

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to thank Police Chief **Tammany Brooks** for his **26 years** of **exceptional service** to the Antioch Police Department and our community. Chief Brooks, or “**T**” as he is more **affectionately known**, has given his **life** to serve and protect.

His leadership will **be missed** as he retires on October 9th and heads to Idaho, where he will assume the position of Deputy Chief of the Boise Police Department. **Captain Tony Morefield** has been appointed **Interim Police Chief**. Wishing you all the best **T** as you lead and **bless Boise** the way you have Antioch.



911 SURVEY

Some calls to 911 and the **City's non-emergency** number are for situations that do not need a police officer to respond. In July 2021, the City of Antioch and Urban Strategies Council (USC), a not-for-profit social justice organization, began **designing a program** to address **non-emergency** calls using **well-trained** community respondents.

To develop Antioch's model, USC is collecting input from Antioch residents who have experience with the **911-system** or feedback on how the City addresses non-emergency 911 calls and community needs. Answers will help **develop a new community-based** response system with focus on harm reduction strategies that better serve residents in need and **enable first responders** to **focus on violent crimes** and serious medical emergencies.

The survey is **anonymous** and confidential and takes seven minutes to complete. Survey information is included in the City's **October utility bill** mailings!

TAKE SURVEY



Go to this link from your tablet, laptop, or desktop:

English
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Antioch_2021

Spanish
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Antioch_Spanish

Want a paper survey?
Visit the greeter's desk at Antioch City Hall at 200 H Street. Grab a printed survey, fill it in on the spot or at your convenience, and return it to the same location in the sealed envelope provided.



ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROMOTIONS

Please join us in Congratulating **Sergeant Joshua Evans, Sergeant Michael Mellone, and Corporal Loren Bledsoe** on their recent promotions!

EVENING SHIFTS HIGHLIGHTS

Officers Becerra and Miller were **patrolling** San Jose Drive when they spotted a motorized dirt bike being **illegally operated** on the roadway. Officers subsequently learned the dirt bike was reported stolen from Vallejo in 2019 and sent the rider to the County Jail for charges including **vehicle theft** and probation violation.

A few hours later, Officers Becerra and Miller spotted a vehicle **without a front license plate** and illegal window tint on Auto Center Drive. The passenger was found to have **outstanding felony** warrants for his arrest, and a search of the vehicle revealed heroin, methamphetamine, and Xanax, along with evidence of **drug sales**. Both the driver and passenger were **sent to the County Jail** for drug possession charges and outstanding warrants.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS ARE BACK!

After a 19-month hiatus due to Covid-19, the Antioch Police Department is excited to announce the **resumption** of monthly neighborhood cleanups! The first cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, October 9th** from **9-11am**. The meeting spot is Knoll Park, with the cleanup planned for the neighborhood immediately surrounding the park. The date was chosen to coincide with the **National Faith & Blue Weekend**. The cleanup is being coordinated with the congregation from The Fellowship Church. We are looking forward to resuming these important neighborhood events and ask anyone interested in donating a small amount of their time to **participate with us**.



ANIMAL SERVICES



BISSELL PET FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES FALL 2021 "EMPTY THE SHELTERS"

Antioch Animal Services will be participating in the Bissell Pet Foundation **Fall 2021 "Empty the Shelters"** adoption event October 4 – 10, 2021. Since its inception in 2016, the Bissell Pet Foundation "Empty the Shelters" events have helped place **61,781 pets** into new **forever homes**. This event will be hosted in more than **180 shelters** in 35 states, including Antioch Animal Services.

