

City Manager's Bi-Monthly Update



CITY OF ANTIOCH

Bridging the Gap

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Are you invested in the future of **#policecommunity** relations in Antioch? We invite you to engage in **#BridgingtheGap** virtual roundtable discussions facilitated by **CNA Corporation**. Fill out this survey to help us meet your needs ahead of these important discussions.

<https://cna.checkboxonline.com/Antioch-PreEvent-Survey.aspx>

Award of Brackish Desalination Water Project

Following over seven years of hard work, the City Council awarded an \$86 million construction contract to **Shimmick Construction Company, Inc.** of Suisun City, California, on December 18th for this historic project. Besides allowing Antioch to stay in the Delta and use water from our river intake year-round, even when salinity levels are high, this project improves our water supply reliability, **preserves our superior pre-1914 water right, stabilizes** our water rates, and is being constructed under a Project Labor Agreement intended to provide employment opportunities for local residents. I want to **thank the City Council**, both past and present, for their vision and leadership in making the necessary decisions to bring this **innovative project** to fruition.

Honoring Retiree Nancy Kaiser

For more than 30 years, Parks and Recreation Director, **Nancy Kaiser** has provided services to communities in Northern California. Her last six years were spent at the City of Antioch, where she analyzed and secured grant funding for City of Antioch parks (the most recent grant was for **Contra Loma Estates Park**, funds received from Proposition 68 State Parks and Water Bond that voters passed in 2018 with this being one of three projects approved in Contra Costa County); bringing **Food Truck Thursdays** to the Antioch Community; increasing attendance at the downtown Summer Concert Series; liaison to the **Parks and Recreation Commission** and Lone Tree Golf Course Committee; and she has lent her expertise to the preparation of the City's Strategic Plan. We honor Nancy as she rides into new adventures and grateful for her time with us. Best wishes, Nancy, and thank you for all you have contributed to the City of Antioch.





Traffic Unit

Our **Antioch PD Traffic Unit** continues to work with neighboring agencies to make the streets a little bit safer in our community and surrounding jurisdictions. Our latest joint effort included the California Highway Patrol and the Brentwood, Oakley, and Pittsburg Police Departments to conduct a **joint traffic enforcement campaign** in East County.

Officers conducted enforcement at Pittsburg and Brentwood's various locations, including on Highway 4 (between Sand Creek and Camino Diablo) and the Marsh Creek/Vasco Road areas. In total, 135 citations were issued by the participating agencies. The goal of these operations is to **slow speeds** and address aggressive driving behaviors to **prevent collisions**. In 2017, there were 277,160 people injured and 3,904 fatalities on California roadways. High visibility enforcement is a major deterrent to the driving behaviors that lead to these tragedies. Look for more operations in the coming weeks to include roadways in our city.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Season of Giving

The Antioch Police Department's Season of Giving kicked off in grand style! When our Records Bureau heard that Antioch Unified School District's Foster Youth and Homeless Liaison/Student Services Counselor, Mayra, was looking for donations for students who have been affected deeply by the current conditions, they jumped in with both feet!

Along with school supplies collected at our **#givingtuesday** event, they collected sweatshirts, jackets, hats, socks, and gloves to be given to these kids so they can start the New Year off right. A big thank you to Mayra for what she is doing for the kids in our community, as well as to all those who contributed! **#seasonofgiving #Antiochstrong #strongertogether**



PD- ANIMAL SERVICES

Adoption Fees Being Sponsored

When the COVID shelter-in-place orders began in March, **Antioch Friends of Animal Services** (FOAS) stepped up to ensure that Antioch's shelter pets would have the best chance of finding a new forever home and began sponsoring adoption fees for all shelter pets. Since March 16, FOAS has sponsored the adoption fees for 224 pets from the shelter! In addition to their adoption fee sponsorship, FOAS has invested **specialized medical care** for several of our pets that would not have been able to receive these treatments otherwise. Antioch Animal Services is very **grateful for the support** we receive from FOAS!



If you are looking to add a pet to your family, now is the perfect time to adopt from Antioch Animal Services, as FOAS has graciously offered to continue sponsoring adoption fees for the COVID shelter duration in place orders. To view our adoptable pets online, visit www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com, and search for adoptable pets. To meet one of our pets in person, call the Antioch Animal Shelter at 925-779-6989 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sunday and Monday. You must have an appointment to visit the Animal Shelter, and you must wear a facemask and maintain social distancing while visiting.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Hires/Re-classifications/Promotions:

- **Gage Dunnell** was hired as a Collection Systems Supervisor for the Public Works Department on December 21, 2020.
- **Rheanna Andelin** was hired as a Public Works Technician for the Public Works Department on January 4, 2021.

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

Currently open recruitment's include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Assistant City Engineer
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works)
- Collection Systems Supervisor
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Water Treatment Plant Trainee/Operator

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.





