

City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



Roswell Butler Hard House. Home of Antioch's first Mayor, built in 1869 of bricks from Antioch's first brick factory, still stands today on First Street

Founder's Day

The **true founding of Antioch** began long before the Smith Brothers arrived. The Ompin and Jalpun, two Bay Miwok speaking tribes, have called these lands home. Their citizens tended the land to increase the health and numbers of plants and wildlife on which they relied. Nearby, **Wolwonja'** (Mount Diablo) continues to be significant for today's Bay Miwok and other native people of the region. Their story and on-going relationship to this place remain an **integral part of Antioch's** past, present, and future.

William Wiggin Smith is considered the founder of Antioch as we know it today. Smith and his family settled in the area of First Street around 1850 and, in 1851, hosted a town picnic to select a name for the settlement. Antioch was the name chosen for the biblical city of Antioch, Turkey. This year marks **170 years since Antioch's founding**; in 2022, the City will commemorate 150 years of cityhood. A months-long observance of these milestones will begin with a video later this year that honors Antioch's forefathers.

SeeClickFix

In response to recent complaints, the City's Public Works and Code Enforcement Department have teamed up to **improve** our **SeeClickFix** platform. After some Team training on how to get the most out of the platform and provide the best service, **citizens will now receive an Open, Acknowledged, and Closed response** on all submitted requests. This keeps citizens informed throughout the process of their request being resolved and allows requests to be facilitated more efficiently. What's best about this is the app and web-interface haven't changed at all. Citizens can still **submit requests** just as they always have, but now benefit from these key improvements



Antioch Welcomes New Assistant City Manager

I am pleased to welcome **Rosanna Bayon Moore** to the position of Assistant City Manager. She assumed her duties on September 30th. Rosanna comes to us from the City of Brawley in Imperial County, where she served as City Manager for the past nine years. During this time, she led the City through significant financial challenges. Rosanna **expanded quality housing** and

enhanced the community infrastructure with the addition of a new Fire Station, a new Emergency Operation Center, numerous facility and transportation improvements, and a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant. Her **proven track record** as a City Manager in getting things done and delivering on challenging projects with limited resources makes her an excellent match for the City of Antioch. Rosanna's desire to be **fully invested** in our community has led her and her family to recently move to the City of Antioch. Let the adventure begin!



Traffic Complaints

Did you know that the #1 complaint we get at the Antioch Police Department relates to traffic offenses? We want our community to know that we are listening! One way to report problem areas is by submitting a complaint through our website. These complaints go directly to our Traffic Officers, so they know which areas are of the most concern to our community to provide extra enforcement in those areas. The web address to submit these complaints is [here](#).

For those of you who are followers of our Facebook page, we have also been running "Traffic Tuesdays" (as staffing allows). Our followers can provide troublesome locations for our officers to visit. We will deploy resources to that area!

So, let us know where we are needed!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome Officer Steven Miller

Please join us in welcoming Officer Steven Miller! Steven was **born in Palo Alto** and grew up in San Jose. He attended Santa Teresa High School, where he played baseball and was one of the varsity team captains for his junior and senior year. After graduating high school, Steven attended Mission College, where he played baseball at the collegiate level. **Steven graduated** from Mission College with his Associate degree in Social Sciences and then transferred to San Francisco State University to continue his baseball career. After a short time at San Francisco State, he transferred to Chico State University to focus on his education. Steven graduated from Chico State University with his **bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice**.



After graduating from college, Steven was a **baseball coach** before the Palo Alto Police Department hired him. Steven attended the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Academy and worked for the Palo Alto Police Department for three years. Steven enjoys working out during his free time, working on cars, playing slow pitch softball, and spending time with friends and family. A fun fact about Steven is that he has an **identical twin brother**, Danny, a police officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

Please join us in **welcoming** Steven to our community!

