

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2019

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# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### New Police Officers Sworn-In

Along with Council Members Ogorchock and Wilson, I attended the swearing-in of Police Officers Darryl Saffold, Nathanael Novello, Brendan Lassas, Community Service Officer Melissa Adams and Crime Analyst Michael Raney. It was a lively time of celebrating the addition of these outstanding individuals to the "Antioch Police Family," as Chief Brooks likes to say. This brings our sworn number of police officers to 112 and community service officers to nine. Congratulations to all and welcome!

### Christmas Lunch at TreVista

I was honored to participate in an early Christmas lunch at TreVista Assisted Living & Memory Care. New owners Richard and Forrest Weston were incredibly hospitable and have transformed this beautiful senior living facility into something really special. The meal was wonderful and the company even better. The Weston's and their Executive Director Sonya Smith are committed to their residents and being an active part of Antioch. Thank you, TreVista, for demonstrating your family-first motto to our most precious residents.



### Meeting with Hospitality Entrepreneurs

Mayor Wright and I attended the AAHOA (Asian American Hotel Owners Association) at the Comfort Inn on Mahogany Way. This group of hospitality entrepreneurs was anxious to hear about all of the great things happening in Antioch and bringing more hotels and restaurants to our community. A special thanks to Ankit Panchal, who serves as a local ambassador to the expanding hospitality sector of our city.



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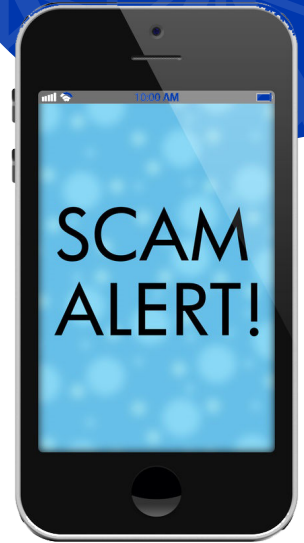
There will be no City Manager's Weekly Update emailed the week of December 23rd due to the Christmas Holiday



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Phone Scams

The phone scammers are at it again! Our dispatch center has been contacted by many of our residents who are getting scammed. These scammers call and say they are with Social Security and use various tactics to convince people they have an outstanding debt. They prey on people's emotions and even threaten to send the Antioch Police to arrest them if they don't comply (we would never come to arrest you for this!). These calls originate from outside the United States, but the scammers spoof their caller ID to make it look like they're calling from a Social Security Office. Sometimes they even spoof their number to make it look like they're calling from Antioch Police Department! Please don't ever send money, gift cards, or give any of your personal identification information to someone calling YOU on the phone.



If you are in doubt, call your local Social Security Office directly or call us and we will help you. The link below from the Social Security Administration provides helpful information on how to protect yourself from these phone scams, and what to do if you've been a victim. Please pass this information on to your friends and family. For more information: <https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/scam-awareness>

**ANTIOCH POLICE HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY**

When: Saturday, December 21st  
Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Where: APD Community Room  
300 L St.

**Eligibility:**  
-MUST be Antioch resident (Be prepared to show proof of residency - Drivers License, water bill, PG&E bill)  
-ONE food voucher per family (must be present - NO RSVP NECESSARY OR HOLDS)  
-Food vouchers limited to the first 500 (must be present and show photo ID)  
-Gifts for children 0-16 years old (only who are present - while supplies last)  
-For questions or additional information call (925) 924-4202 or [antiochpdevents@gmail.com](mailto:antiochpdevents@gmail.com)

### Holiday Giveaway Event

This Saturday, December 21st from 9:00-11:00 a.m., we will be holding our Holiday Giveaway Event! If you or someone you know is a resident of Antioch and is struggling to make ends meet this holiday season, please send them our way! The help we are offering is in the form of food for the holidays, coats and cold weather gear, fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as a small gift for children who are present. All these items are provided through events that we sponsor throughout the year as well as generous donations from our personnel, local businesses, and our community. For more information, please see our flyer or contact Ana Cortez at [acortez@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:acortez@ci.antioch.ca.us).







