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Utility Box

Antioch has launched its newest public art program - **Utility Box Painting!** Artist expression brings public spaces to life and supports a more equitable, inclusive, and vibrant community. The Public Works and Recreation Departments collaborated to complete the first project, and the Recreation Department's art instructor, **Abe Rodriguez**, designed and painted a bright and colorful mural on a utility box on L Street, near the entrance to the Antioch Marina.

Drive by and view Abe's amazing local fish inspired design anytime. Stay tuned for more artful designed utility boxes to pop-up during the upcoming months!





Contra Costa County Advances in California's COVID-19 Reopening Plan

Additional businesses and community activities can reopen beginning today in Contra Costa after the County's data indicators for COVID-19 transmission showed **improvement in October**. Contra Costa County has moved to the less-restrictive orange tier of its **Blueprint for a Safer Economy**, allowing for larger local gatherings for indoor worship services and dining and the reopening of indoor pools, bars, and bowling alleys. Health officials caution the importance of following the state health guidance for social distancing and face coverings to keep everyone safe and avoid returning to the red tier. For more information on the County's ongoing reopening plan, check out **www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/**

Bring your E-Waste to a Collection Facility

Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, cell phones and fax machines are common electronic products that make up one of the fastest-growing segments of our nation's waste stream. Because of the heavy metals and other toxic substances contained in many electronic products, it is illegal to dispose of e-waste in the trash. To encourage and help residents comply with the new laws about e-waste, the Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility has added e-waste to the hazardous items now being accepted for recycling and disposal.



Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway in Pittsburg is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call for holiday hours **(925) 756-1990**



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grant Awarded

Exciting news! The Antioch Police Department was recently awarded a \$53,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). This grant will assist in the Antioch Police Department's efforts to reduce Antioch roadways' deaths and injuries. Traffic safety has always been a top priority for our agency and community, and we are confident this grant will assist us in reaching our traffic safety goals.

The one-year grant is for the **2021 federal fiscal year**, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021. The grant will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including:

- Patrols with emphasis on alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention.
- Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of California's hands-free cell phone law.
- Patrols with emphasis on the education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Patrols with emphasis on motorcycle safety
- Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of primary causes of crashes: excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals, improper turning/lane changes.
- Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.
- Collaborative efforts with neighboring agencies on traffic safety priorities.
- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST),
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).



Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the **California Office of Traffic Safety** through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



Candy Sale to Raise Funds

The Antioch Police Department recently learned of a young member of our community having a candy sale in front of her house. This young lady, Gillianna, was selling candy to raise funds to purchase a small, free library for our community. Our swing shift officers put their heads and their wallets together and swung by to donate to Gillianna's cause. Gillianna, we are so proud of you for working so hard to raise the money, and we are so glad to be a part of it!



PD-ANIMAL SERVICES

Dog Licensing

All dogs over four months of age are required to have a rabies vaccination and a City of **Antioch Dog License**. Dog Licenses must be purchased within 30 days of a new residence in Antioch or bringing a new dog home. For your convenience, Dog Licenses may be purchased online or by mail. To purchase online, visit www.petdata.com/cs/ant. To purchase by mail, send in a current rabies vaccination certificate, a spay/neuter certificate, and a check for the correct amount to Antioch Animal Services, 300 L Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

To purchase in person, you must make an appointment as Antioch Animal Services is closed to walk-in patrons due to the COVID pandemic. Anyone wanting to visit the shelter must call (925) 779-6989 in advance to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available daily. Appointments may be scheduled every 30 minutes from 10 AM – 5 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, or 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, and Friday. The last appointment each day is 30 minutes before the close of business. When you arrive for your appointment, you must be wearing a facemask and maintain social distancing at all times. Be sure to bring a current rabies vaccination certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable, when you visit.

For more information about dog licensing requirements in Antioch, visit our website here and scroll down to the Dog License Information tab.





HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Patricia Ricks** was hired as a Customer Service Representative for the Finance Department on October 11, 2020.
- **Zachary Hylton** was hired as a Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Public Works Department on October 26, 2020.
- **Chris Molina** was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Public Works Department on October 26, 2020.
- **Nicco Pedreira** was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on October 25, 2020.
- **Daniel Navarrette** was hired as a Police Officer for the Police Department on October 26,2020.

