



## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE DECEMBER 8, 2017



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the City Manager's Report for the week ending December 8, 2017.

### **CITY MANAGER**

Last Saturday's Downtown Lighted Parade and tree lighting were both wonderful, well attended events. I'd like to thank the event sponsor, Celebrate Antioch, for making this year's event the best one yet. The collaborative effort between the City and Celebrate Antioch is a good example of our commitment to working with private business and non-profits to make Antioch better. I would like to give a special thanks to our Facility Maintenance Lead Worker Marvin Mayorga who did an especially nice job of decorating the tree in front of City Hall.



City Clerk Simonsen and I attended a meeting at the City of Concord where the County Clerk and his elections staff spoke to several of the City Clerks, City Attorneys and City Managers about the ramifications of converting from At-Large to District Elections. The California Voters Rights Act has prompted letters from attorneys to several cities, including Antioch, putting us on notice that the terms of the Act are in need of implementation. The County Clerk's primary concern is that multiple cities may submit requests for new districts within their communities that will trigger the need to create new precincts, move polling locations and other actions that will be both time consuming and costly for his office, and which may also cause issues and challenges for voters.

The Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division will be hosting a meeting about the proposed CARE Center in Antioch for businesses adjoining the proposed site. At this meeting we will be providing information about the CARE Center, answering questions, and gathering input on how to successfully offer this resource to those in



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need in East Contra Costa County. The meeting will be held at the proposed site on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. at 2625 Crow Court in Antioch.



The Hard House located on First Street in Downtown Antioch was built by Roswell Butler Hard in 1869. Mr. Hard was a county supervisor, Sheriff and first Mayor (chairman of the town council) of Antioch. At the time it was built, it was one of the most beautiful and costly homes in the County and served as the meeting place for the first board of trustees in the newly incorporated City of

Antioch, the first City to be incorporated in the County. Constructed entirely of brick manufactured in Antioch, the home was the first property in Antioch to be listed on the State and Federal Registry of Historic Sites. Having sat in a state of disrepair for many years, it was time to clear the weeds, trim the trees and give the property some much needed attention. Pictured is Fred Hoskins, a long-time local advocate for restoring the building and property. Fred was pleased with the clean-up efforts and hopes to initiate talks with non-profits or other groups who may also be interested in seeing the building restored to its original glory.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF ANTIOCH – 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOUR TOUR “HOLIDAY MAGIC”

The House Tour benefits scholarships, local charities and restoration of their historic clubhouse

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 per person  
Includes light hors d'oeuvres, dessert table, champagne punch, coffee & candy bar





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Purchase your tickets at:

Rivertown Treasure Chest, 306 G Street (925) 238-0090

Print Club, 1913 Verne Roberts Circle (925) 754-8771

G Street Mercantile, 205 G Street (925) 732-3877

The East County Senior Coalition is hosting Holiday Happenings at the Antioch Senior Center on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend and enjoy pictures with Santa, refreshments, and craft activities. There is no fee for this collaborative event – everyone come and enjoy!



### **El Campanil Theatre**

602 W. Second St.

Downtown Antioch

Tickets: [www.ElCampanilTheatre.com](http://www.ElCampanilTheatre.com) or (925) 757-9500

### **The Ballet Company of East County The Nutcracker**

Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17, 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Orchestra (Ground Level): \$20

Loge (1st Level Upstairs): \$18

Opera (2nd Level Upstairs): \$16



Come Celebrate With Us! The Ballet Company of East County is celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation of The Nutcracker. This timeless holiday classic is sure to delight your entire family!

Special meet and greet opportunities! (Before the Saturday 7:00 p.m. & Sunday 4:00 p.m. shows).

Tickets: <https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/the-nutcracker.html>





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### **In The Light Voice Studio Presents "Hamilton: An American Musical"**

Saturday, December 30, 3:00 p.m.  
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In The Light Voice Studio, featuring singers and actors from the Broadway world, regional theater companies, The Voice, American Idol, YouTube fame, the Television and Recording industry presents a musical tribute to "Hamilton: An American Musical," featuring songs from the Tony Award winning musical that is sweeping the nation!

Tickets are available online through Brown Paper Tickets  
No Tickets will be sold at the door

\$13.00 plus \$1.45 service charge (General Seating)

Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3157291>  
Information: (925) 628-3683



### **Breakfast with Santa – Kids' Club Saturday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for the Kids' Club Breakfast with Santa, Lori & RJ on Saturday, December 9, at 9:30 a.m.! Bring the kids for this fun, free event with activities. Event located in Center Court I.





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**Artisan's & Howliday Pet Adoption Fair** Presented by Purrfect Pets Magazine

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Please visit [SomersvilleTowneCenter.com](http://SomersvilleTowneCenter.com) for more information.

Phone: (925) 754-5230

Email: [sskinner@urbanretail.com](mailto:sskinner@urbanretail.com)

### **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 – Monday, December 12, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. One per customer, while supplies last. Receipts must be dated December 6 – December 12, 2017 and must be for Somersville Towne Center Retailers only.



