



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE DECEMBER 1, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending December 1, 2017.

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I attended a Public Town Hall Meeting on the Financial Feasibility of the Proposed WaterFix Project, co-hosted by Assemblymember Jim Frazier and Senator Bill Dodd. This well attended event featured presentations by the State Auditor's Office on significant cost increases and failure to follow State bidding protocol, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding their response to the recent audit and project timelines, and Dr. Jeffrey Michael, Executive Director of the Center for Business & Policy Research at the University of the Pacific on his benefit-cost analysis of the project, as none has been completed by DWR to date. The meeting was also attended by Senator Steve Glazer and Supervisor Diane Burgis, among several other elected officials.

The League of California Cities appointed Council Member Lori Ogorchock to the Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations and Public Safety Policy Committees; Council Member Monica Wilson to the Housing, Community & Economic Development Policy Committee; and City Clerk Arne Simonsen to the Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations and Housing, Community & Economic Development Policy Committees.

The **Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations** Policy Committee reviews state legislation as it relates to transparency, technology (open data), healthcare, elections and political reform. Additionally, the committee oversees pension and workers compensation reform, as well as other labor-related issues.



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The **Housing, Community & Economic Development** Policy Committee reviews issues related to general plans, zoning, housing, rent control, Subdivision Map Act, residential care facilities, other land use regulation, development fees including school fee adequacy, annexation and incorporation policy, development agreements, building standards including seismic safety standards, economic development policy, military base closure and reuse, mobile home regulation, and sign regulation.

The **Public Safety** Policy Committee reviews both federal and state legislation and issues, and makes recommendations to the League board of directors related to law enforcement, fire and life safety policies, emergency communications, and emergency services, including ambulance and disaster preparedness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Holiday Parade - December 2, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Downtown Antioch





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12th Annual Local Artist Collection Exhibit Opens at the Lynn House Gallery

Just in time for the holiday season, the 12th Local Artist Collection opens on Saturday, November 18th, at the Lynn House Gallery, with an artist reception (free to the public) from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit continues through December 2nd on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will feature 35+ local artists and is a diverse, non-themed mixed media exhibit of artwork featuring paintings, multi-media, pottery, photographs and more. The exhibit will provide the community with an opportunity to view and purchase local art.

Location:
The Lynn House Gallery
809 West 1st Street
Downtown Antioch

For more information visit www.Art4Antioch.org
(925) 779-7018 or email Diane@Art4Antioch.org
Art Credits: Bristlecone Pine Tree 4000 Years Old, Linda Pinkston-Sanford and Italian Red, Ann McGill



El Campanil Theatre
602 W. Second St.
Downtown Antioch
Tickets: www.ElCampanilTheatre.com or (925) 757-9500

Hotel California
A Salute To The Eagles
Friday, December 1, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

HOTEL CALIFORNIA "A Salute to the Eagles" was founded with the intent of filling the void left by the demise of The Eagles in 1982. By blending their extraordinary vocal and musical talents, HOTEL CALIFORNIA faithfully and accurately reproduces the





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sound of the Eagles studio recordings while recreating a classic sound which undeniably transcends the boundaries of Rock, R&B, and Country while delivering a modern, action packed performance that brings this timeless music into the new millennium.

Adults: \$27, Seniors (62 & Over): \$25, Youth (Under 18): \$10 (Reserved Seating)
Information: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/hotel-california.html>



**El Campanil Theatre Presents
A Christmas Story
Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:00 pm**

After the show – stay downtown and watch the Holiday Delites Parade

Christmas is approaching and 9 year-old Ralphie wants only one thing: a Red Ryder Range 200 Shot BB gun. When he mentions it at the dinner table, his mother's immediate reaction is that he will put his eye out. He fantasizes about what it would be like to be Red Ryder and catch the bad guys. When the big day arrives he gets lots of presents under the tree including a lovely gift from his aunt that his mother just adores. But what about the BB gun?

Runtime: 94 minutes
Rated: PG

Adults: \$8, Seniors (62 & Over): \$7, Students: \$7 (General Seating)
<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/A-Christmas-Story.html>



It's A Major Award ... and you can win it! We will be raffling an authentic 50" replica of the famous Major Award right after the screening of the film. \$5 per chance to win this beautiful window display.

You must be present to win. Buy Raffle Tickets along with your movie tickets online – or at the door. \$5 each.