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

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.



Water Aerobics Program

The Water Aerobics program returned this fall with several safety measures to **ensure safety** for participants while still providing the same fitness **focused workouts**. Over the four sessions offered in September and October, 47 individuals have participated, twice the amount, of participants enrolled in the Water Aerobics program in the fall of 2019.



Playgrounds

Playgrounds are open in
Antioch!!! Remember to wear
masks, maintain social
distance from other children, keep
that hand sanitizer handy, and
be mindful of all park visitors. Visit
the City website for more
guidelines. Get out and
play....safely!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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

The **Antioch Fall-O-Ween event** at the Antioch Water Park has completely **sold out!** Antioch families will participate in a **hay maze & scavenger hunt**, traditional fall experiences. Guests will also get to choose a mini pumpkin from the Water Park Pumpkin Patch and leave with a bag of candy.

Families still looking for a fun Halloween experience can still participate in **Drive-Through Trick or Treating**

hosted by the Antioch Police Department on Saturday, October 31st, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. There is no reservation needed; just drive through one Spooktacular Halloween line! This **event is free for all families**, and there are two locations to choose from – the Antioch Police Department on L Street OR the Antioch Community Center on Lone Tree Way.







Unity Day 2020

The Recreation
Department staff
honored Unity Day
2020. From
youngster to elder,
let's put a stop to
bullying in Antioch.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Become a Clean Air Champion!

Did you know you can still take the Clean Air Pledge and earn prizes with Sustainable Contra Costa at www.CleanAirDay.org? Now through October 31 (or while supplies last), you can also win a \$10 gift card to Rivertown Sweets and a stainless steel water bottle when you take the Clean Air Pledge! For more details on how to claim prizes, check out information here.



If you are looking for ways to be a clean air champion, consider reducing vehicle trips and bike them instead. Don't have a bike? Or need a little help peddling around? Now is the time to buy an electric bicycle! 511 Contra Costa's new **E-Bike Rebate Program** is awarding a limited number of \$150-\$300 cash rebates for e-bikes, e-bike conversion kits, and electric mopeds purchased on or after October 1, 2020, by Contra Costa residents. E-bikes provide a fun, easy, and pollution-free way to get around without driving a car. Visit **511CC.org/rebate** for complete details.



Trash Talk Tuesday

Whether accidental or intentional, litter is **100% preventable**! Accidental litter can happen when items are not properly secure in a vehicle or bag and blow out. Intentional littering, well, those are just litterbugs that need to be taught by others to pick up after themselves. So let's get to it! Check out our education partner, Mr. Eco, in this fun video, **here** share it with friends and family.

Code Enforcement

On Monday, October 19, the Abatement Team within the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department performed a summary abatement of the garbage located in the parking lot of the former CVS on Somersville Road. This area has been the sight of continual litter and illegal dumping issues, and the cost of this cleanup will be billed to the owners. Recently, the local property and business owners at this shopping center have begun a dialogue to proactively address security and property maintenance **issues** in their shared parking lot. We applaud their effort and work with them to bring all parties to the table and hold all accountable. The parking lot in this area is owned by numerous parties, which makes maintenance a challenge. CVS/Caremark has corporate headquarters in Rhode Island and has been the recipient of multiple citations, some as recent as this month. Code **Enforcement will continue to** work with these parties to facilitate an improved condition at the site.



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.

November 3, 2020 General Election

How Do I Vote?

The City of Antioch has consolidated with the Contra Costa County (CCC) Elections Division for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The CCC Elections Division mailed your Vote by Mail Ballots on October 5, 2020. Their address is 555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 335-7800, www.cocovote.us

Registration and Voting Options

To learn about voting in Contra Costa County/City of Antioch; how "Vote-by-Mail" works; check/update your voter registration information; or request a ballot, please click on the following link

Secure Ballot Drop Boxes

What is a ballot drop box? A ballot drop box is a secure drop box where voters can return their voted ballot. Boxes are serviced by two deputized employees of the County Elections Office. The City of Antioch has two secure ballot drop boxes:

- Antioch City Hall, 200 H Street | Parking Lot
- Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way | Parking Lot

Voters can return their ballot to any ballot drop box. Please click on the following <u>link</u> for a list of locations in Contra Costa County.