## *Celebrate the Holidays in Rivertown!*

### **Holiday Store & Window Décor Contest**

This Christmas season shop local, **vote** for your favorite window or store decorations this Christmas at participating downtown Rivertown businesses, and entered to win prizes from shops. *You must turn in your ballot by 5:00 PM, Saturday, **December 23!*** Pick up a ballot today at participating stores below:

- State Farm Jim Lanter - 310 G Street
- Cut 'N Up The Barber Lounge - 308 G Street



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- Urban Jumble – 307 G Street
- Rivertown Treasure Chest - 306 G Street
- American Trophies - 516 W. 3rd 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



Spend Your New Year Eve Downtown at Southern Café's 2018 New Year's Eve Party

**Sunday December 31, 7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.**

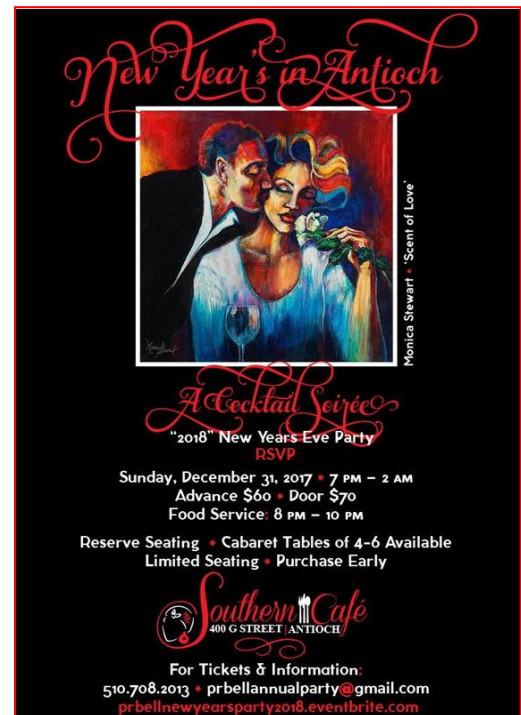
\$60.00 Advance Tickets or \$70.00 at the door. Price includes champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight. Food will be served between 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Reserved seats & tables available

Ticket Information: ( 510) 708-2013

Email: [prbellsoutherncafe@gmail.com](mailto:prbellsoutherncafe@gmail.com)

Online: [prbellnewyearsparty2018.eventbrite.com](http://prbellnewyearsparty2018.eventbrite.com)



## 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.



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**Antioch on the Move**  
Antioch, CA Community and Events

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

### CITY CLERK

The Board of Administrative Appeals Meeting was held on December 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers.

The next City Council Meeting will be held on December 12, 2017, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/notification-systems/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the agenda information, click on the following link: <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> and then click 'City Council'.

City Clerk Arne Simonsen, CMC, received a Round 2 Institute Scholarship from the City Clerks Association of California to attend the Master Municipal Clerk Academy in February 2018.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to recently appointed Economic Development Commissioner Tracey Nicks.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

#### Current Open Positions:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Recreation Specialist
- Animal Services Manager
- 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's 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, registration opened online for activities in the **2018 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide**. An additional 21 all new classes and activities will provide new opportunities for our community this coming year. Walk-in registration begins Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

This week, participants began a new session of group **fitness classes at the Antioch Community Center**. Over 200 participants have registered for Recreation Fitness classes with an additional 166 drop-in participants this Fall. Fitness classes, in particular, are a wonderful place to meet people who have similar lifestyle goals and needs. Whether you are jogging shoulder-to-shoulder with buddies or simply glancing across the fitness floor at familiar faces, there's a strong motivation in the feeling that "we're all in this together." A group normalizes the need to maintain effective health-and-fitness behavior and promotes a feeling of community!



Last weekend, Mitchell Saunders installed bat boxes in the burrowing owl preserve at Prewett Community Park. Mitchell is completing his Eagle Scout project; he led a team of Scouts in the design, build, and installation of four boxes mounted on two poles.



His Eagle Scout project qualifies for unique environmental recognition. The boxes will help diversity wildlife in the park! Congratulations Mitchell

(second from left) and thank you.

On Thursday, *Randstad* hosted a job fair at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center with a recruitment focus on positions available from East County to Livermore/Tracy in technical, trade, and office support work.





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On Tuesday, the Antioch Senior Citizens Club members cast their ballots for their 2018 Board vacancies: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. Each year the ASCC elects new directors to represent their organization which contributes to new ideas and opportunities for the Center.



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

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Planning Division.** On December 6, the Planning Commission approved a new 3,361 square foot Steak N Shake drive-through restaurant in the parking lot of Somersville Towne Center, at the corner of Somersville Road and Fairview Drive. The restaurant operator hopes to open in 2018.