During the "Empty the Shelters" event, adoption fees for dogs and cats will be waived. Antioch Residents adopting a dog will need to purchase a \$20.00 dog license at the time of adoption. **To view the pets** available for adoption, visit www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com. To visit with a pet in the shelter, call (925) 779-6989 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Miguel Santoyo** was hired as a Collection Systems Worker I for the Public Works Department on September 13, 2021.
- **Ivona Kagin** was hired as a Laboratory Assistant II for the Public Works Department on September 16, 2021.
- **Tristan Wara** was hired as a Fleet Service Technician for the Public Works Department on September 20, 2021.
- **Michele Clary** was hired as a Customer Service Representative for the Finance Department on September 20, 2021.
- **Jeremy Wismer** was hired as an Equipment Mechanic I for the Public Works Department on September 27, 2021.
- **Elita Hutchins** was hired as a Recreation Programs Coordinator for Parks and Recreation on September 27, 2021.
- **Hilda Pacheco** was hired as a Recreation Programs Coordinator for Parks and Recreation on September 27, 2021.

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)

Please check our website for the following future recruitment:

- Water Treatment Superintendent
- Water Treatment Supervisor

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.



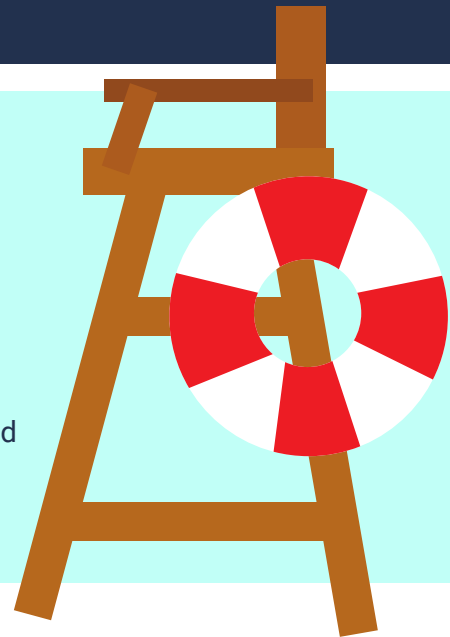


RECREATION DEPARTMENT

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

Although summer just ended, the **Antioch Water Park** is already setting its sights on **2022!** That means growing our staff! The first lifeguard certification course will be **October 3rd – 9th.**

Register now and get ready to learn lifesaving skills and join our team! More certification courses will be **available** in the coming months. If you've ever considered becoming a lifeguard or working at the water park, the time to **start that journey** is here! Go to www.antiochwaterpark.com for more information and to register.



TAI CHI AND CHI GONG

Tai Chi and Chi Gong is a **popular class** offered at the Antioch Community Center. The ancient Chinese **slow flowing movements** along with deep breathing is designed to reduce stress, **relieve pain**, improve **memory** and balance while generating positive energy.

Come join Rocky on **Thursday mornings** and enjoy the calming atmosphere. Call **(925) 776-3050** for more information.



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

After almost two years of the shared trauma of a global pandemic, it is time to heal – what better way to do this, than to write. Connect with others and yourself in an immersive (in person or virtual) writing class. It is free!! Registration is required.

Please visit www.antiochca.gov/recreation for more information. Register early; classes fill up quickly.



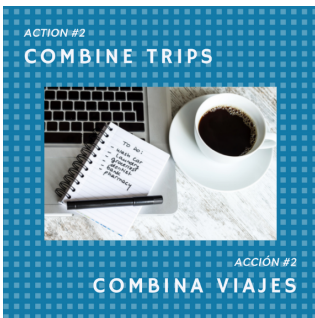
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The City of Antioch is beginning to update the **Housing Element and Environmental Hazards** Element. It will be incorporating new Environmental Justice policies into the General Plan per State law. **Antioch's General Plan** sets a **long-term vision** guiding future growth, reflects community priorities and values, and is divided into different topics (called "elements"), including land use, circulation, **housing**, and **environmental hazards**.

