

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Keeping our City Clean

Antioch is one of the fastest-growing cities in Contra Costa County. Our city is one of the most beautiful and tranquil cities, as well. From its majestic river shores to the rolling mountain hillsides, the City of Antioch has plenty of open space to offer our residents. Taking long hikes along the meandering hiking trails of the Black Diamond mines or just hanging out at the Contra Loma reservoir picnic area are just a few locations where residents can enjoy a stroll with friends and family members. With all the hidden treasures our city has to offer, one thing is certain. Maintaining a clean, safe, and wholesome environment should be our collective obligation.

In a time of increased demands on our Public Works Department and a decrease in city staffing, it is challenging for our city staff to keep pace with the demands on our maintenance crew and street sweeping services. Although the City Council is contemplating increasing citywide street cleaning services from once a month to least twice a week, this proposition requires a cost and feasibility analysis. Outside the monthly city-sponsored community cleaning events, more community participation and individual responsibility are still needed.

This brings us to the pressing question, "what can we do together to ensure our public streets and sidewalks stay clean to our collective reasonable expectations and satisfaction"?

Residents can take an active role by picking up trash in their neighborhoods. Local businesses can also do their fair share by providing adequate storefront trash receptacles. Residents can also carry extra trash bags while walking their dogs. The city staff cannot do it alone. Parental oversight is equally important in keeping our city clean and presentable. Parents can instill in their children the importance of their civic duty in working with their peers to keep our city streets clean and safe.

Working together is the key to success. When I think about our city, I reminisce about Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood television show and his famous iconic opening comment, "it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood." If we can take pride in our city by keeping our city streets clean, we will all see that it's a beautiful day in our neighborhood. Remember, teamwork makes the dream work.

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ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Habit Burger Aggravated Assault – Arrest

On November 12, 2022, at approximately 5:25 pm, the Antioch Police Department Dispatch Center began receiving calls of an assault that occurred at The Habit Burger Grill located at 2430 Mahogany Way in Antioch. Officers learned an employee was punched in the face multiple times after **protecting an individual with an intellectual disability** from being bullied. The victim lost her right eye as a result of the incident.

Our Investigations Bureau worked tirelessly to **identify and locate the suspect** over the last several weeks. Through that ongoing investigation, Isaac White-Carter, a 20-year-old resident of Hayward, was identified as the assailant. Antioch Police Department Special Operations Unit detectives collaborated with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) to locate Mr. White-Carter. USMS Agents with the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Taskforce arrested White-Carter in Hayward, California, and turned him over to Antioch Police detectives. He has been arrested for the **felony charges of mayhem and aggravated assault** causing great bodily injury. Detectives will present their case to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

We want to thank the Contra County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshal's Service, and community members who came forward to assist with this investigation.



Field Training Program

Please join us in congratulating Officers **Kawalya, Riosbaas, and King**, who completed their field training program!

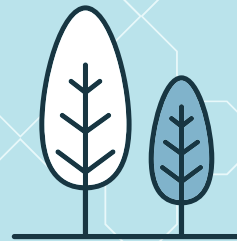
All three have finished an exhaustive police academy and field training program. They will be patrolling the streets of **OUR** community on their own now, so please feel free to give them a friendly wave!



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Holiday Delites



On December 3rd, Antioch celebrated its annual Holiday Delites in collaboration with Celebrate Antioch and the Antioch Recreation Department. The holiday parade featured Deer Valley and Antioch High School's marching bands, local dance studios, the Grinch, and, of course, Santa!

The tree lighting area contained a kid's zone with crafts, a photo area, and live performances by Deer Valley Choir and Robyn Jackson. Special thanks to everyone for braving the elements to make this event successful.

Youth Scholarship

As we reach the halfway mark of this year's scholarship program, the Parks and Recreation Dept. has awarded scholarships to 76 Antioch youth. This year's scholarship provides up to **\$250.00** for each child to use towards Recreation classes, lessons, activities, sports programs, and Water Park Season Passes! Applications are received on an ongoing basis through May 2023, and funding is available for 66 more Antioch youth. Visit us [here](#) and click on the Youth Scholarships tab to get more information and applications.



Civic Enhancement Grants

The City of Antioch is now accepting applications for the Civic Enhancement Grants Program. The City Council has allocated \$50,000 to this program for the current fiscal year. Applications are due **Tuesday, January 17th at 5 pm**, and funds must be committed by June 30th. Please visit our website [here](#) for information on eligibility requirements and an application.