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El Campanil Theatre Presents It's A Wonderful Life Sunday, December 3, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

George Bailey has spent his entire life giving of himself to the people of Bedford Falls. He has always longed to travel but never had the opportunity in order to prevent rich skinflint Mr. Potter from taking over the entire town. All that prevents him from doing so is George's modest building and loan company, which was founded by his generous father. But on Christmas Eve, George's Uncle Billy loses the business' \$8,000 while intending to deposit it in the bank. Potter finds the misplaced money and hides it from Billy. When the bank examiner discovers the shortage later that night, George realizes that he will be held responsible and sent to jail and the company will collapse, finally allowing Potter to take over the town. Thinking of his wife, their young children, and others he loves will be better off with him dead, he contemplates suicide. But the prayers of his loved ones result in a gentle angel named Clarence coming to earth to help George, with the promise of earning his wings.



Runtime: 118 min
Rated: PG

Adults: \$8, Seniors (62 & Over): \$7, Students: \$7 (General Seating)
<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/Its-A-Wonderful-Life.html>



Julio and the Muzeke Saturday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Center Court I

We are excited to announce that Julio and The Muzeke will entertain our holiday shoppers and regulars alike with a concert at Center Court I.





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Santa Cares

**Sunday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Center Court II**

Children with special needs and their families are invited to attend a private photo session where extra care is taken to support the sensory, physical and other developmental needs of children. Please RSVP by Friday, December 1st, at SantaCares.com. Walk-ins welcome!



Breakfast With Santa

**Saturday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.
Center Court II**

Pre-register by Thursday, December 7, 2017, by calling (925) 754-5230



Artisan's & Howliday Pet Adoption Fair

Presented by Purrfect Pets Magazine

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Holiday shopping with a variety of vendors inside and outside the mall. Pet pictures with Santa from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. A Fashion Show starts at 12:00 p.m. There will be pet adoptions, pet micro chipping, and a raffle fundraiser.

More information:

SomersvilleTowneCenter.com

(925) 754-5230

Email: sskinner@urbanretail.com



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[Spend \\$150 and get a \\$20 Gift Card!](#)

Tuesday, December 5 – Monday, December 11

Spend \$150 or more at Somersville Towne Center stores to get your FREE \$20 gift card. Redeem your receipts at the Redemption Booth near Macy's while supplies last. Redemption Booth hours are Tuesday, December 6 to Monday, December 12 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. One per customer, while supplies last. Receipts must be dated December 6 to December 12, 2017, and must be for Somersville Towne Center Retailers only.



Celebrate the Holidays Downtown!

Celebrate the Holidays in Rivertown!



Holiday Store & Window Décor Contest Ballot

Vote for your favorite window or store decorations from the list of participating Rivertown businesses, below and be entered to win Prizes from Shops in **Antioch's Historic Downtown!** *You must turn in your ballot by 5 PM, Saturday, **December 23**. Please mark only ONE box.*

- ☐ State Farm Jim Lanter - 310 G Street
- ☐ Cut 'N Up The Barber Lounge - 308 G Street
- ☐ Urban Jumble - 307 G Street
- ☐ Rivertown Treasure Chest - 306 G Street
- ☐ Oddly Unique - 209 G Street
- ☐ Serenity & Sobriety - 208 G Street
- ☐ G St. Mercantile - 205 G Street
- ☐ The Rose Time of Day - 204 G Street
- ☐ Reign Salon - 606 W. Second Street
- ☐ East County Veterans Thrift Store - 522 W. 2nd Street
- ☐ Almost There Travel - 506 W. Second Street
- ☐ Rapunzel Wigs - 505 W. Second Street
- ☐ Write-In: _____



The winner of the contest will be announced on **Dec. 23rd** on the Antioch Herald website, Facebook page and Antioch Rivertown Facebook page. Voters will be eligible for a drawing of prizes including a \$50 Gift Certificate from Urban Jumble & East County Veterans Thrift Store, \$50 Gift Certificate to G St. Mercantile from Jim Lanter State Farm, 2 Tickets to the performance of your choice from El Campanil Theatre, Tickets to Maya Cinemas from Reign Salon and more prizes from Oddly Unique and Rivertown Treasure Chest. Winners will be contacted by the merchants.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Information gathered is solely for contact purposes for the prize drawing.
Must be at least 18 years of age to vote. Thank You for Playing!