How do I know you got my ballot?

You can confirm if our office has issued or received your ballot by using our My Voting Information tool. You can also sign up for notifications when your ballot is mailed, received, and counted. Visit WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to sign up.

Get informed, get involved and **VOTE**





State Opens Park Play Structures

After reviewing State guidelines, the Public Works and Recreation Departments re-opened playgrounds in all neighborhood and community parks. Closed signs have been removed, swings re-installed, maintenance, and cleaning schedules returned to normal. We hope everyone has ventured out to enjoy our neighborhood parks. If not, Chichibu Park would be a great first stop. This park is named after, Chichibu, Japan, and features beautiful architectural monuments gifted by our sister city.

Chichibu Park is located at Longview Road and Acorn Drive, situated on over **six acres** in the neighborhood next to Sutter Elementary School; this park recently received a **newly installed play structure**. In addition to the interesting monuments, you will also find lighted tennis courts, horseshoe pits, a group picnic area, a covered BBQ area, play structures, a rose garden, ornamental structures, beautiful shade trees.

PUBLIC WORKS

Operations and Utilities

Public Works (PW) Collections (Sewer) Line Maintenance Crews are performing **essential sewer line cleaning** maintenance with our hydro flushing trucks. We have one crew working south of Hwy. 4 at various locations identified during the inspection process for maintenance.

The second crew is working north of Hwy. 4 at various locations identified as 'hot-spots.' Our repair crew is working at multiple locations throughout the City on **sewer main lines requiring repairs.** In advance of the rainy season, we have a crew inspecting and cleaning our Storm Drain Catch Basins in various areas north of Hwy. 4.

Our NPDES (Stormwater) Crew is working at West Antioch Creek near Hwy. 4, behind the Target store in Pittsburg, performing creek maintenance and trash removal to ensure the City meets all state, federal, and Contra Costa Clean Water Program stormwater pollution prevention regulations.



The Landscape Maintenance crews continue in our medians and landscaped areas. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue working on getting these areas clean and green. The crews are working in the right of way (ROW= sides of major roads) and medians (middle of the roads), so please keep an eye out for traffic control and maintain a safe speed and distance for everyone's safety!

Use this <u>link</u> below to follow the landscape maintenance crews progress.

Contra Costa Transportation Authority



Residents of Contra Costa County can now receive cash rebates for new electric bicycles (e-bikes) through a pilot program launched by 511 Contra Costa (511CC). Check **511CC.org/rebate** to learn more complete details.

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.**

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 workbased learning to local schools. Ed Del Beccaro from TriCommercial Realty gave updates relative to industrial and commercial/business projects within the region.

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.

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 fourtiered, color-coded reopening system today. Contra Costa had been in the state's purple or "widespread" tier, the most restrictive tier.

bludet 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**.





Opportunity is for everyone here.

Antioch Police Department Drive-Thru Trick or Treat!

October 31st 1:00-4:00PM-FREE EVENT!

Antioch Police Department 300 L. Street 94509 OR

Antioch Water Park 4701 Lone Tree Way 94531

Antioch Recreation Department Presents Fall-O-Ween

Pre-registration Required!

October 29th - 31st Antioch Water Park antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration

Two Spooktacular Events!

Hosted by the Antioch Police Department
& Antioch Recreation Department

Contact us at (925) 776-3050 for more information

ANTIQCH CALIFORNIA RECREATION DEPARTMENT







GAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS FROM HOME!

Classes taught via Zoom!



ADMINISTRATIVE CAREERS TRAINING

FIND A CAREER IN AN OFFICE ENVIRONMENT AT NO COST TO YOU!

- 12 weeks computer & life skills training
- 4 month paid internship
- Career guidance
- Job placement assistance
- Laptops and books are provided
- Must be a Contra Costa resident

SELECT A DATE TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION SESSION

10 AM on Jan. 4th (Mon), Jan. 11th (Mon), or Jan. 19th (Tues)

3 PM on Jan. 6th (Wed), Jan. 13th (Wed), or Jan. 20th (Wed)

Government partners include the CDBG Programs of the City of Antioch, City of Pittsburg, and Contra Costa County CSBG Program, and Contra Costa's Employment and Human Services Department.

www.OpportunityJunction.org