

# City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



## New Ballot Box

Antioch now has **two ballot boxes** for ballot drop-off during elections! Last week, a second ballot box was installed at the **Antioch Community Center**, joining the one installed at **City Hall** last year. Whether voting in-person, by mail, or by dropping a ballot in the official box, voters have several options to fit their voting preference. With ballot box locations in different regions of the City, residents can create an easy voting experience for all voters in a household. The official boxes open on **October 5th** to receive ballots and close on **November 3rd at 8:00 p.m.**

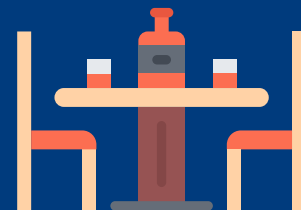


## Census 2020 Enumeration of Homeless Population

Contra Costa County Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) is working with the U.S. Census bureau to support full and accurate enumeration of people experiencing homelessness from Tuesday, September 22 – Thursday, September 24. The Census will connect directly with the few shelters that don't enter data into HMIS directly to obtain the data they need. For our sheltered population, in order to minimize exposure to COVID, information will be provided via the "Paper survey response" option instead of in person enumeration. This process will be used for homeless shelters in Contra Costa, including hotels being used as shelters under Project Roomkey, that enter data into the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

## Rivertown Barricades for Outdoor Dining

Barricades have been installed on Second and G Streets in downtown Antioch to provide outdoor dining locations for local restaurants. On-street parking spaces have been blocked off to provide a safe place to enjoy a meal or drinks in beautiful downtown Antioch. The City Council approved funding for the idea designed to bring more people to what is becoming a destination for dining. With renovations to the historic Riverview Lodge Restaurant in full swing and the recent sale of the Southern Café, more coffee, and fine dining opportunities will be opening soon. Good things are happening...





**Please join us in welcoming Officer Erick Chavez to Antioch Police Department!**



Due to our ability to "over-hire" to account for impending vacancies, Erick becomes our **117th sworn officer!** Erick was born in Oakland and grew up in the Bay Area and Los Angeles. Erick attended high school at Oakland Military Institute, where he played soccer, football, baseball, and basketball.

After college, Erick put himself through the Contra Costa County Police Academy and was hired by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) as a Correctional Officer. He worked at California State Prison, Solano. Erick worked for CDCR for a year and a half before lateraled to the Albany Police Department. During his time at Albany PD, Erick was awarded the 2018 Officer of the year and was appointed as a Field Training Officer. During his free time, Erick enjoys traveling to different countries and visiting famous landmarks with his girlfriend. Erick also enjoys spending time with his friends and family.

Fun fact about Erick is he is a self-proclaimed "**sneakerhead**." He once located and arrested a suspect wanted for murder based on the type of shoes he was wearing.

So, if you see Erick out on the street, please make sure you give him a wave to welcome him and don't be alarmed if he's checking out your sneakers!

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Symposium (WLLE)

Several members of the Antioch Police Department recently attended the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Symposium (WLLE). The purpose of the Training Symposium is to bring together law enforcement professionals in a **supportive and empowering environment**, enabling attendees to learn from others' knowledge and experience (men and women – don't be fooled by the title). This symposium has been presented yearly since 2006, and each year it grows in size and content. Due to the on-going health crisis, this year's symposium was held virtually.



One of the presenters' activities often encourages participants to take part in is a "WLLE Through Your Eyes." Participants are encouraged to take pictures of what the symposium looks like to them and post them to the WLLE page. This year's "Through Your Eyes," had a competition built into it. The picture with the most

"likes" won a trip to Disneyland (when it opens, of course)! Well, our participants chose to showcase some of our **AMAZING women as well as a dog from Animal Services**, who was available for adoption (Kale). Two incredible things happened as a result of this picture. The first is that out of 198 entries, our picture WON, receiving 65 "likes" (Disneyland here we come)! The second cool thing was after one of our Social Media followers saw Kale on our page; she fell instantly in love. She immediately made an appointment to meet him and adopted him that day. Now that's a "**win-win**" situation!



# PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

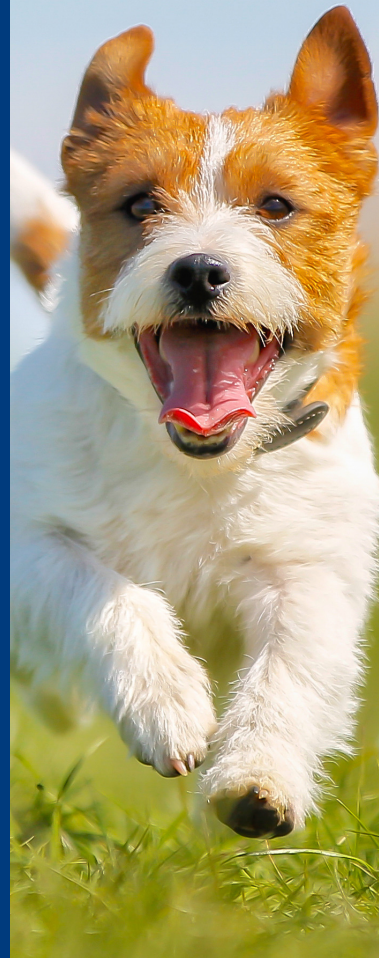
## Bissell Pet Foundation – Empty the Shelters Event