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Stay Connected to Your Community. Did you know the City of Antioch has a variety of ways to communicate? Check out our social media. We are continuing our efforts to better communicate with our residents.



Antioch on the Move

Antioch, CA Community and Events

Economic Business News to share? Please email izepeda@ci.antioch.ca.us for submittals and to share pictures, stories, links, or media releases on our social media outlets.

CITY CLERK

The next City Council Meeting will be held on December 12, 2017, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Annotated Agenda for the November 28th City Council Meeting is posted on the City's Website. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions:

- Morteza Amiri was sworn in as a Police Officer on Monday, November 27, 2017.
- Tyler Bartholomew was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator in training for the Public Works Department on Monday, November 27, 2017.
- John Adams was hired as a Collection Systems Supervisor for the Public Works Department on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Please join me in welcoming these employees to their new positions with the City of Antioch.

Current Open Recruitments:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Recreation Specialist
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (part-time)



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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 <http://ci.antioch.ca.us/Human-Resources>. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.

RECREATION



This week the **NEW 2018 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide** was mailed to Antioch residents. This guide has been updated with a beautiful glossy cover with full color graphics inside! An additional 21 new classes and activities provide new opportunities for the community.

Are you looking for that perfect holiday picture, want to get in the holiday spirit, or do you just need a place to rest and restore? Stop by the Antioch Community Center on Lone Tree Way and enjoy the holiday decorations in the Lobby! Our friendly staff will greet you and help you connect with the community.



A new session of Tai Chi/Chi Gong and Strength Training started this week. Our Tai Chi class is very popular for residents due to its defense techniques and many health benefits. The art has been associated with reduced stress, anxiety, depression and enhanced mood, in both healthy people and those with chronic conditions.

Santa Claus will accept letters from young children at the Antioch Community Center beginning December 1st. The Antioch Council of Teens will assist Santa in answering all letters dropped off by children. It is the second year the ACT has helped Santa's Mail Box Program. Children will delight in putting their letters to Santa in the festive mailbox posted in the Antioch Community Center lobby. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Antioch Community Center during business hours from December 1st through 18th.





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Last Friday, Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover donated 100 frozen turkeys to the Antioch Senior Center, which were given away to the first 100 community members visiting the Center.

Also last Friday, 40 seniors enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner with prizes, music and fun. The Rotary Club of the Delta/Antioch sponsored this gathering; it is an important time of year to keep seniors engaged with each other and their friends.

With the holiday closure, only 258 affordable healthy meals were served last week at the Senior Center. The CoCo Café program helps prevent heart attacks, depression, asthma and congestive heart failure. No membership or income requirements are required to eat at the CoCo Café. All supplies are provided by Contra Costa County to all participating cafés.



<https://www.facebook.com/antiochrecreation>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As 2017 comes to a close, the Community Development Department is very thankful for the many people that come through our doors and for the privilege that we have to serve them. In this coming year, we look forward to making a major change to expand our ability to serve the public. Beginning in January 2018, the Community Development Department will be open in both the morning and the afternoon. Residents, contractors, architects, and anyone else can come in and speak with Planning, Building, Engineering or Code Enforcement staff to submit plans or get their questions answered. We look forward to this opportunity and are grateful to those who helped us get here.

Planning Division. On November 28th, Community Development Director Forrest Ebbs and Planning Manager Alexis Morris volunteered at Dallas Ranch Middle School and Black Diamond Middle School, speaking to eighth grade students about their experiences working in local government and describing the career opportunities available with the City of Antioch. As these eighth graders prepare applications for their high school academies, they will need to think about their long-term aspirations. We hope that a career with the City of Antioch will be on many lists.





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On November 28, the City Council elected to continue three important items. The General Plan Land Use Element Update and the Downtown Specific Plan were both continued to the December 12, 2017 meeting and the Vineyards at Sand Creek Project Modifications project was continued to the January 9, 2018 meeting. Information about these projects can be found on the Planning website or by contacting Forrest Ebbs at febbs@ci.antioch.ca.us.

Building Division. Work has begun on the former Humphrey's Building at 1 Marina Plaza. The new owner will be preparing the building for a future restaurant tenant and is working with the City to improve access for the disabled and make other improvements.

In addition, demolition has begun on the building at 1700 Cavallo Road to make way for the Rocketship Charter School, which is expected to open next fall.