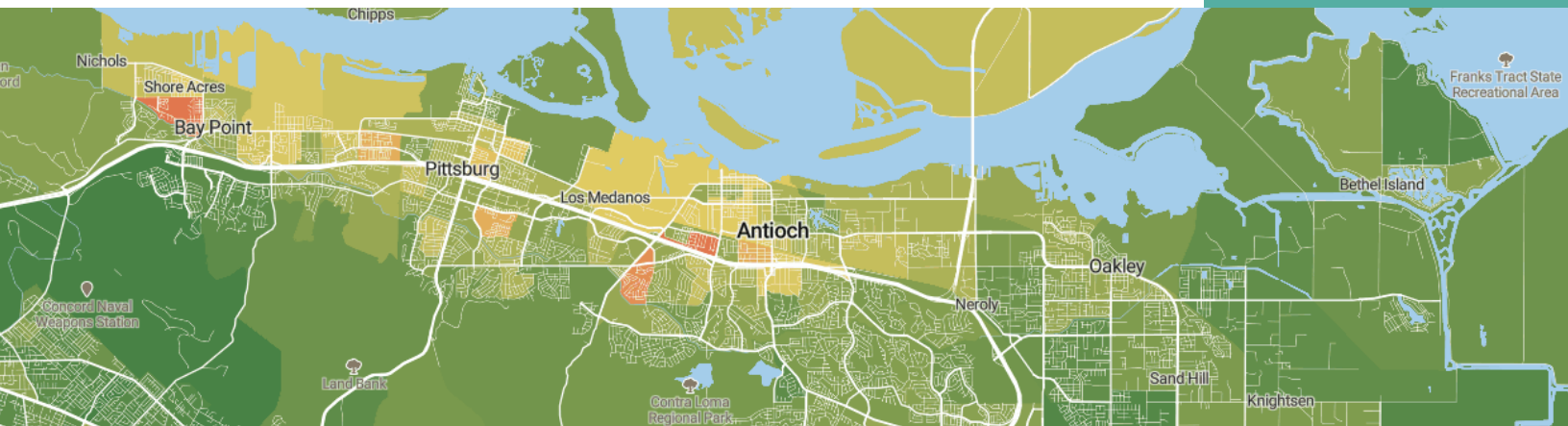
The Housing Element lays out a **blueprint** for how the City will meet its housing goals. Additionally, California communities are often exposed to natural and manufactured hazards, which cities and towns must identify and try to mitigate. The Environmental Hazards Element implements policies to **minimize the risks** these hazards might pose to community members' **physical safety**, property, and business. Finally, the City of Antioch is incorporating new policies into the General Plan that will seek to **advance the principles** of Environmental Justice.

The City and its consultants will present the requirements and process for these three updates at the **October 6th Planning Commission meeting**. Community members are invited to attend virtually. The staff report and meeting login information will be available on **Friday, October 1st**, at www.antiochca.gov/PCagendas



CLEANER CONTRA COSTA CHALLENGE!

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! Check out actions by visiting www.CleanerContraCosta.org/antioch today!



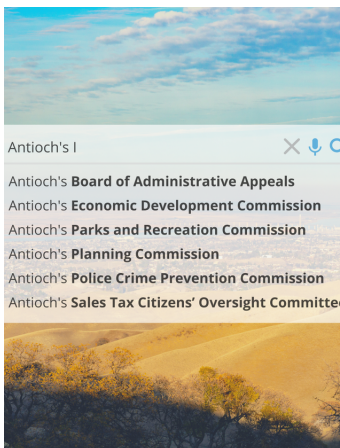


CITY CLERKS OFFICE



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

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS (SSO'S)

SSO's are one of the main issues the **Wastewater Collection Systems Division** is here to prevent. Sewage overflowing into the street is a problem for residents, the City of Antioch, and our environment. Our crews are actively trying to lower the amount of **SSO's that occur each year** through preventative maintenance and other innovative measures.

One such innovative measure is **SmartCover technology**, a real-time, web-based monitoring system installed at strategic locations throughout the City, which alarms when an overflow is about to occur. This improves response time, allows staff to be immediately dispatched to the area of concern to reduce the likelihood of a spill, and enhances service to our customers. In 2020, during this same period, 17 SSOs occurred. Currently, only 9 SSO's have occurred, with two concurrent No-Spill months. This is a 53% decrease.

