

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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Rent Stabilization Ordinance

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth" Muhammad Ali

Contra Costa County is one of the most affordable places to reside in the Bay Area. Nevertheless, for some of our residents, finding an affordable place to rent is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve. To address the increased cost of living in Antioch, on July 26, 2022, the Antioch City Council, after conducting a special meeting on rent stabilization, directed the City Attorney to prepare a Rent Stabilization Ordinance. On September 27, 2022, the City Council introduced the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

This progressive and unprecedented Ordinance is the first of its kind in Contra Costa County and the City of Antioch. It will bring much-needed relief to Antioch residents who find themselves between the increasing cost of purchasing a home and the crippling financial challenges of renting. Rent stabilization and rent control mutually regulate the total amount of rent that may be increased during a tenancy; however, only "rent control" regulates the amount of rent charged when the tenancy commences. When a tenant moves out, the initial amount of rent for the next tenant is not restricted. Furthermore, under the City of Antioch

Rent Stabilization Ordinance, only one rent increase is allowable per 12 months. The City Council has set a ceiling on rental rate increases using a combination of percentage and a percent of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The City Council introduced a Rent Stabilization Ordinance that proposes increases in rent on residential real property in the city that may not exceed the lesser of three percent (3%) or sixty percent (60%) of the most recent 12 months increase in the CPI for all urban customers.

In addition, the Rent Stabilization Ordinance has developed and implemented a petition process that is reviewed and determined by a newly assigned Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer shall decide the Rent Reduction Petition within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of application submission. The Rent Reduction process shall allow both the renter and the landlord an opportunity to examine the fairness and equity of the rent increase so that it does not cause unnecessary financial hardship to the tenant or a financial burden to the landlord.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

De-Escalation Strategies in Use

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On October 4, 2022, at approximately 10:51 am, Antioch Police Department Dispatch was notified of a robbery resulting in a victim being stabbed in the chest. Witnesses reported that the suspect fled the area after the theft, leaving the victim on the ground. **Officers arrived** and located a 58-year-old male adult suffering from a knife wound to the chest. Officers immediately began life-saving measures and rendered aid. The victim was transported to a local trauma center.

Witnesses pointed the other responding officers toward the suspect across the street, who was later identified as 29-year-old Hakeem Thomas. Officers pursued Thomas as he fled the area through the hills between Fairview Avenue and Buchanan Road, at which point he stopped running. Officers tried to **de-escalate the situation** by talking and pleading with Thomas to give up the knife and surrender. But despite their efforts, Thomas refused and demanded that officers shoot him. Officers eventually used a less lethal projectile as a distraction device, and Thomas dropped the knife and surrendered without being injured.

We want to **thank all the community members and first responders** who assisted and commend the officers who responded to this incident. Due to their training and de-escalation tactics, the situation ended peacefully and without further injuries.



A Successful National Coffee with a Cop Day!

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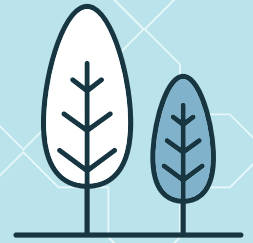
Thank you to our community for coming to both our Coffee with the Cops and our Community Forum at Dairy Queen! It was nice seeing you.



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



San Francisco Giants Honor Antioch Residents

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This week, the San Francisco Giants honored two Antioch residents, naming them winners of the prestigious Willie Mac award. Every year, each Jr. Giants agency nominates one player and one volunteer who exemplify confidence, integrity, leadership, and teamwork on and off the field. From there, the Giants Community Foundation chooses a special, select group of nominees. This year, **Miles Anthony Ebinger**, an 11-year-old participating in the Majors Baseball Division, was honored along with **Candace Knox**, a first-year coach leading a team of Jr. Giants players in the Majors Baseball Division. We want to congratulate our two award winners for being selected by the Giants for these awards and thank them for their contributions to our Jr. Giants League!

WILLIE MAC AWARD

Fall-O-Ween

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Enjoy a spooky weekend at the 3rd Annual Fall-O-Ween Fest featuring a maze, pumpkin patch, swim for pumpkins, face painting, games, food, photo areas, a scarecrow contest, and more! Each child will leave with a pumpkin and a bag of candy *while supplies last*. This Spooktacular family event is open to all ages Thursday & Friday, October 27th-28th, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at the Antioch Water Park.



Entry fee is only \$5 per person at the door, or you can pre-purchase tickets at www.antiochwaterpark.com. To sign up for the scarecrow contest, please visit Scarecrow Contest Entry (google.com).

Hard Rock Casino

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Join the Antioch Senior Center on a trip to the Hard Rock Casino! **Register in person** at the Antioch Senior Center from 9 am-1 pm, Monday- Friday. Payments accepted: Cash or Check. Spots are filling up! Call the ASC Front Desk for more information at (925) 779-7074.



Successful Senior Resource Fair!

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The annual Senior Resource Fair held at the Antioch Senior Center on September 30th had about **200 participants** who attended! Important and valuable information was shared with our seniors, and everyone enjoyed the carnival themed event.



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ANIMAL SERVICES

The kittens are still coming!