Code Enforcement Division. As a reminder, the City uses a very convenient app called **SeeClickFix**, which enables residents to file and document complaints about code enforcement issues. The app ensures that the complaints are properly filed so that new cases can be opened. More information is available at:

<https://en.seeclickfix.com/antioch>

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm> .



New Fishing Line Recycling Program at the Antioch Marina Thanks to the Antioch High School EDGE Academy!

Fishing Line can entangle and kill wildlife, and cause boat damage. It is not biodegradable and can remain in the environment for over 600 years. Wildlife may suffer from loss of limbs from line entanglement and even death from gangrenous infection, or ingestion of the line. Fishing line discarded in our waterways also fouls boat propellers, especially around boat ramps and fishing areas. Even when we dispose the line in trash bins it still goes to the landfill which creates the same hazards for wildlife, unless it is cut into small pieces. The solution is to join the California Fishing Line Recycling Program and the City of Antioch has just done that! Fishing line placed





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in the four tubes placed around the Antioch Marina will be collected and mailed in for recycling. Our wildlife saving receptacles were built by Mr. James' shop class at Antioch High School. The shop students learned how to work with PVC pipe and power tools, and things at the Antioch Marina got a little bit greener. Thanks EDGE for helping us out with this project!



<https://www.facebook.com/EcoAntioch/>

PUBLIC WORKS



Water Distribution Operators

John S. and Simon K. responded to a water break on Belle Drive on Tuesday. The Crew's first priority is to secure the area for public safety. The next priority is to isolate the broken section of the water main to minimize damages and potential of a sink hole from forming as a result of the volume of water. The entire crew worked diligently to restore water service to the affected customers as quickly as possible.



Thank you to everyone for your patience and safe driving during the repairs.

Antioch boasts many beautiful trees; unfortunately, we lost a very large one in the storm on Monday. The responding crew worked quickly to clear the roadway while keeping morning traffic flowing safely...well done Street Crew!



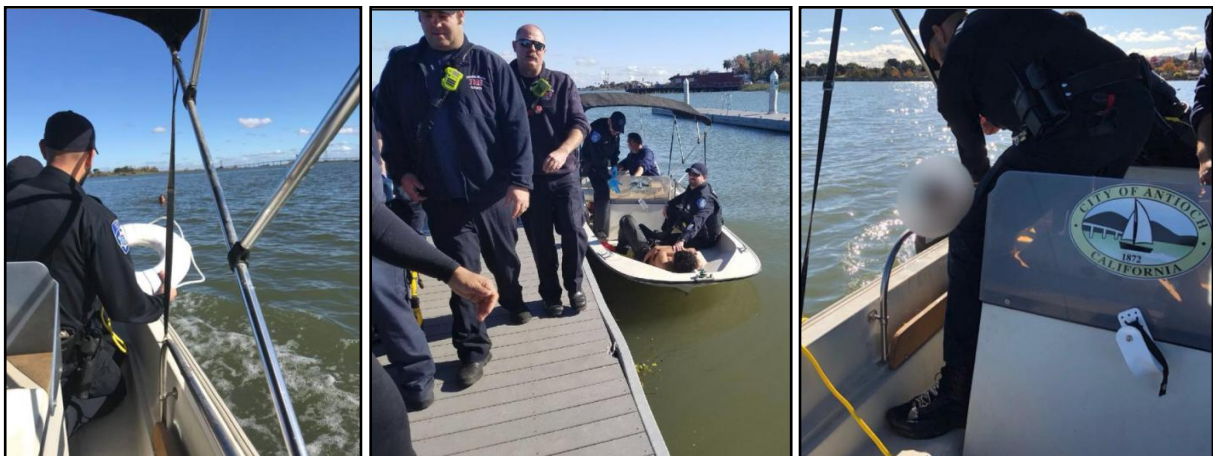


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Early Monday afternoon, the Police Department received calls regarding a male that was seen in the water in the area of the river north of the historical Antioch Lumber building. The calls advised that the person was yelling for help, and appeared to be in distress.

Officers quickly arrived and found the man was several hundred feet from the shore and needed assistance. Law enforcement water support was not immediately available, so officers contacted James Pflueger at the Antioch Marina who assisted in the rescue with the Marina's motor boat.