The weather is cooling down, the leaves are changing colors, and it's time once again to **FALL in love** with a shelter pet at Empty the Shelters! On October 1 -4, BISSELL Pet Foundation brings back **Empty the Shelters** to help more pets find forever homes! During this event, adoption fees are reduced to \$25 or less, and BPF covers the remaining adoption cost, so you can spend more on spoiling your new best friend! There are 150 participating organizations across 33 states with thousands of pets anxiously awaiting a second chance. In addition to the Bissell Foundation sponsorship, Antioch Friends of Animal Services is continuing to sponsor adoption fees during the COVID pandemic, so all adoption fees during the Bissell Foundation Empty the Shelters Event are free! Antioch residents who adopt a dog will need to purchase a animals.



City Dog License for \$20.00 at the adoption time. Due to the COVID pandemic, Antioch Animal Services is open by appointment only. **Appointments are available daily.** Appointments can be made by calling us at (925) 779-6989 during the following times: Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat. from 10:00 a.m.

and Fri., Sun., and Mon. from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. To view pets currently in the shelter, [Petharbor](#) or [Petfinder](#) and search for adoptable animals.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Erick Chaves** was hired was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on September 14, 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
- Parks and Recreation Director
- Unhoused Resident Coordinator

**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.





## Martial Arts Classes

**Self-defense, confidence, and leadership** are qualities we want our kids to learn. Join Max Martial Arts Classes by Max Academy, and kids will get the tools to succeed in life! Social distancing and facial coverings are required at all times, and classes **will take place in the outdoor covered Amphitheater.**



## Program Registration

Due to program modifications, space is limited for all recreation classes. Register today online and enter code: **ALLFORFALL** at checkout to receive a 10% discount: [www.antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration](http://www.antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration).

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT



## The Fall Preschool Academy begins next week!

Creative and positive experiences for children are needed now more than ever. Program modifications have been made, and health and safety procedures are in place to ensure a clean and safe learning environment. Preschool allows kids to take a break and enjoy social time with other kids from a distance while wearing a face covering. Kids will learn academic skills through lessons, art, and games and focus on building self-confidence and self-esteem.

## Virtual: Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning

It's never too late to plan. Learn all you need to know to make sure your family is safe and financially secure during life changes. Topics: Living Trusts, Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney (Living Will), naming a guardian for minor children, joint tenancies, avoiding estate taxes and probate fees. Ages 18 & Up.



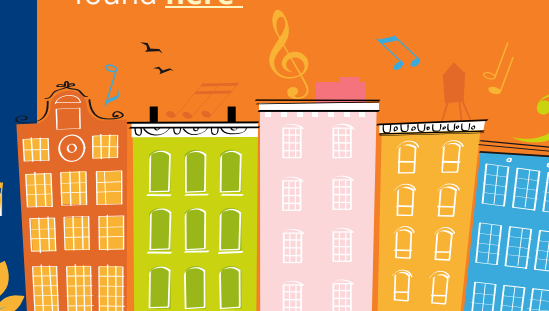


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This growth has largely been concentrated in the inner Bay Area and Silicon Valley. Outer Bay Area communities, such as those in East Contra Costa County, have provided a disproportionately high number of housing units without the proportionate growth of local jobs. The factors described above will drive the new housing units to where the jobs are and will hopefully open opportunities for those cities with houses, such as Antioch.

In summary, the City of Antioch will still be expected to grow substantially to accommodate even more housing units. However, this growth will be proportionately less than other cities due to the factors described above. The Planning Division has initiated a General Plan update and is currently studying opportunities to absorb much of this growth through infill and investment in struggling commercial corridors. As this process expands, the public will be invited to participate and contribute to the City's future plans for growth.

More information about the RHNA and HCD process can be found [here](#).



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Residential Growth

Over the past twelve months, Antioch Community Development Director Forrest Ebbs along with Mindy Gentry, Concord Planning Manager, has been serving on the Housing Methodology Committee (HMC), which is part of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process facilitated by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

The State of California employs an interesting approach to ensuring residential growth through its requirements that all jurisdictions plan for their proportionate share of growth. Contrary to popular belief, no city has the ability to simply refuse residential growth and all are required to contribute to the State's growth.

2015-2023 RHNA for ABAG – includes all nine counties		
Very Low	25.9%	114,442
Low	14.9%	65,892
Moderate	16.5%	72,712
Above Moderate	42.6%	188,130
Total	100%	441,176

On September 18, 2020, the HCD made a recommendation to the ABAG Board to adopt a specific methodology. This methodology will integrate factors such as access to transit, availability of nearby jobs, access to high opportunity areas, commute patterns/greenhouse gas emissions, equity, displacement, and others. This methodology will result in a proportionately smaller assignment to the City of Antioch in its current form. Over the past ten to twenty years, much of the Bay Area has enjoyed rapid job growth lead by technology and other industries.