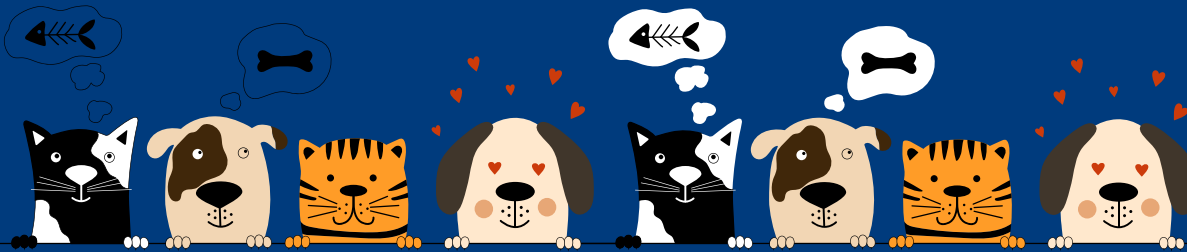
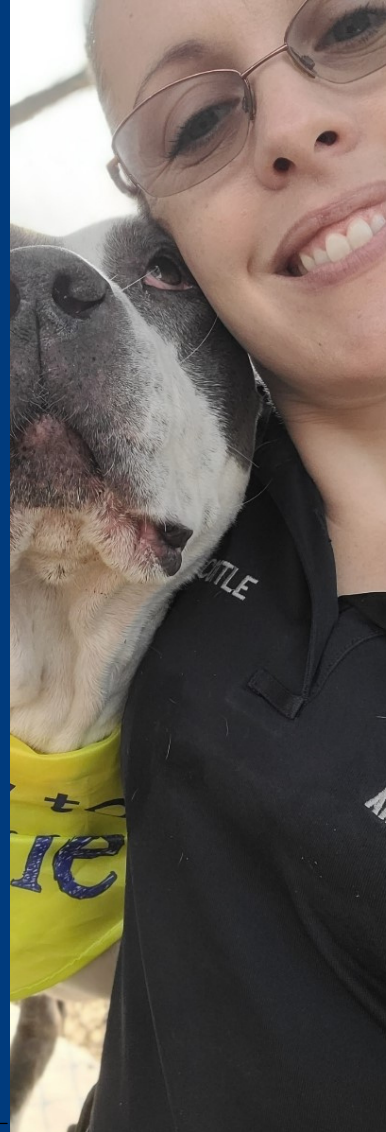


PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

Antioch's First California Certified Animal Control Officer

On January 1, 2020, the Animal Control Officer Standards Act (AB1125) went into effect. This new legislation directs the California Animal Welfare Association (CalAnimals) to develop and maintain standards for a voluntary program to **certify animal control officers within the state of California**. On September 21, 2020, CalAnimals launched the Certified Animal Control Officer program to promote and ensure the highest level of professionalism in animal care and control by setting standards, minimum requirements, and ongoing educational requirements for California Animal Control Officers to carry the 'Certified' designation.

Antioch Animal Services is proud to announce that **Animal Control Officer, Catriona Cottle**, is the first Antioch Animal Control Officer to receive accreditation from CalAnimals and is now a Certified Animal Control Officer (CACO). Please help us congratulate ACO Cottle on her achievement!



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Carlos Zepeda** was hired as a Deputy Public Works Director for the Public Works Department on September 28, 2020.
- **Hilary Brown** was hired as an Associate Community Development Technician for the Community Development Department on September 28, 2020.
- **Rosanna Bayon Moore** was hired as an Assistant City Manager for the City Managers Department on September 30, 2020.
- **Steven Miller** was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on October 5, 2020.

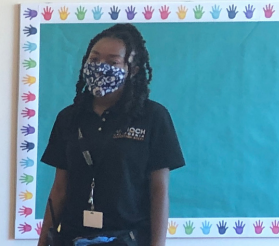
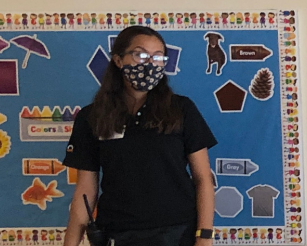
Please join me in welcoming this employee to their new position with the City of Antioch.

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
- Recreation Programs 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.





