

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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Anyone Anywhere Anytime

"When you have an emergency, there is the urge to do whatever it takes to see people get assistance." Meles Zenawi

Many families are experiencing the adverse effects of the mental health crisis throughout Contra Costa County. According to the Contra Costa County Department of Health Services, approximately **1 in 5 adults in Contra Costa County experience mental issues**. Individuals who have also experienced some form of mental health illness have repeatedly expressed frustration with the lack of city and county resources available to assist them through their most trying times. Cities like Antioch are routinely experiencing a shortage of resources that have impeded their ability to respond to urgent, non-law enforcement, low-level 911 calls for services. To address the **increased societal needs** for mental health services, Contra Costa County has ambitiously embarked on a joint and collaborative partnership with the 19 cities under its jurisdiction. In November 2020, Contra Costa Health Services assembled a **collaborative team** to initiate the exploration phase of developing a comprehensive mental health response to the region's mental health crises.

During the planning phase, the team created a concept that would assist residents in navigating the complex system of mental health services. The concept of Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime - "A3" was established during this initial planning process. The overarching goal of the A3 program is to provide timely, appropriate mental health crisis services to **anyone, anywhere at anytime**, in Contra Costa County. The A3 concept will primarily focus on both care and treatment, not law enforcement interaction. The City of Antioch leadership team understands the value of life. Every effort must be made to preserve and improve the quality of life for our invaluable residents. The A3 model accomplishes this goal by assisting those who require **mental health crisis** services in the most humane and dignified way. Together, with one shared vision of hope and collective action of accountability, we can all be servants of humanity.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recovered Property at Rocketship Charter School

Our dispatch center received a call about an unfortunate incident at the Rocketship Charter School on Cavallo Rd. School staff reported the campus had been broken into and **several things had been stolen**. When such incidents occur, we have little to follow up on, limiting how likely we are to find and recover stolen property. This story, however, has a happier ending.



Not more than an hour following the original call to dispatch security personnel on campus reported seeing a female in the area who appeared to have much of the **property stolen from the school**.

Our officers arrived again, contacted the 38-year-old Antioch resident, and found her in possession of approximately **\$5,000 worth of stolen laptops, Apple products, and other items from the school**.

Surveillance video was reviewed and led to the suspect being arrested for burglary. The stolen property was **returned to the school** and, more importantly, to the students of Rocketship! The woman taken into custody will be receiving detention at the county jail in Martinez. The students and faculty were thrilled to have their property returned!



National Coffee with a Cop Day

Save the date! The seventh annual **National Coffee with a Cop Day** is Wednesday, October 5th



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



FREE KIDS FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 9AM-12PM

WALDIE PLAZA & PUBLIC FISHING PIER
(ACROSS FROM CITY HALL)

Held in memory of
Antioch resident
"Compy" Compomizzo
who inspired the
mission statement:
"Get kids hooked
on fishing, not drugs
or gangs."

For more information
contact Roger Lund at
(925) 754-3938 or visit
antiochca.gov/recreation



Brought to you by:
California Striped Bass Association
West Delta Chapter



Senior Resource Fair

Attend the Senior Resource Fair at Antioch Senior Center from 10 am-12 pm on Friday, September 30th, to find resources on caregiving, financial retirement planning, and much more! Enjoy refreshments and have fun! Free admission.

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

Camptoberfest

Pile up the memories at Camptoberfest! This weeklong camp takes place **October 3rd-7th from 8:00 am-3:30 pm** for ages 5-12. Youth will enjoy fall-themed fun and games, compete in dodgeball tournaments, enjoy hot cocoa, and cookie decorating and more! Sign up today at www.antiochca.gov/register.



Big Truck Day

Big Truck Day...On Food Truck Thursday! Bring the kids to see the big trucks that clean, repair, and keep the city safe! Police cars, garbage trucks, street sweepers, and other vehicles will be on display and available for some kid-friendly inspections. This free event will be at the Antioch Community Center on Thursday, October 13th, from 5:00-8:00 pm.