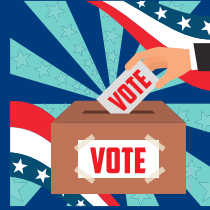
# CITY CLERK

## 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](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.



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## Median Improvements

Public Works Landscape crews continue the City's beautification projects, improving our medians' aesthetics with new plantings and stamped concrete. Currently in progress is a large stretch of the median on W. 10th Street from L Street to Auto Center Drive. Crews removed some pine trees that had outgrown their location and were causing a mess with dropping needles.

Public Works crews restored the irrigation, installed new flowering, drought tolerant, hardy perennials, hardy mulch, and next up, they will begin working on installing stamped concrete. Although not complete, the improvements are a welcome addition to nearby residents and motorists on this heavily traveled stretch of road.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Operations and Utilities

Our Collections (Sewer) Vac-Con trucks offer many useful options when it comes to cleaning and repairing the City's infrastructure. When cleaning, we use over 1,000 feet of hose with 3000psi to remove roots, grease, and debris from our sewer pipe. While using its vacuum system, we can remove large amounts of waste up to 30-feet deep without damaging the pipes. The Vac-Con is equipped with a 16-yard tank that can hold 3,200 gallons of water/debris. Crews utilize these trucks to their fullest capabilities every day. This is just one of the vehicles in our fleet that helps make a clean and beautiful Antioch. We are currently performing essential maintenance with this equipment north of Highway 4 east of Cavallo Road.

Please remember to call Public Works first if you have a sewer issue; we are here to help you. Call (925) 799-6950, 0 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., except holidays. Call (925) 778-2441 after regular hours, weekends, and holidays and our Standby crew will be dispatch to you.



# 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.**

## Small Business Grant Program

### En Espanol

The City of Antioch has created a **Small Business Grant Program** that will provide a one-time grant of \$5,000 to small businesses that have experienced adverse financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act funds the program, and the program will provide grants to 60 small businesses within the City of Antioch. All businesses that meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to apply.

The application period will start at **8:00 a.m. September 28th** and end at 5:00 p.m. October 9th. Details of the program can be found at [www.antiochbusinessgrant.com](http://www.antiochbusinessgrant.com). For more information and application assistance, please contact [admin@antiochbusinessgrant.com](mailto:admin@antiochbusinessgrant.com).



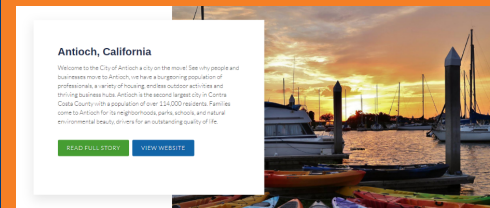
### **KRON4 News Story –**

The City of Antioch was featured in a recent story regarding the Small Business Grant Program. Here is the link to the story [here](https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/covid-19-relief-fund-created-for-small-businesses-in-antioch/).

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## 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.

**ANTIOCH**  
CALIFORNIA

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




**TRAILS CHALLENGE**

**Trails Challenge Guidebook** available online at [antiochca.gov/trails-challenge](http://antiochca.gov/trails-challenge)  
Complete 5 hikes, receive a free Trails Challenge shirt.



**COMMUNITY CAMPOUT**  
Presented By  
**ANTIOCH CALIFORNIA**  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Join Us  
**Saturday, October 10th**  
by camping in your backyard and sharing your photos on our facebook page.

Access the Camp Kit with resources for safety, supplies, crafts, games, snacks, songs, stories and local wildlife.

Camp Kit Available at:  
[antiochca.gov/campout](http://antiochca.gov/campout)

**Unity Day**  
kindness, acceptance, inclusion



**Wear Orange**

**October 21, 2020**

In Support of Bullying Prevention

#unityday2020  
[pacer.org/bullying](http://pacer.org/bullying)

**Opportunity is for everyone here.**

**Antioch Recreation Department**

For information on these programs and more, visit our website at [antiochca.gov/recreation](http://antiochca.gov/recreation) or call 925.776.3050.

Get 10% off all fall programs by entering code **ALLFORFALL** at checkout.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Opportunity Junction

While our physical doors are still closed, we are adding workshops and events to let clients get to know us better before fully committing to services. We are

excited to announce that Opportunity Junction is having a **"Pop-Up Career Event"** and a 3-session Job Search Boot Camp starting next week! Attached are the flyers for more information and to share with your clients and network. Please visit our website [here](http://www.opportunityjunction.org) to learn more about the Job Search Bootcamp and to register to attend online, via Zoom!



**CALLING ALL JOB SEEKERS!**

**POP UP CAREER EVENT**

- MEET OUR CAREER COUNSELORS
- FRESHEN UP YOUR RESUME
- PRACTICE INTERVIEW SKILLS

JOIN US EVERY OTHER THURSDAY BETWEEN 3-5PM

SEPTEMBER 10th & SEPTEMBER 24th  
OCTOBER 8th & OCTOBER 22nd  
NOVEMBER 5th & NOVEMBER 19th

Opportunity Junction Parking Lot, located at:  
3102 Delta Fair Blvd., Antioch, CA 94509

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ON THE ROAD TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**MASKS REQUIRED!**

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