Due to the prolonged Summer heat, kitten season has been running longer than usual. We are so grateful to our **local transfer partners** for assisting in moving many animals out of the shelter so that we can accommodate more, especially the young and vulnerable.

If you are looking for a new cat or kitten, keep checking www.24petconnect.com, as the choices are many and varied and change each week. All adoption fees continue to be **sponsored** by Antioch Friends of Animal Services, so why have one kitten when you could have two?



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral
- Police Academy Graduate/Student
- Police Trainee
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Aquatics Maintenance Worker I/II
- Computer Technician
- Junior/Assistant/Associate Engineer
- Payroll Specialist
- Senior Civil Engineer

- **Brandy Brooks** was promoted to Associate Public Works Technician for the Public Works Department effective October 9, 2022.

Please join me in congratulating this employee to her new position 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!**



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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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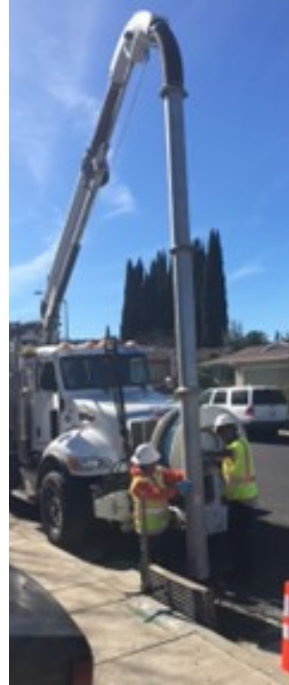
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PUBLIC WORKS

Sewer and Storm Maintenance

Our Vac-Con trucks offer many useful options for cleaning and repairing our infrastructure. When cleaning, we use over **800 feet of hose with 3000psi** to remove roots, grease, and debris from our sewer and storm pipes. While using our vacuum system, we can remove large amounts of waste up to 30' deep without causing any damage to the lines.

The Vac-Con has a 16-yard tank holding **3,200 gallons of water/debris**. We utilize these trucks to their fullest capabilities daily. 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. Remember, if you have a sewer issue, please call **(925) 779-6950** for assistance.



WTP Routine Maintenance

The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) staff is performing routine maintenance and cleaning at the Antioch municipal reservoir.

Leo Fontana Fountain Dedication

On September 13, 2022, the Leo Fontana Fountain was rededicated in honor of Mr. Leo Fontana, an Antioch businessman, and philanthropist. The new fountain in front of City Hall is a reminder of Mr. Fontana's many years of service to support local activities. He established the Leo Fontana Youth Foundation, and served as a city council member and planning commissioner.



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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 will now begin the implement 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



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Funded by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Financiado por el Distrito para el Control de la Calidad del Aire del Área de la Bahía

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FREE COMMUNITY MEETING!

LEARN HOW CLEAN AIR HELPS BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

¡REUNIÓN GRATIS DE LA COMUNIDAD!

¡APRENDA CÓMO EL AIRE LIMPIO AYUDA A CONSTRUIR COMUNIDADES
SALUDABLES Y CÓMO USTED PUEDE MARCAR LA DIFERENCIA!

Want cleaner air and a healthier community?
Join us for an informative community meeting in English
and Spanish to:

- Learn about air pollution problems in Antioch and the East Bay
- Complete a brief survey to share YOUR concerns and ideas
- Connect with others in the community to identify solutions and make a difference

¿Quiere aire más limpio y una comunidad más sana?
Te invitamos a una reunión comunitaria en inglés y
español para:

- Aprender sobre problemas de la contaminación del aire en Antioch y la Bahía Este
- Completar una breve encuesta para compartir SUS inquietudes e ideas
- Conéctese con otros en la comunidad para identificar soluciones y hacer una diferencia

WHEN: 6:00 - 7:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct 25th, 2022

PLACE: Nick Rodriguez Community Center
213 F St, Antioch, CA 94509

COST: FREE, includes light refreshments

Free childcare available for up to 15 children.

Everyone who completes the survey is eligible
to participate in a drawing for Target gift cards
worth \$50 or \$25!

For any further inquiries, contact
doug@sustainablecoco.org

FECHA: 6:00 - 7:30 PM el martes, 25 de octubre, 2022

LUGAR: Nick Rodriguez Community Center
213 F St, Antioch, CA 94509

COSTO: Gratis, incluye refrescos

Cuidado de niños gratuito disponible para hasta 15 niños.

¡Todos los que completan la encuesta son elegibles
para participar en un sorteo de tarjetas de regalo de
Target de \$50 o \$25!

Para cualquier otra consulta, póngase en
contacto con eliana@sustainablecoco.org

ART AS THERAPY

A MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

For youth who want to:

- Learn how to handle the emotional impacts of COVID-19
- Understand how to use art to destress
- Create your own art to take with you
- Make friends & eat light snacks

Sat, Oct. 22nd from 9:30am-11:30am
Antioch Community Center
4703 Lone Tree Way, Antioch

Registration Required: <https://bit.ly/3rBnw9D>

for more info, contact
Davis Okonkwo
davis.okonkwo@cchealth.org

Funding for this project provided by a generous grant from the Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation.

This event is not affiliated with the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD) and the AUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program.



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