

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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Ferryland

Contra Costa Expanded Ferry Service

As gas prices continue to soar in the Bay Area, Contra Costa County is exploring different transportation options that will allow residents to navigate the byways and highways throughout the 19 cities consortium. One great idea percolating around the County is developing and implementing an expanded ferry system. On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, the City Council adopted a resolution that authorized the City to both enter and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the cities of Antioch, Martinez, Hercules, Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA) and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), collectively referred to as the "Parties," to evaluate the feasibility of developing an Expanded Ferry Service in Contra Costa County.

The estimated cost to initiate and complete the feasibility study for the Expanded Ferry Service is \$200,000, which will be equally divided between the cities mentioned above and County. The City of Antioch will finance its fair share of the overall cost by withholding \$40,000 of its Measure J funding, initially allocated for local streets and maintenance improvements.

Further work is required to determine the operating parameters of the service, including, but not limited to, the projection for ferry demand, service frequency, fare structure, overall operational cost, as well as purchase/lease agreements for vessels to perform the multidimensional cities/county ferry services. To ensure a successful outcome, the City Council acknowledges that expanded ferry service planning, development, and implementation strategy will entail a coordinated effort with key stakeholders, policymakers, permitting agencies, and community representatives.

Once the Parties have both developed and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of each of the Parties, the City will better understand how the expanded ferry service will benefit our residents. Although this project is still in its preliminary planning stage, the City is confident that after the feasibility study, all the Parties will have created a Ferryland where commuters would have another option to travel throughout our wonderful County.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident while on patrol

APD officers were patrolling the Sycamore Square shopping center when a 30-year-old male was contacted. As officers continued their investigation, it was discovered that the male was armed, and a brief struggle ensued, during which time a loaded firearm was found concealed on his person. During this tense and chaotic incident, a second male subject attempted to interfere in the arrest and found himself in police custody. We are happy to say no one was hurt during this scary encounter, and the male arrested will spend some time in the county jail. The firearm depicted in the photographs was discovered to be previously reported as stolen to Antioch PD as well from a separate incident.



**ANTIOCH
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DEPARTMENT**

**ANTIOCH PD
GUN BUYBACK
PROGRAM**

Individuals will receive
gift cards for each
firearm that is
surrendered.

**BETWEEN \$50 - \$200
IN GIFT CARDS**

ANONYMOUS AND
OPEN TO ALL
NO ID NEEDED
**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2022
10:00 AM- 2:00PM**

FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT
 (925) 779-6900 ext 83626
Corporal Vanderpool
 JVanderpool@Antiochca.gov

LOCATION
 300 L St,
Antioch CA

TRANSPORTATION
 Please Transport Your
Firearm Unloaded & In The
TRUNK Of Your Vehicle

AVAILABILITY
 Funds are limited and subject to
availability. Buybacks are first-come,
first-serve. Gift card payments will be
based on operation and type of
firearm.

www.Antiochca.gov/police

OPPORTUNITY LIVES HERE

Antioch PD Gun Buyback

Join us for our gun buyback event
December 17, 2022 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Theater Upgrades

The Nick Rodriguez Community Center Theater is currently receiving upgrades! The City Council approved \$50,000 of funding to upgrade the sound and light system. Venuetech Management Group, which has also done work on the El Campanil Theater, was hired for the job.

The new system will include the following:

- State-of-the-art digitally controlled LED stage lighting
- New sound controls
- An array of new microphones

We look forward to sharing these upgrades with our user groups and the community!



Golden State Warriors Team Up with Antioch Recreation

On December 10th, the Golden State Warriors are partnering with the Antioch Recreation Department to offer a Holiday Clinic for local youth ages 9-12. The two-hour clinic will take place at the Antioch Community Center Gym from 10 am-12 pm and feature drill stations instructed by Golden State Warriors Academy Coaches, fun mini-games, prizes, and a performance from the Golden State Warriors Dunk Team. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Sign up today; space is limited to the first 80 children to register.

Good Deeds

Tona, a participant in our Thursday morning Tai Chi class, was out on a walk a few weeks ago when her dog, Maddie, was attacked by another dog, resulting in five punctures. The dog owner paid half the veterinary bill, leaving Tona to pay the other thousand. Our Tai Chi family all came together and gave her a card at the following class, and to her surprise, when she opened the card, there was a thousand dollars to cover the remainder of the bill.



This goes to show what amazing people are out there. The Tai Chi group gets together weekly after class for bagels; they all have a great bond. So, it is true Tai Chi does generate positive energy!

Ready, Set, Go-bble!

On Thursday, November 17th, the Antioch Senior Center held its annual Thanksgiving Event, "Ready, Set, Go-bble." The event included a catered lunch by Freddy B's Barbecue with smoked turkey, hams, chickens donated from Supervisor Federal Glover's office, and a live band. Over 50 members of the senior community joined in the celebration!



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ANIMAL SERVICES



Generous Supporters!



Our Pet Food Bank program is made available through the generosity of our supporters, so the type of food available may vary daily. Right now, we have a LOT of dry cat food available, as we recently received a donation of three pallets (5,500 lbs.) of dry cat food from the Fill the Food Bank promotion by Pet Food Express. This is an amazing donation from Pet Food Express, and we are very grateful for their support.