Senior Meal Deliveries

Meals are an essential part of healthy living in Antioch, and the Antioch Senior Center staff continues to coordinate meal delivery on Fridays. Working with dedicated volunteers, drivers distribute a week's worth of frozen meals to 85 people over the age of 60. If you know of any seniors needing meals, contact Senior Center staff member Rhonda Flanagan at (925) 757-7325. Meals on Wheels, Contra Costa County, and all the area senior centers work tirelessly to ensure that older adults have access to healthy meals.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



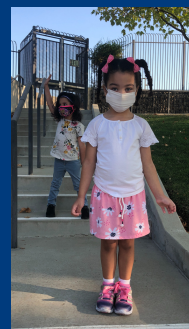
Antioch Fall-O-Ween and Drive-Thru Trick or Treat Events

Get ready for these Spooktacular events! The Antioch Recreation Department, in partnership with the Antioch Police Department, presents the **Antioch Fall-O-Ween and Drive-Thru Trick or Treat events!** The Antioch Police Department's Drive-Thru Trick or Treat event will take place on Saturday, October 31st, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Antioch Water Park OR at the Antioch Police Department! Antioch Water Park is **THE** place to be **October 29th – 31st.** Kids and families can dress up in

their Halloween costumes and enjoy a fun and safe outdoor family experience, from the **Spooky Hay Maze to the Mini Pumpkin Patch & Harvest Scavenger Hunt!** \$10 per family of up to 6. Pre-registration **is** required to ensure health and safety for all families. Pre-registration **is not** required for the Drive-Thru Trick or Treat event. Social distancing and masks are required!

Fall Programs have started

A selection of Fall programs started on September 28th that meets youth and adults' educational and health needs. Staff welcomed back Preschool Academy, Max Martial Arts, Youth Art, and Adult Fitness classes! **Kids enjoyed** spending time together with friends at the Preschool Academy while maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks! Max Martial Arts participants **showed off their skills** in the outdoor amphitheater, youth art classes worked creatively in the ballroom, and Tai Chi & Chi Gong enjoyed their first in-person class since March!





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fences 101

Most people are not aware of the many standards surrounding the construction or modification of fences in the City of Antioch. Here are a few important points to consider. If you're ever unsure, please check with the Community Development Department [here](#).

Residential

- Fences have a maximum height of 36" in the front yard. It is measured from the finished grade of the ground to the top of the fence.
- Fences may not be installed in the public right-of-way. Many people don't realize that the public right-of-way (the public street/sidewalk) often extends 5' beyond the sidewalk into the front yard's landscaped portion. This area may also contain utility boxes or water meters. Please keep this in mind if you are planning a front yard fence – you cannot necessarily build it at the back of the sidewalk.
- Fences in the back or side yards may not exceed 6' in height. The only exception is the addition of lattice or other open material. In those cases, the fence can be up to 8' tall.

Commercial/Industrial

- Fences may not exceed 6' in height unless specially approved by the Zoning Administrator. In those cases, a fence up to 8' in height may be installed.
- Fences may require a Design Review or Use Permit approval. Before spending a lot of money on a new fence, please check with the Planning Division for any unique requirements

Fences 101 Continued

Citywide

- Barbed wire, razor ribbon, and other similar wire are prohibited unless specifically approved by the Zoning Administrator for special circumstances.
- Fences, walls, or hedges may not obstruct a clear vision zone, which is the portion of a site near an intersection or driveway area that allows vision across the corner.
- If chain link fencing is used, it must vinyl clad.
- Fences over 6' in height likely require a Building Permit. Masonry walls or retaining walls also often require a Building Permit. Please check with the Building Inspection Division to see if your project requires a Building Permit.

Contacts

Planning Division/Zoning Administrator:
(925) 779-7035

Building Inspection Division:
(925) 779-7065

More information is available [here](#), and at the American Legal Publishing Corporation [here](#).



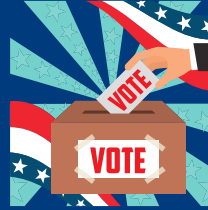
CITY CLERK

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, 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.