We want to **thank our crews** for all of their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank our alert community for notifying Public Works when an SSO is suspected. Please remember that whenever you suspect a sewer issue is occurring, Public Works is available 24/7 at **(925) 779-6950**.

*** What Can Go Down My Toilet? ***

Only Flush the 3 P's

- Pee
- Poo
- Paper

The Unflushables

Products such as wet wipes, diapers & medical waste do not break down in water the way that toilet paper does & can cause havoc with pipes & your septic system. **DON'T FLUSH THEM!**

The Impact

- Improper waste can attach to fatty build-ups in pipes, causing backups
- Plastic in products can remain in ecosystems for a very long time, damaging the environment
- Clearing blockages can be expensive & inconvenient



RESTORATION OF LOCAL ART SCULPTURE

"The Larry Anderson '**Hey Daddy, Look!**' sculpture of a little girl and her dad flanked by large replicas of the Antioch dunes evening primrose flower, the official flower of the City of Antioch, has graced Lone Tree Way southeast of James Donlon Blvd. **since 1994**. Due to vandalism, part of the sculpture's arm was severed several years ago. The City has hired Frostad Atelier Foundry, a company in Sacramento, to **restore the sculpture** to its original beauty.

It is estimated that the repair may take **3-6 months!** So please, if you drive by and do not see the sculpture in its rightful place, it has not been stolen; it is **being repaired**. We look forward to restoring the sculpture to its rightful place on Lone Tree Way in due time and providing new pictures that speak to its **original beauty and charm!**"



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE ASSOCIATIONS MEETING

Economic Development Director, Kwame Reed, attended the California Workforce Associations Meeting of the Minds Conference. The theme of the conference was Rising to the Challenge: **From Rescue to Recovery**.

Several great sessions touched on topics including using technology such as artificial intelligence/augmented reality to practice new industry processes virtual, challenging systemic racism in workforce development, and being a **better leader** on a Workforce Board. One of the most repeated thoughts throughout the conference was creating pathways to the middle class, i.e., creating more opportunities for livable wage income.

EDC

The Economic Development Commission will be having their regularly scheduled meeting via Zoom on **October 5th at 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda will include presentations from Dr. Aksu of Saint Mary's College on the Somersville District Study and Forrest Ebbs, Community Development Director, on an **Infill Housing Study**.



EVANGELHO VINEYARDS

Evangelho Vineyards Wins!!!–

As reported previously, Chris Howard, Ph.D., submitted a story featuring Evangelho Vineyards in an international writing competition. We are pleased to announce; his submittal won the Wine-Writing Competition 2021. Ironically, the runner-up also featured a Contra Costa County Vineyard in Oakley. For more information about the competition and Dr. Howard's prize, please follow this [link](#) to 2021 writing competition JancisRobinson.com.

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:](#)



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



Opportunity
saves lives here.

Lifeguard Certification

Ages 15 & Up
Antioch Water Park

October 3 - 9, 2021

Sunday - Saturday
9am - 5pm every day

Sign up here:



EL CAMPINAL THEATER

602 W. 2ND ST. ANTIOCH, CA 94509



12 Angry Jurors

October 1-10, 2021

Presented by Ghostlight Theater Ensemble

Adults: \$22 | Seniors: \$20 | Youth: \$18

This play was adapted from a 1954 teleplay, which was later produced as a feature film in 1957 called 12 Angry Men. The play was first staged in London, and finally came to Broadway in 2004. A more recent adaption of the play is 12 Angry Jurors, enabling theatre companies to have roles for more than one gender.

The Diamonds: Bandstand Boogie

Sunday, October 17, 2021 | 2:00 pm

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

Grab those bobby-socks and lace up your saddle shoes--we're goin' hoppin' today with a salute to **American Bandstand**, courtesy of The Diamonds! Don't miss this swingin' & jumpin' tribute to some of the greatest music of rock'n'roll history!

For more information on events contact:

Phone: (925) 757-9500

<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/>

