget** Invests in Local Economic Development. Panel speakers included the state of California's top economic developer, Dee Dee Myers, and advisor to the governor, and **workforce expert**, Stewart Knox, who highlighted investments and how they can be used to further your economic development efforts.

Additionally, CALED's strategic policy advisor, Dan Carrigg, highlighted other **funding sources** that can assist with activities that support local economic development plans and programs.

CITYWIDE OPEN REWARDS PROGRAM APP IS HERE FOR CUSTOMERS!

Bludot and the City of Antioch have partnered to launch Open Rewards, a city-wide rewards program. For Customer Phone App for Open Rewards download for:

- [Apple Store:](#)
- [Google Play:](#)

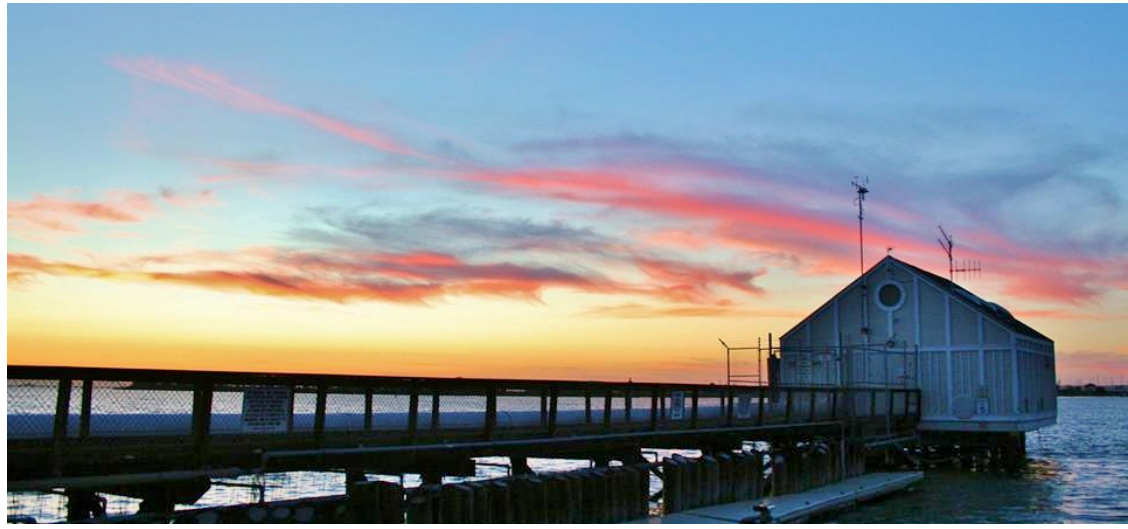
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If you are a businesses please register for the full program [HERE](#) and be listed as a participant. The City along with Bludot hosted a "how-to" webinar for businesses [CLICK HERE](#) for YouTube video.

To learn more about the program visit:
www.openrewards.com



C ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANTIOCH RENTERS AND LANDLORDS

*Need help paying rent due to COVID-19?
Know someone who may need rental assistance?
Are you a landlord with unpaid back-rent due to COVID-19?*



The State of California is offering **100% rental relief** to eligible renters and landlords in Antioch AND help with unpaid utilities. This rental relief program provides financial assistance for both unpaid and future rent and utilities.

Please visit the website, https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/program_overview.html, for more information on the program and a link to apply for assistance.

For additional information on eligibility and the application process, please call the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center at **(833) 430-2122**.

If you would like assistance in another language, if you would like help with paperwork, or if you want to schedule an appointment with an organization near you, please call **(833) 687-0967**.



EL CAMPINAL THEATER

You've Got A Friend: The Carole King Songbook

Performed by THE RHYTHM METHOD 4
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 2PM
Adults: \$32 | Seniors: \$29 | Youth: \$15

A Celebration of one of the most prolific songwriters of the '60s and '70s, Carole King's hits include memorable classics. The show will also honor songs from her best-selling, four-time Grammy Award-winning album Tapestry. [Click here](#) for more information.

Todd Barry: 2021 Stadium Tour

Saturday, September 25, 2021 @ 8PM
ALL TICKETS: \$25

At long last, we are thrilled to bring the singular voice of Todd Barry to El Campanil Theatre for one night only! Don't miss this fantastic event!

About the artist:

Todd Barry has released three one-hour stand-up specials including his latest one for Netflix, Spicy Honey. [Click here](#) for more information.