## POLICE- ANIMAL SERVICES



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- Brendan Lassas was hired as a Police Officer in the Police Department on Monday December 16, 2019.

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

Open recruitment positions currently include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Police Lieutenant
- Project Manager
- Accountant I/II

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.



BISSELL PET FOUNDATION'S  
**empty the  
shelters**  
HOLIDAY HOPE EVENT  
Saturday, December 14, 2019  
Visit [bisselpetfoundation.org/ets](http://bisselpetfoundation.org/ets)  
for more information



BISSELL PET FOUNDATION®  
Every pet has a home.



### Help Antioch Animal Services Empty the Shelter for Christmas!

Antioch Animal Services is excited to announce our participation in the BISSELL Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelters - Holiday Hope Event on Saturday, December 14, 2019! Pet lovers will have the opportunity to adopt a pet from Antioch Animal Services for \$25.00, and the BISSELL Pet Foundation will sponsor the remaining adoption costs! The \$25.00 adoption fee will include a microchip, spay/neuter, and age-appropriate shots. Antioch residents will need to purchase a \$20.00 license when adopting a dog. The last Empty the Shelters event of 2019 will have 110 participating shelters, in 22 states. Since the Empty the Shelters program began in 2016, nearly 27,000 pets have found their forever homes. Come help Antioch Animal Services as we Empty the Shelters on December 14!

The BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping and foster care.





## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Holiday Happenings Event

On Wednesday, the Antioch Senior Center hosted the annual Holiday Happenings event in collaboration with the East County Senior Coalition. The event is a festive gathering of senior service specialists from throughout East County, and their only goal is to share holiday cheer with seniors. More than 120 seniors took part in fun activities such as nail painting, cookie decorating, picture frame making, active games, a photo booth with Santa Claus, and much more.

Sabor Caliente provided live band entertainment, and the Senior Center held its largest raffle giveaway of the year with 50 prizes and baskets! So many seniors went home with a holiday gift! The Senior Center would like to thank its many supporters and sponsors, including Tre-Vista, Starbucks, Trader Joes, & Krispy Kreme for the donations provided, which helped make the event a wonderful success.

### Agency Holiday Luncheon

On Wednesday, the Recreation staff attended the annual Agency Holiday Luncheon at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. The keynote speaker talked about passion and emphasized how recreation staff in all communities share a passion for serving, which results in more engaged residents and stronger civic pride.



Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble- Dixie Swim Club

### Theatre Open House

On Wednesday, the Recreation Department held its annual Scheduling Open House at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center Theatre. Theater groups, organizations, and individuals are invited each year to tour the facility and submit proposals for productions to be held in 2020. The theatre is a perfect location for community events, theatrical shows, recitals, presentations, and much more!



### New Commissioner Appointed

On Thursday, the newest member of the Parks and Recreation Commission was seated. Ms. Deirdre Peckenham was appointed to fill a current vacancy, and her term expires in April 2022. The Commission held nine meetings in 2019, including a joint meeting with the Police Crime Prevention Commission outside in a park.