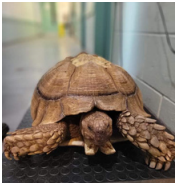


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ANIMAL SERVICES

Its not just dogs and cats



Did you know it isn't just cats, dogs, and furry animals that arrive at our facility as strays? We currently have some very **handleable fancy pigeons** found at Black Diamond Mines Regional Park, up for adoption. Recently one of our ACOs responded to a call for service for an older **Sulcata tortoise** who got himself stuck under a fence in an attempt to go wandering. No owner has come forward yet.



If you are interested in adopting any of our shelter animals, check out 24petconnect.com, and if you are looking for something that doesn't purr or howl, use the "other" selection to find out what different animals are in our care. We never know what each day will bring through our doors at Antioch Animal Services.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral
- Police Academy Graduate/Student
- Police Trainee
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Computer Technician
- Payroll Specialist

Current Promotional Opportunities include:

- Police Lieutenant

- **Anita Robinson** was hired as an Administrative Assistant for the Public Safety and Community Resources Department effective September 11, 2022.
- **Samantha Peterson** promoted to Human Resources Technician effective September 11, 2022.
- **Devin Eigard** was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department effective September 12, 2022.

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

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.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Neighborhood Cleanup Update

Over the last four years, the City of Antioch's Code Enforcement Division has held annual "neighborhood cleanup" events at various city facilities in Antioch. These events are a partnership between the City of Antioch and Republic Services to assist Antioch residents with free, lawful disposal of unwanted household items.

These events are anticipated to reduce illegal dumping occurrences since unwanted items are **disposed of properly**, and the number of reports to the Code Enforcement Division for junk/rubbish accumulation on private property is reduced. These events have become very popular, and the number of residents participating has grown significantly over the years. This year is the first year all neighborhoods in Antioch have received an invitation to participate in an event!

So far this year, Code Enforcement and Republic Services have hosted **13 cleanup events in various neighborhoods** resulting in over **240 tons** of unwanted debris being collected and disposed of lawfully! It is anticipated that this year, nearly 300 tons of trash will be **removed from residential properties** due to the expansion of these events to include all neighborhoods citywide.

Please check your mailbox for your invitation flyer from Republic Services to your event! Events are held March through October, and you will need to bring your invitation flyer to access the event and dispose of your unwanted household items at no charge! **Thank you for keeping Antioch beautiful!**

Annual Coastal Cleanup Kayak Day

Sept. 30, 2022
8:30-11 am

Join us for a morning litter pick-up paddle.

What to bring:

Sunscreen, hat, shoes that can get wet, a water bottle, a net, a pool skimmer or other grabber.

Space is limited for this event. You can bring your kayak or canoe, or Delta Kayak Adventures will have some kayaks available for \$10/person.

Pre-registration is required. Contact us at (925) 779-7097 or email: jhaaswajdowicz@antiochca.gov



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CITY CLERK

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](#).

Contact the Antioch City Clerk's Office Team

- City Clerk and Elections Official (elected): Ellie Householder, MPP Email: ehouseholder@antiochca.gov or call (925) 779-7008
- Deputy City Clerk (staff): Christina Garcia, CMC email cgarcia@antiochca.gov or call (925) 779-7009

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](#).



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



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Going Above and Beyond as a disaster worker

City of Antioch Public Works Employees are disaster workers in times of need and can be called upon at any time. **Bruce Cooke**, a City of Antioch Public Works Collections team member took this commitment to heart following loss his family experienced in the **Carr Fire**. This inspired him to help fight wildfires in any way he could. Bruce took a Wildland Fire & Rescue class and put his name on the list to be called upon when a situation arises.



Due to his skill level and a commercial Class A driver's license, Bruce was called out to run water at the **Mosquito Fire** in **Placer County**. He not only drove a Water Tender for three days, but he also had to pay attention to wind and humidity patterns, worked long days, and had to be on his toes at all times to be sure that the helicopter he was assisting did not suck up any debris during

take-off and landing. Bruce said that thanks to his time in the Army, he was able to easily learn the communication patterns of **CalFire's system** with his team members. Bruce is not only a valuable team member in our community but also an asset to others in our state in a time of need. Thank you, Bruce!!



Storms

The Operations Division Crews worked to clear mud from **streets and sidewalks** after last week's storms.