MLK Day of Service

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Antioch Recreation Department is hosting an MLK Day of Service, Monday, January 18th, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This COVID-safe community clean-up will take place at four different park locations. Social distancing and wearing facial coverings are required. To meet health and safety guidelines, pre-registration is required for all participants, and space is limited. Pre-registration begins online Monday, January 4th at 8:00 a.m. To see locations, registration, and more information, please visit www.antiochca.gov/recreation/activity-registration. Let's work together to build a stronger Antioch!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Meals on Wheels

Connecting with resources can be overwhelming. The Care Management Department of Meals on Wheels – Diablo Region (MOWDR) can help. They are trained, experienced professionals who work closely with older adults and their families to assess needs and provide solutions. They are currently providing one-time emergency rent and/or utility assistance to Antioch residents 62 and over. Please call the Care Management Department at MOWDR (925) 937-8311 for eligibility or visit [here](#).

Winter/Spring Recreation Guide

Check out all of the Winter/Spring classes and programs on the Recreation Department webpage [here](#). This is an online guide that can be accessed anytime at your convenience. There are a variety of class offerings, both virtual and in person. All in-person classes and programs have been modified to reflect current health and safety measures and guidelines. Online registration begins Monday, January 11th, at 8:00 a.m., and a **one day only 20% off coupon** is available for Antioch residents to access all Winter/Spring classes and programs. Enter code: **NEWYEAR21** at checkout. The 10% off-season discount begins Tuesday, January 12th! Enter coupon code: **LIMITLESS** at checkout to receive this offer for online registration only.

ONLINE REGISTRATION begins January 11, 2021

COUPON 1/11 ONLY!

20% Off

COUPON CODE: **NEWYEAR21**

Season Discount begins 1/12

10% Off

COUPON CODE: **LIMITLESS**

(Restrictions apply: ed2go courses & Family Swim not included)

"Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see the
whole staircase."
—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**MLK
DAY
OF SERVICE**

**Monday,
January 18th, 2021
9:00–11:00 AM**

Let's work together building a
stronger Antioch

COVID-safe for everyone

For location information visit our website

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
(to meet health and safety guidelines)
activenet.active.com/antiochrecreation

Wear facial covering and bring work gloves



"a day on, not a day off," encouraging all Americans
to volunteer to improve their communities



Christmas/Holiday Tree Drop-offs and Collections

- **Drop-off Locations:**

You can drop off your **unflocked** trees from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 2 – 3, 2021, and Jan. 9 – 10, 2021, in the designated areas at the **Prewett Family Water Park** parking lot and at the **Antioch Marina** Overflow parking lot at 2nd and L streets. Please remove tree stands and decorations before drop-off.

- **Boy Scout Pickup:**

Boy Scouts will pick up holiday trees Saturday – Sunday, Jan. 2 – 3, 2021, and Jan. 9 - 10, 2021. Have trees ready for pickup before 9 a.m. at the curb. **Donations of \$10** for unflocked trees or \$1 per foot if taller than 8 feet or \$20 for flocked trees, payable to BSA, would be appreciated. For information about the pickup **email the Boy Scouts** at treepickup2021@gmail.com.

- Boy Scouts will pick up unflocked trees in multifamily complexes. A **donation of \$10** or \$1 per foot for trees taller than 8 feet or \$20 for flocked trees would be appreciated. To arrange a pickup, email the Scouts at treepickup2021@gmail.com.

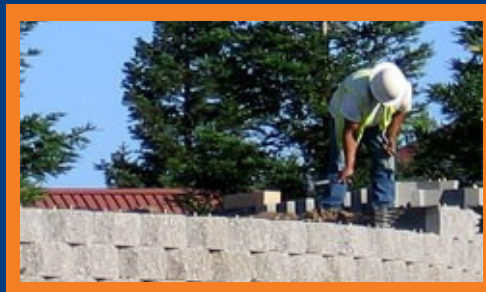
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Inspection Services Division

During the current restrictions, the Building Inspection Services Division has modified its services to **create a safe and responsive process**. Applications for building permits can be submitted during regular business hours to an unmanned kiosk. Building permits are issued by appointment to minimize the number of persons in the lobby. Other safety measures are also in place to best serve our community. The Building Inspection Services Division recently undertook a major renovation of its website to **improve access** and functionality and provide more information to the public.

The site includes helpful information on how to apply for a building permit, including plan requirements, and provides links to other agencies involved in the permitting process. The site also hosts the City's AB1600 **Development Impact Fee** reports that are available for public view. Another significant change was the shift to allowing submittal of certain building permit application types by email. The Division has a new email address for building permit applications - building@antiochca.gov. Check out the City [webpage](#) for specific requirements.

The new webpage is available [here](#)



CITY CLERK

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for **preparation of agendas** and minutes; **ensures compliance** with legal noticing requirements; serves as the Elections Official for the conduct of general municipal and special elections; responding to requests for public records; maintenance of the **City's Municipal code**; and management of the citywide records management program.

The City Clerk is also the filing officer for Political Reform Act Documents. Copies of **Campaign Statements** are available on the City's website. Copies of Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk.



City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. City Council Agendas, including Staff Reports are typically 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:

<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: <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/>.