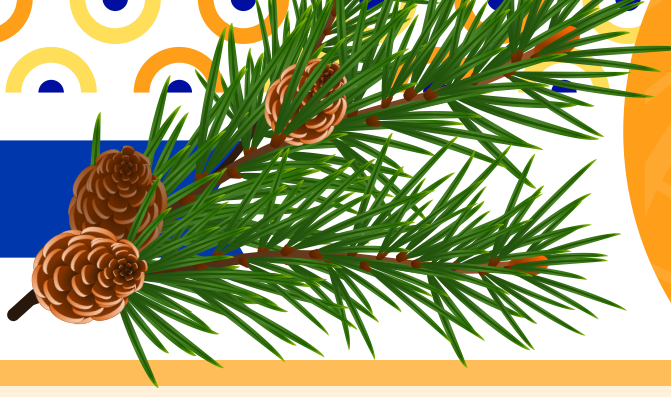
### Proposed Municipal Code Amendment

On January 14, 2020, the Community Development Department will be presenting a proposed amendment to the Antioch Municipal Code to improve compliance with the City's requirement that all occupied structures subscribe to and maintain trash and recycling service. Within the City of Antioch, all occupied homes and commercial/industrial properties must have trash and recycling services. These services are provided by Republic Services, the City's franchised solid waste operator. The Code Enforcement Division has received complaints of properties, primarily residential, that do not maintain trash and recycling services. In these cases, the residents might either place their trash in their neighbor's bins or commercial bins without permission or some cases, illegally dump their garbage elsewhere in the City. None of these alternatives is acceptable.

The proposed amendment would state that any property maintaining water service is considered "occupied" and, as such, must maintain garbage and recycling service with Republic Services. Owners of those properties that currently have water service, but do not have garbage and recycling services will be notified and directed to subscribe to service or risk being issued a citation. Tenants will not be cited, as it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure service. There will be a process to allow exceptions to account for unique circumstances when water service may be provided without garbage service. In such a case, an exception form will be required. If you do not currently have garbage and recycling service, please contact Republic Services to subscribe at [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com) or at (925) 685-4711.







### City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Council Meetings are currently held at the Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, during the Council Chambers renovation.

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 on our City's Website, simply click on this link: <https://www.antiochca.gov/notifications/> and enter your e-mail address to subscribe. To view the current and past agenda information click on the following link [here](#).

### Get informed, get involved and VOTE

Register to vote online or update your current registration. Voter Registration forms are also available at the City Clerk's Department with free postage.

You are eligible to register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen,
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- Not in prison, on parole, serving state prison sentence in a county jail, or serving sentence for a felony, and
- Not found to be mentally incompetent by a court of law

You need to update your voter registration if you:

- Move to a new residence
- Change your name, or
- Want to change your political party affiliation

\*\*Click [here](#) for more information.







## PUBLIC WORKS



Join us on Facebook to receive notification of Public Works projects.



### Landscape Maintenance Continues

Even in this wet weather our routine annual landscape maintenance continued with contracted and in-house crews cleaning up the City's landscaping in the following areas:

- Dallas Ranch Road
- Country Hills Drive
- Grass Valley Trail
- Prewett Ranch Drive
- Deer Valley Entrances
- Buchanan Road
- Somersville Road
- Auto Center Drive
- A Street

### Williamson Ranch Park

Rebuilding the restroom building is progressing nicely despite the wet weather. We have walls! Our target re-open date is the end of February, depending on the weather. Williamson Ranch Park is located on Lone Tree Way and Hillcrest Avenue. Thank you for your patience as construction progresses.



### Capital Improvements at City Hall and Council Chamber

The Council Chambers Remodel is coming along and is expected to be completed before Spring 2020. Work will be performed in the breezeway between the City Hall and Council Chambers buildings starting Christmas week and is expected to take a couple of weeks.

### Sandbag Station

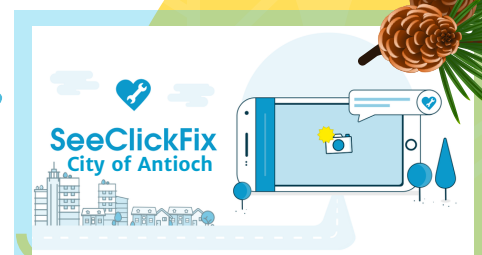
The City's sandbag station is up and running at 1201 W 4th Street; the station is self-serve and costs \$1.00 per bag. Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. come to the Public Works office first. During storms, the station is available 24 hours a day; after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays enter at W 4th and N Streets, the sandbag station is on the right-hand side just before the gate.

Download the SeeClickFix app on a mobile device.

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

City Website: [Click Here](#)

Contact Public Works (925) 779-6950







## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### Economic Development Commission

Economic Development Commission met on Tuesday, December 3rd. At the meeting, former long-time Chair Keith Archuleta was appreciated for his eight years on the Commission. The Commission also elected Robert Kilbourne as the Chair and Tracey Nicks as the Vice-Chair for the 2020 year. The next Commission meeting will be on February 4th, 2020.