New Pool Tables

The Antioch Senior Center has new pool tables! Come on down and play some pool. We are open from 8:00 am -4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



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ANIMAL SERVICES



Antioch Animal Services Receives \$59,500 Grant from California for All Animals (CA4AA)

Antioch Animal Services is joining animal welfare organizations across California to eliminate barriers to well-being. Antioch Animal Services received grant funds from California for All Animals to help reduce stress for the pets in the shelter by reimagining pet housing to **create better environments** for all sheltered pets. Over the next year, cat and dog housing throughout the shelter will be receiving updates, and some rooms will be relocated within the shelter to ensure each pet in our care is provided the least stressful environment possible during their stay in the shelter.



CA4AA is a comprehensive program designed to meet shelters where they are and offer assistance that goes beyond financial support to address root problems that erode foundations and prevent organizations from scaling their best interventions. For more information, visit them [here](#).

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/Associate Civil Engineer
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Operations Supervisor
- Animal Services Supervisor
- Equipment Mechanic I/II

- Andrew Finley was hired as a General Laborer effective December 5, 2022

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

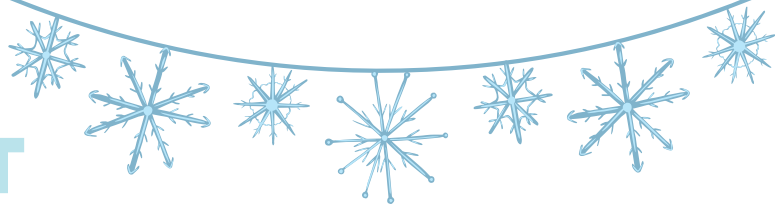
THERE ARE ALWAYS EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF ANTIOCH!

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.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



City of Antioch – Tobacco Ordinance

The City of Antioch Municipal Code (AMC) regulates the sale of tobacco products by retailers. The AMC regulates the establishment of new tobacco retailers and the sale of individual tobacco products. In general, the following regulations apply:

- New tobacco retailers are prohibited in the City of Antioch, except when at a convenience store, at a gas station or if the store is larger than 5,000 square feet. If a new market or other retail store opens, it may not sell tobacco products. Possession of a State Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retailer's License does not approve the sale of tobacco products in the City of Antioch.
- Existing tobacco retailers may continue to operate. However, effective **January 1, 2023, cigarette stores (smoke shops) may not be sold or transferred to another party.** A cigarette store is defined as using more than 20% of the floor area for tobacco product sales. This is verified through the City Business License process.
- Citywide the AMC and California State Law **prohibit** the sale of tobacco products with a characterizing flavor. This includes, but is not limited to, vapes/e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and menthol cigarettes.
- Little cigars, commonly sold under the brand name of Swisher Sweets in packs of two, may not be sold in quantities of less than 20. A little cigar is defined as a small cigar weighing less than 1.36 grams.
- Cigars, which include traditional large cigars weighing 1.36 grams or more, may not be sold in quantities of less than 6.

Violation of the AMC is subject to enforcement by the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department. If a retailer is found to be violating the City's regulations pertaining to tobacco products, it may be subject to citations as high as \$1,000 per day. Generally, violators are given a warning and an opportunity to correct any identified violations prior to citation.

The Code Enforcement Division can be found at [here](#).





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

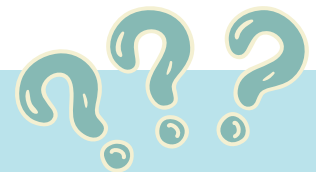


Request a Proclamation

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.

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](#)



Questions?

Contact the
City Clerk's Office at
cityclerk@antiochca.gov



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PUBLIC WORKS

Collections Divisions Close Circuit Television



The Collection Systems Inspection crew completes approximately 25% of sewer mainline video inspections of our sewer system each year. Completing these inspections and proactively conducting maintenance plays a vital role in protecting our collection systems, the environment, and the health and safety of the members of our community. The CCTV crew, as we call it, utilizes two highly trained staff members and a small tractor-mounted camera to identify, locate and assess the condition of the City's sewer and storm infrastructure. CCTV condition assessment provides the critical information needed to determine the service life, physical condition, and functionality of our 310 miles of wastewater and 282 miles of stormwater collection systems.

During the field inspection, pipe defects are classified using a standard coding system, and pipe condition is assessed using a systematic method to produce consistent, useful information. The collected data is reviewed by the Collection Systems management team and is used to assist in scheduling preventative and routine maintenance. This information is also used to make decisions about pipe rehabilitation and replacement and estimate our pipe's remaining useful life and long-term performance capabilities.

Sidewalk and Street Improvements

Redgwick Construction Co. is currently performing sidewalk and street improvements for the Capital Improvements project CDBG 678-9 Downtown Roadway Pavement Rehabilitation Phase 9 on West 8th Street between A and D Streets. The project is expected to be completed early next year. Traffic control and roadway detours should be expected in this area.