We are truly blessed by the generosity and support from our community and want to pass along this generosity to those who may need some help feeding their pets. For more information please contact us at (925) 779-6989 or email antiochanimalservices@gmail.com.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral
- Police Academy Graduate/Student
- Police Trainee
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Junior Engineer/Assistant Engineer
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Operations Supervisor

- Rachel Hundley was hired as Assistant City Attorney effective November 14, 2022.
- Rachel Harris was hired as an Assistant Public Works Technician for the Public Works Department effective November 21, 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



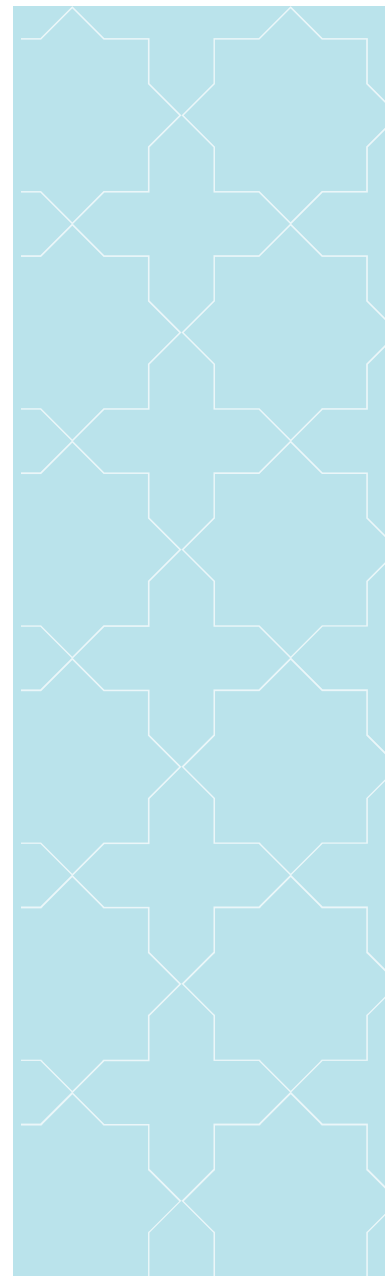
New Billboard Regulations

On November 17, 2022, the Planning Commission considered new regulations for billboards in the City of Antioch. Presently, billboards are allowed in certain zoning districts with a Use Permit issued by the Planning Commission. These zoning districts are scattered throughout the City, and only limited standards are provided.

The proposed regulations would expand where billboards could be located but require them to be within 500 feet of a freeway and oriented towards the freeway. This will prevent a billboard from becoming a nuisance or visual disturbance for residential neighborhoods. The regulations also impose a separation requirement between billboards to ensure proper visual balance and improve traffic safety. The restrictions apply to the location and size of static and electronic billboards - they do not apply to the billboard's content, which is not generally regulated.

The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt these new regulations through an amendment to the City's sign ordinance. This item will be presented at a forthcoming City Council meeting.

The full agenda and staff report from the Planning Commission meeting is available at: <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/planning-commission/>.



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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

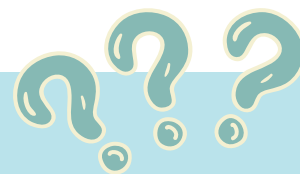
The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in our local community by volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#).



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
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PUBLIC WORKS

City Park under Construction

City Park is currently under construction for a landscape enhancement project. Turf areas will be reseeded to improve the overall turf health. Upgrading the irrigation system will help the city reduce water usage in parks. There will also be a memorial rose garden with various roses. City Park will remain open throughout the project, while construction areas will be blocked off.



New Traffic Signal Lights

Please see attached pictures for new traffic signal lights on Laurel Road and Canada Valley Road. The traffic signal is still under construction



Brackish Water Desal Plant - Work in Progress

Construction crews preparing to coat filter media basins for the new Brackish Water Desal plant.



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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

EL CAMPANIL THEATRE PRESENTS:

Live from The Workshop

A ONE-ON-ONE WITH SANTA CLAUS

DECEMBER 3RD-18TH, 2022

ALL APPOINTMENTS: \$20 ,| [El Campanil Theater](#)

Book a 5-minute Zoom sit-down with the Big Guy himself, ask him your burning questions, and--most importantly--find out if you're on the "Nice" list! Parents/guardians: you can even send along a copy of your child's letter to Santa to ensure that your child has an experience they'll never forget!



EL CAMPANIL THEATRE PRESENTS:
THE BIG JANGLE & MIDNIGHT FLYER

THE BEST OF TOM PETTY &

THE BEST OF THE EAGLES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH @ 3PM

ADULTS: \$32, SENIORS: \$29, YOUTH: \$15

[El Campanil Theater](#)

It's TWO concerts in one! Join us for a rip-roaring afternoon of music featuring the Tom Petty tribute band "The Big Jangle" and the Eagles tribute band "Midnight Flyer"! The heart of 70s rock & roll beats hard with this unforgettable double-header--you don't want to miss this one!



Antioch Municipal Marina

Antioch Municipal Marina offers one of the best locations on the merge Delta where the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, you will enjoy our superior sporting location and tremendous value at the gateway to the California Delta.

Antioch Marina's focus is to provide our customers an active recreational boating experience in a family friendly atmosphere at a location that cannot be beat! [Overnight Reservation Request Information here](#). Your discovery of the California Delta starts here!



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