### Waldie Plaza

Please be sure to visit Waldie Plaza this holiday season and take pictures at the Holiday Tree. Be sure to visit our local businesses during the Holiday Season. Day or night, Opportunity is in season here.

### Share your Event

Does your business or organization have an event that you would like to share with the Antioch Community? We have added the capability for you to share your event [here](#). Test it out and give us your specials to help share with the community.

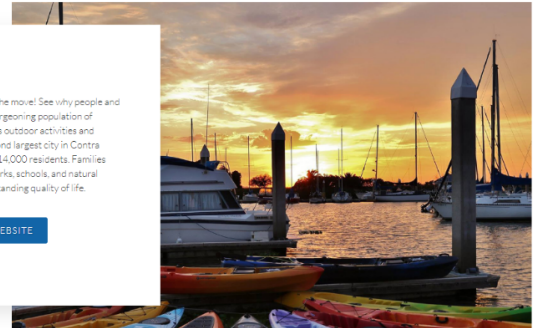


#### Antioch, California

Welcome to the City of Antioch a city on the move! See why people and businesses move to Antioch, we have a burgeoning population of professionals, a variety of housing, endless outdoor activities and thriving business hubs. Antioch is the second largest city in Contra Costa County with a population of over 114,000 residents. Families come to Antioch for its neighborhoods, parks, schools, and natural environmental beauty, drivers for an outstanding quality of life.

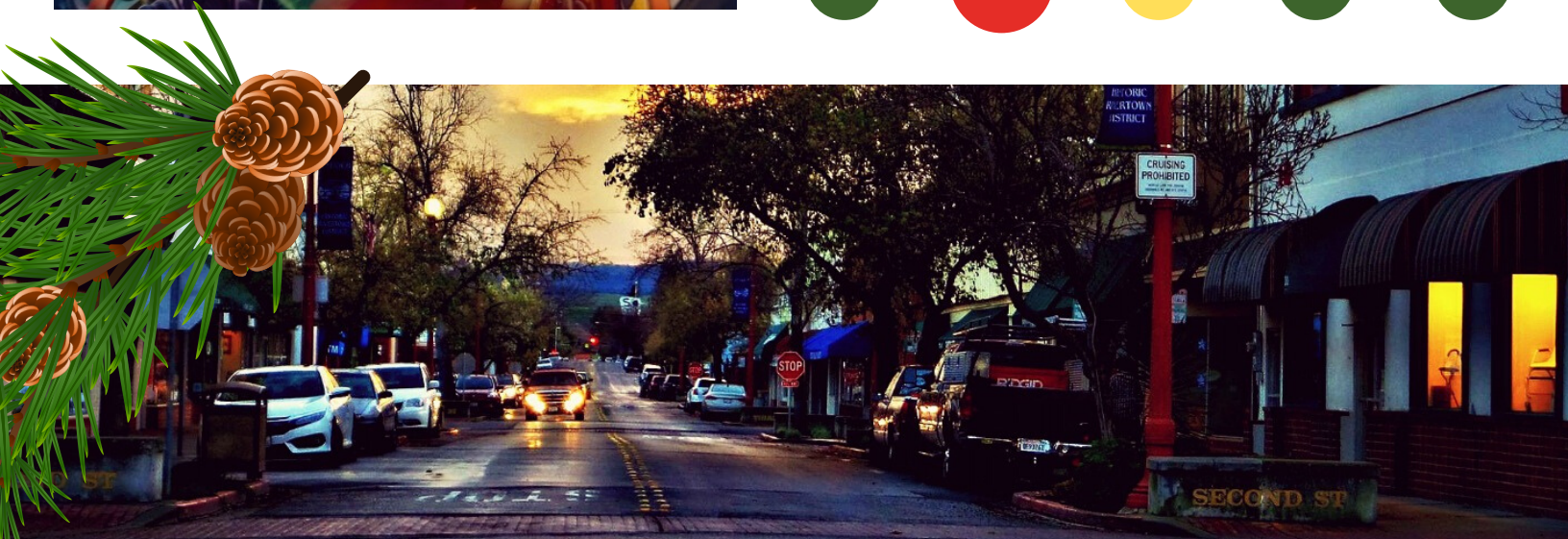
[READ FULL STORY](#)