Construction at Water Treatment Plant

Construction is continuing at the Water Treatment Plant as crews replace existing filters, meters and valves with new ones.





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](#).





PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Antioch Council of Teens

On Saturday, December 3rd the Antioch Council of Teens (ACT) volunteered at the annual Holiday Delites parade and Tree Lighting in Downtown Antioch. ACT empowers youth 12+ with the core values of leadership, accountability, and a heart for service.

The inclement weather did not stop ACT members who spearheaded the Kids Zone area and assisted with letters to Santa and arts and crafts. Members of ACT are active throughout the year, volunteering their time in many opportunities throughout the East Bay.

RUBICON PROGRAMS

Mayor's **Apprenticeship Program**

Are you currently or formerly justice involved?
Do you need training and a part-time job?




M.A.P. IS A PAID PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-26, WHO MAY BE JUSTICE INVOLVED, UNHOUSED, FOSTER YOUTH OR HAVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT.

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PROGRAM OFFERS:

- 60 HOURS OF PAID WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
- ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- PART TIME POSITION IN A CITY OF ANTIOCH DEPARTMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
youth@antiochca.gov
925-779-7082

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The 'Youth Voice' for the City of Antioch

Meetings on the 2ND and 4TH WEDNESDAYS

FREE FOOD AND DRINKS

Open to 6th-12th graders

Represent your City

Make a Difference

For more information contact: Youth@antiochca.gov

Visit us at: antiochca.gov





Antioch Council of Teens Winter Coat Drive

Give the gift of warmth with gently used: **SCARVES, GLOVES, BOOTS OR COATS**

Please, no holes or stains

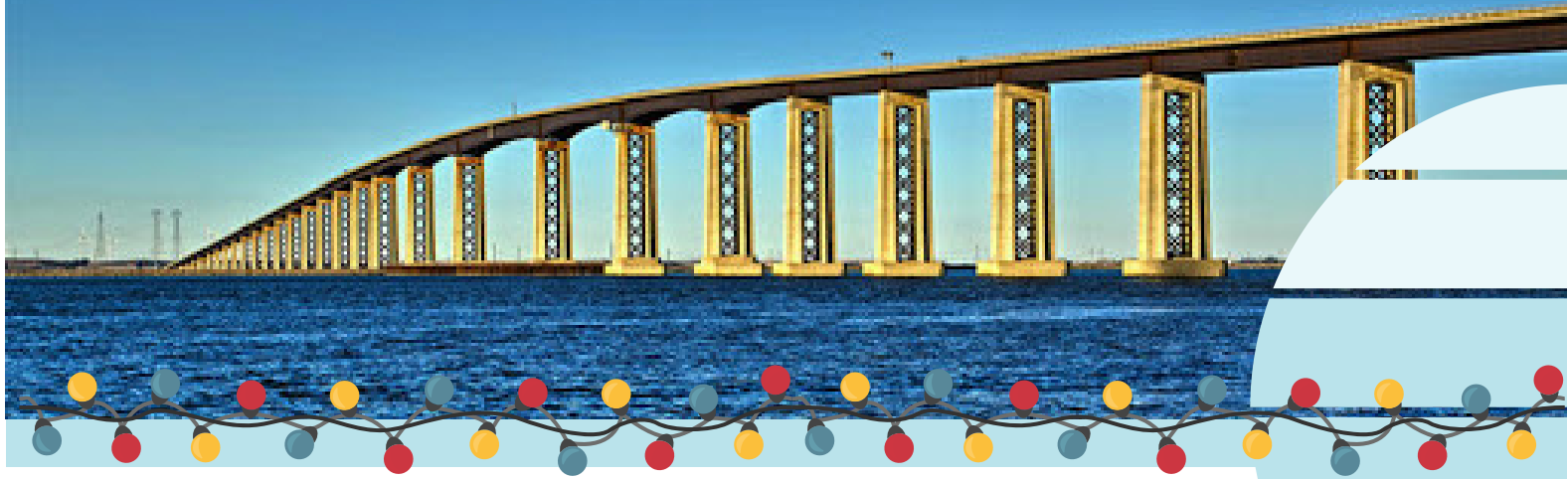
Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way or
Antioch City Hall, 200 H Street



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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:

TOP SHELF: MOTOWN HOLIDAY REVUE

Starring Top Shelf Entertainment

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST @ 2PM

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

[El Campanil Theater](#)

The coolest Yuletide event of the season returns to El Campanil! Join the illustrious Top Shelf Entertainment as they bring the great tunes of the 60s, 70s, and timeless holiday classics to you in this spectacular event! A must-see concert for the whole family to enjoy!

Bay Miwok Meadows Park

December 14, 2022
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Join us at 4pm
Trimonti Cir. & San Martino Dr.

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