Capital Improvements

Installation of the new water main has been completed on W. Tregallas Road, and the contractor has moved on to Shaddick Drive and the adjacent residential streets. Residents should expect some **small traffic delays** in this area for the next few weeks while the contractor is installing the new main and services.

Temporary Closure

The **Fulton Shipyard boat launch** and parking lot will be closed to the public on Thursday, October 8th, and Friday, October 9th, for exploratory excavations (soil testing) related to Public Works Capital Improvement Division's Brackish Water Desalination Project. Please be aware that to ensure public safety, the entire **parking lot and boat launch areas** will not be accessible to the public while this work is performed.



PUBLIC WORKS

Operations and Utilities



Please join us in congratulating **Carlos Zepeda**, a long time Public Works employee recently promoted to Deputy Public Works Director. Carlos accepted his first position with us in Public Works **21 years ago**, allowing him an expansive knowledge and experience in our **maintenance and operations**. We have been impressed with Carlos during his time at the City, and have complete confidence that he will continue to be a strong leader and positive example in this new position.

Stormwater Maintenance

Our Collections (Sewer) **Line Maintenance Crew** is performing essential sewer line cleaning maintenance with our hydro flushing trucks. We have one crew working north of Hwy. 4 and east of Viera Avenue, and a second Maintenance Crew is working south of Hwy. 4 west of Somersville Road. Our Repair Crew is working at various spots on sewer main lines that have been identified as needing repair; this crew completes 1 to 3 repairs daily. In advance of our rainy season, we have a team inspecting and cleaning our storm drain catch basins in various areas north of Hwy. 4.

NPDES (Stormwater)

Our NPDES (Stormwater) Crew is working at West Antioch Creek near the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds on O Street between W 10th and W 4th Streets performing creek maintenance and trash removal to ensure the City is meeting all state, federal, and **Contra Costa Clean Water Program** stormwater pollution prevention regulations. This vital work protects our creeks and rivers that feed into the Bay and Delta waters.



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.**



Economic Development Strategic Plan

On September 22nd, the City's consultant, the Natelson Dale Group, Inc. (TNDG), led a PowerPoint presentation and update on the **City of Antioch's Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP)**. The plan will provide a blueprint for attracting targeted new development and business investment, creating jobs, and ensuring the City's long-term fiscal health. The plan will identify key industries that should focus on Antioch's business retention/ expansion/attraction efforts and will also consider closely-related issues such as infrastructure, land use, education, and workforce development.

EC2 Meeting

On September 29th, staff attended EC2 meeting hosted by Donna Van Wert, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County. Gary Craft gave a PowerPoint presentation on **"Aligning Contra Costa's Workforce with the Regional Economy."** This was a study sponsored by the Workforce Development Board. Gary's report will focus on East Contra Costa. We also heard from Derick Lee, CEO of PilotCity programs, who spoke about his efforts to bring work-based learning to local schools. Ed Del Beccaro from TriCommercial Realty gave updates relative to **industrial and commercial/business projects** within the region.

Updated County Order

On September 29th, the County Order allowed indoor restaurants, gyms, movie theaters, massage parlors, and worship places to **open with restrictions**. Thanks to recent progress being made in the fight against COVID-19 in Contra Costa. The changes come after the county qualified to move into the less restrictive red tier ("substantial") of the state's four-tiered, color-coded reopening system today. Contra Costa had been in the state's purple or "widespread" tier, the most restrictive tier.

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](#).



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



ANTIOCH LIBRARY PRESENTS



Wednesdays | 10 a.m.
Ages 0-3

Join Antioch Library's Youth Services team
virtually for stories, songs, and fingerplays at
www.facebook.com/AntiochPublicLibrary

Antioch Library
Front Door Service Only
501 W. 18th Street 94509 | 925.757.9224
Mon Closed • Tues 1-8 • Wed 11-6 • Thurs 11-6
Fri 10-5 • Sat 10-5 • Sun Closed



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