[VIEW WEBSITE](#)



### Innovate Antioch

All you need to know about Antioch Sites, Buildings, & Community The City of Antioch has a great website to find all your needs for available sites, demographics, and other data needed to make Antioch your next move.





# what's HAPPENING in Antioch

## Martin Luther King JR. DAY OF SERVICE

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 20, 2020

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Bring Work gloves; other tools provided!

To celebrate Dr. King's work, you can volunteer in a way that gives back to your community. Three volunteer opportunities to choose from.

No need to register - just show up and help!

#### Litter Pick-Up

Prewett Community Park

4703 Lone Tree Way

Check in at Water Park

#### Park and Picnic Improvements

Antioch Community Park

James Donlon Blvd. & Blythe Drive

Picnic and Playground Area

#### Landscape Improvements

Plant Perennials and Annuals

Nick Rodriguez Community Center

213 F Street and 3rd & F Street



## The Ballet Company of East County THE NUTCRACKER

Friday December 20, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Saturday December 21, 2019 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday December 22, 2019 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Reserved Seating

Performance Length: 1 hour 15 minutes

Orchestra (Ground Level) : \$20

Loge (1st Level Upstairs): \$18

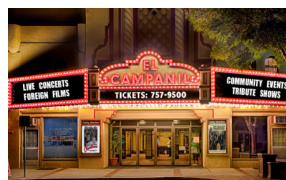
Opera (2nd Level Upstairs): \$16



Online Transaction Fee: \$1.50 per ticket

\* This Is A Community Rental of El Campanil Theatre - NO PASSES

Scouts can receive a scout patch. Remember to order it while checking out. Come Celebrate With Us! The Ballet Company of East County is celebrating it's 14th Anniversary presentation of The Nutcracker. This timeless holiday classic is sure to delight your entire family!



El Campanil Theater

602 W 2nd St, Antioch

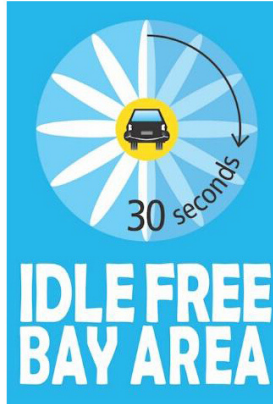
Phone: (925) 757-9500 [Click here for website & upcoming attractions.](#)



Be in the know with Antioch On The Move (AOTM) submit an event, see what our community is about.

**Antioch on the Move**

Antioch, CA Community and Events



Start your **New Year** off right! **Resolve** to save gas, save money, and help *Spare the Air*!

Turn off your car's engine any time you'll be waiting for more than 30 seconds.

Save gas, save money, and help Spare the Air!

[www.IdleFreeBayArea.org](http://www.IdleFreeBayArea.org)



## LAUNCH YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER BECOME A CNA

In partnership with Mt. Diablo Adult Education, we can help you gain the professional and personal skills you need for better pay today and career advancement in the future while becoming a certified nursing assistant.

### Program Includes:

- Support to complete the program
- Direct connection to employers
- Job placement assistance
- Food and Transportation support
- Tuition waiver available
- Continuing education opportunities

**Class starts on January 21, 2020!**

For more information, please visit our website and complete an interest form.



We believe everyone who is willing to work hard deserves an opportunity to succeed.

OPPORTUNITYJUNCTION.ORG (925) 776-1133  
3102 DELTA FAIR BLVD., ANTIOCH, CA 94509



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For more information about Business mixers, events, or memberships check out the website calendar [Chamber of Commerce Events/Mixers](#)

### 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.



## Build a Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. Click [here](#) for a list of supplies.