The man was successfully rescued from his predicament, and transported to a local hospital for treatment of hypothermia as the water temperature was less than 60 degrees. The circumstances surrounding how the man ended up in the water remain under investigation, but a happy ending nonetheless to a scary situation.



Contact Public Works:

Mobile Devices: Download the **SeeClickFix** application on a mobile device.

Email: publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us.

City website: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm>.

Phone: (925) 779-6950



<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Antioch-Public-Works-566519033543711/>



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POLICE

Please say hello to the newest member of the Antioch PD family, Officer Morteza Amiri. Pictured here with Chief Tammany Brooks, Morteza was sworn in on November 27th. He is a lateral officer from the Brentwood Police Department, and comes to us with three years of experience. Morteza was born and raised in the Bay Area, and attended high school in Dublin. After high school, Morteza attended Los Positas College before working as a Loss Prevention Agent for both Old Navy and Target in Antioch.



He currently attends California Coast University, and is pursuing his Bachelor's degree. When he is not working, Morteza can be found hiking with his 18 month old Belgian Malinois. He also enjoys traveling and trying different types of food. A fun fact about Officer Amiri is that because he has always admired the Antioch Police Department, he would sometimes switch his radio from the Brentwood radio channel and accidentally answer up to respond to the Antioch PD calls.....guess it was meant to be!

Congratulations Morteza and welcome!

Starting November 22, 2017 the Antioch Police Department, in partnership with the United States Postal Service, began conducting sting operations to catch thieves stealing delivered packages from porches. This has been an ongoing issue for all of the cities in the East County area. The operation was successful; netting two would-be thieves on the very first day. In addition, we posted crime prevention tips on our Facebook page. With more and more deliveries anticipated in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we will be conducting additional sting operations. We are also focusing on getting the word out to would-be thieves that the Antioch Police are on the lookout. "The package you're thinking about stealing may just be a bait package. Taking it could result in your arrest."



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On November 21, 2017 Officers conducted a proactive traffic detail. Traffic-related issues continue to be one of the top complaints from our citizens. The officer's primary focus was to stop people for the moving violations that tend to cause traffic collisions such as stop signs, red lights, and speed violations. Officers were out and about all over the city issuing warnings and citations. In the end they issued 66 traffic citations, 2 parking citations, and assisted with an injury accident. We will continue to conduct traffic details periodically to remind drivers in Antioch to be mindful of their driving behaviors.





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The Antioch Police Department is excited to announce the 86th installment of the Neighborhood Cleanup Program. This is a collaborative community effort which involves active participation from The Antioch Police Department Crime Prevention Commission, Neighborhood Watch Program, Volunteers in Police Service, community volunteers and the Public Works Department.



Collectively, “**We**”, everyone who works and lives in the City Antioch, can make a difference and improve the quality of life. It is our community and our chance to make a difference.

The City of Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup program is not just for residential neighborhoods. It is a program that will change venues on a monthly basis and will include business and commercial areas as well. Neighborhoods that are free of trash and refuse are inviting, and a clean community instills a sense of community pride.

The 86th Neighborhood Cleanup event will occur on **Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We will be cleaning the neighborhood near Williamson Ranch Park from Hillcrest, Lone Tree Way, Furlong Way, Indian Hill Drive and Morgan Way. Volunteers will meet at Williamson Ranch Park and park in the parking lot.

Volunteers will receive instructions and the equipment necessary to accomplish the goal. The targeted area is within walking distance. Excluding inclement weather, future Neighborhood Cleanup events are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month and the locations will be announced in advance.

Remember, cleaning up your neighborhood can make life better for your family, your neighbors and your community!



<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochPolice/>



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Animal Services. With the holidays upon us, there are many organizations who could use your donations. Here at Antioch Animal Services we want to ask our community to "give" to the Non-Profit that has been giving to Antioch Animal Services for 23 years. We are so thankful for the generosity of Friends of Animal Services (FOAS) for supporting our animals and shelter for over two decades. Pictured is Cheyenne, a shy, stray girl who arrived at the shelter with a broken leg. FOAS covered the cost of Cheyenne's surgery to repair her leg. If you have a few dollars to spare, please consider giving to FOAS who have never hesitated to give to the animals of our community. Cheyenne has received her necessary surgery and is now in need of a foster for the duration of her recovery. We have high hopes for this girl and I know she has high hopes for us!



**Friends of Animal Services
PO Box 1242
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<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochAnimalServices/>