On December 12, the City Council will consider the General Plan Land Use Element Update as well as the Downtown Specific Plan. The Planning Division has been working diligently on these two efforts for the past two years and looks forward to consideration by the City Council. The agenda and staff reports can be found at:

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/> .

**Code Enforcement.** 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> or <http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/PublicWorks/SeeClickFix.htm> .



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

### PUBLIC WORKS

**Marina.** “Super Star” volunteer Sandra Kelly and Marina Manager James Pflueger joined forces and successfully applied for a no-cost grant from the Boat U.S. Foundation for a set of loaner life jackets for use by Marina guests. The kit includes adult, youth,



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child, and infant-sized jackets which may be checked out from the Marina office during business hours.



The first family to check out the life jackets was Antioch resident Lucy Meinhardt and her grandchildren Gabby and Tahoe Agpaoa. Lucy is an avid kayaker, who lived on Kimball Island for almost ten years. Having lived on the river, she understands the importance of safety around water and wanted her grandchildren to learn about life jackets. "The unexpected, you can expect to happen. Water safety is what makes sure you survive the unexpected. Be prepared in every way you can. Always practice safety when you are in or around the water!"

Gabby's view of the life jackets was a bit different. She enjoyed trying on the life jackets and exclaimed they made her "feel like a marshmallow."

Well done Sandra and James!...Our MARINA is on its way from GOOD to GREAT!



### **Water Distribution Utility Maintenance.**

Cold weather increases water main and service breaks. Physics and winter do not mix. At least when it comes to water lines, which suffer frequent breaks in the colder months as the cold, saturated ground weighs on underground pipes.

During the months of November through February Antioch's Water Distribution Division repairs water main and water service line breaks at a much higher rate than in warmer months. The colder it is, the more pipes burst.



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As the weather changes so does the ground surrounding the underground pipes that deliver water to your homes, schools and businesses. In the cold, wet months of winter the ground is saturated and moves a lot. With all of this movement, our pipes and the expansion of the cold water in our pipes cause more leaks.

Our Water Distribution team prepares for the winter months by increasing our inventory of pipes and equipment necessary to make emergency repairs. We also keep a watchful eye on areas that have been problematic in the past winters. If you see excessive water in the street, running down the curb or shooting in the air, please contact Public Works immediately; we are dedicated to restoring our customer's water service as quickly and safely as possible.

Following are some simple steps you can do to prepare your home for the cold months:



1. Shut off any water systems not in use during the winter such as irrigation systems.
2. Insulate all exposed exterior pipes with insulating foam wrap.
3. Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, attic, and garage with insulating foam wrap.
4. Disconnect garden hoses.

### Contact Public Works

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

Email: [publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us).

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

Phone: (925) 779-6950

**Capital Improvements.** Construction on the Wild Horse Road/Folsom Drive traffic signal is well underway. The large mast-arm poles were put into place yesterday. The contractor will be wiring up all of the signal heads (red, yellow, and green lights), as well as the walk/don't walk indicators, lighted street name signs and street lights over the next week or so. Delivery of the traffic controller that houses the computer that runs the signal has been delayed and will not arrive to the contractor until December 18<sup>th</sup>. That will be installed shortly thereafter and





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the signal will be up and running before the students at Grant Elementary return to school after their winter recess.



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

### POLICE

We had a nice turnout for our December 2<sup>nd</sup> neighborhood cleanup. This was our 86<sup>th</sup> cleanup event. Numerous citizen volunteers came out to help keep our neighborhoods clean and inviting. Councilman Tony Tiscareno, Captain Diane Aguinaga, Lieutenant Trevor Schnitzius, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Kaiser, several of our VIPS, and employees from JC Penney also joined us. We cleaned up the neighborhoods around Williamson Ranch Park. Officer Jeong assisted and wrote eight parking citations and towed three cars for vehicle code violations that were blighting the neighborhood. Several other vehicles in the area were referred to parking enforcement for abatement.



Chief Brooks was Grand Marshall of the 2017 Holiday Parade to kick off the 2017 holiday season. The Antioch Police VIPS, Explorers, and Traffic Unit provided assistance with street closures and traffic management downtown. There was a great turnout for the event and as usual, lots of interest in "Rudolph" the rescue vehicle. Our VIPS and Explorers had opportunities to speak with citizens about what they do and current volunteer opportunities at the Police Department.







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

**Animal Services.** Wisconsin bound! AAS had the opportunity to send 8 small dogs on a Wings of Rescue flight to Waukesha, Wisconsin. With supreme coordination by Jenn Suzuki, our Temporary Rescue and Foster Coordinator, the dogs left Antioch on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, with the help of volunteers, staff and donated time by Veterinarians. Solano County Animal Care Services also sent 27 dogs on this flight. A volunteer pilot loaded up and flew from the Hayward Executive Airport to deliver the animals to the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS). This flight changed the lives of our shelter dogs and gave them the opportunity to find *furever* homes. Bon Voyage and happy trails!



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