Gas Main

Photo to the left of PG&E lowering the gas main on **8th Street** in preparation for CBDG job that is getting ready to begin.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Strategic Plan

On September 13th, the Antioch City Council adopted the "Reinvest Antioch" Economic Development Program – Action Plan and Toolkit. With the adoption of this document, the process of creating an economic development strategy is concluded, and staff can now begin the implementation phases of the Action Plan.

The Action Plan includes the following nine initiatives:

1. Business Development (Job Creation) Pipeline
2. Real Estate Development Capacity/Site Readiness
3. Workforce Opportunity Initiative
4. Entrepreneurial Development/Startup Assistance
5. Direct Project Investment/Public-Private Partnerships
6. Leveraging Housing Demand to Promote Economic Development
7. Regional Interface/Advocacy
8. Funding/Resource Expansion
9. Coordination with City (and Other) Foundational Functions

The Tool Kit outlines funding sources and financing mechanisms that the City may pursue to incentivize private commercial/industrial development. For more information, visit the Economic Development Department webpage [here](#).





ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS

An Evening of Magic with Andy Amxx
Wednesday, October 19th @ 7:30PM
All tickets: \$20 | El Campanil Theatre

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 | El Campanil Theatre

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!

ANTIOCH COUNCIL OF TEENS

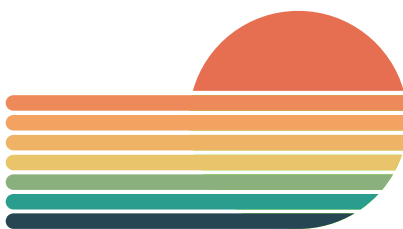
(6TH-12TH GRADE)

The Council of Teens is dedicated to creating a place of inclusivity. It allows you to voice your opinions about your community's future! All while having fun!

JOIN US!
 Wed. 9.28.22
 4:30-6PM
 Antioch Water Park

**Deadline to register
September 27**

contact: youth@antiochca.gov



Antioch Youth Council

Antioch Council of Teens (ACT) is a group of youth representatives (6th through 12th grade) that serve to shape the Antioch community. ACT meets twice a month at one of the community centers in Antioch. **Dinner & snacks are provided!** ACT is driven by a vision in which youth have the opportunities, supports and resources to develop their full potential.



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SENIOR Resource Fair

September 30th
10am – 12pm
**Antioch Senior
Center**

For more information, please call (925) 779-7074

**FREE
ADMISSION!**

Learn more about:

- Caregiving Resources
- Financial Retirement Planning
- Technology Tools for Seniors
- & much more!

**ANTIOCH
CALIFORNIA**

Saturday October 1st, 11am-4pm

Fall Fest & BBQ Cook-Off!

Join the Party at Downtown Antioch's Rivertown

Join us for a fun afternoon in Downtown Antioch's Historic Rivertown. Enjoy a family friendly atmosphere with live music, street vendors, drinks, and of course, Great Barbecue!

**TASTY BBQ • BEER
WINE • LIVE MUSIC
VENDORS AND MORE!**

BBQ Cook-Off Entry Only \$75!

Grand Champion Winner \$500 + Trophy, 1st Place Chicken & Rib Winners \$300 + Trophy, 2nd Place Chicken & Rib Winners \$150, 3rd Place Chicken & Rib Winners \$75 + Trophy

For additional information visit www.CelebrateAntioch.org or to register online as a BBQ Cook-Off competitor visit: <https://form.jotform.com/221936723266157>

Sponsored by Celebrate Antioch Foundation and City of Antioch www.celebrateantioch.org

ART CAMP

October 3rd-7th (8am-3:30pm)
AT THE ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER
Please register at
antiochca.gov/register
Code #9629

Creating art that:

- ☒ Expresses emotions through art
- ☒ Develops imagination and creativity
- ☒ Fosters self-awareness and expression

Students in grades 6th – 9th.

**ANTIOCH
CALIFORNIA**

TEEN CAMP

Oct 3rd - 7th (8am-3:30pm)
AT THE ANTIOCH WATER PARK.
Please register at
antiochca.gov/register
Code #9632

Fun Activities For:

- ☒ College and career preparation
- ☒ Financial goals and budgeting money
- ☒ Team building and self-awareness

Students in grades 10th – 12th.

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