November 3, 2020 General Election Results

<https://www.cocovote.us/election-results-november-3-2020/>

November 3, 2020 General Election – Nominees for Public Office:

- Mayor – Lamar Thorpe
- Council Member District 1 – Tamisha Walker
- Council Member District 2 – Michael Barbanica
- Council Member District 3 – Lori Ogorchock
- Council Member District 4 – Monica E. Wilson
- City Treasurer – Lauren Posada
- City Clerk – Elizabeth Householder



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BART Passenger Bulletin

As part of the ongoing Antioch Station Parking Expansion Project, modifications will be made along Slatten Ranch Road and a concise portion of Hillcrest Avenue to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the Antioch BART Station. Visit our website to read the complete bulletin

<https://www.antiochca.gov/fc/community/announcements/bart-notice.pdf>



Capital Improvements

The water main replacement has been completed on Shaddick Drive and the adjacent streets; the crew will now begin the permanent paving on those streets and the previously completed Putnam Street and surrounding residential streets. The waterline crew has moved on to Delta Fair Boulevard, Kendree Street, and Desrys Boulevard. Residents should expect minor traffic delays in these areas.

PUBLIC WORKS

Operations & Utilities

In our last report, we told you about the **newly painted sound wall** along James Donlon Boulevard from Lone Tree Way to Blythe Drive. We will be painting the Lone Tree Way sound walls eastbound to Dallas Ranch Road when the wet weather is past.



This week we completed the **stamped concrete project** in the medians on Buchanan Road and Davison Drive. This work improved the neighborhood's aesthetics, and we are looking forward to reporting back on more improvement projects in the future.



Engineering

Public Works is undertaking the citywide Local Roadway Safety Plan to improve traffic safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers.

Please participate in this important study by marking your roadway safety concerns on our map and provide any additional comments in the feedback section on our website at antiochsafeststreets.com.

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LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

The City of Antioch is developing its first Local Roadway Safety Plan geared towards improving traffic safety. The plan will help develop traffic safety improvements for both mid-block locations as well as signalized and un-signalized intersections throughout the City using measures under the various E's, namely, Engineering, Education, Enforcement, and Emergency Services. The project team will help perform an existing conditions assessment of roadway safety, identifying various high-risk locations throughout the City and recommending appropriate safety improvements. The plan aims to help reduce the number of collisions and thus safety and equitably serve mobility for all transportation modes in the City.

Please visit the project website to provide input and stay updated on the project:
www.antiochsafeststreets.com

For more information, please contact:
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www.antiochca.gov

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Workforce Development Board Contra Costa County

Economic Development Director, **Kwame Reed**, is a board member on the Contra Costa Workforce Development Board and recently attended two meetings, the **Executive Board meeting** and the Business and Economic Development Subcommittee meeting.

Topics of the discussions included a presentation by operations and human resources staff from the **Marathon refinery** in Martinez and the introduction to the Workforce Local and Regional Plan Development **Work Plan** that will be completed in the Fall of 2021.

Opportunity Zones in California

Antioch has **census tracts** that include areas around the Somersville Town Center, the BART station, and Wilbur Avenue. The federal tax bill passed at the end of December 2017 allows the Governor to designate certain census tracts as **Opportunity Zones**. Investments made by individuals through special funds in these zones would be allowed to defer or eliminate federal taxes on capital gains.

- [Northern Waterfront Economic Development](#)
- [Bay Area Urban Manufacturing BAUM](#)

Economic Development Department Hours

The Economic Development Department staff will continue to provide service and information remotely during the **Contra Costa County mandated shelter in place order**. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (925) 779-7012

bludot open

The City of Antioch is working with **Bludot** to provide a more user-friendly version of the **Antioch Essential Business List**. The list combines information for customers seeking open essential businesses and business owners seeking to be added to the list, in one convenient location. The program is available on both desktop and mobile platforms. Be sure to use the "filter" feature to search by business type. Please visit [Antioch Open Essential Businesses](#).



Waldie Plaza- Opportunity is in season here.

Here's what's happening In the City of Antioch



Gain Administrative Skills at NO COST to you!

Opportunity Junction offers 12 weeks of full-time training and assistance in finding a career in an office environment at no cost. The Administrative Career Training Program helps participants build administrative skills with a focus on Career Advancement and learning Microsoft Office Applications. This training is followed by a 4-month paid internship along with job placement assistance. Participants also receive supportive services such as case management, career development, counseling, lunch Monday - Thursday, business attire, fresh produce on Fridays, eyeglasses, and more! Information sessions will be available online, via Zoom! Register [here](#) and complete an [Online Application Form](#).

GAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS FROM HOME!
Classes taught via Zoom!

ADMINISTRATIVE CAREERS TRAINING

FIND A CAREER IN AN OFFICE ENVIRONMENT AT NO COST TO YOU!

- 12 weeks computer & life skills training
- 4 month paid internship
- Career guidance
- Job placement assistance
- Laptops and books are provided
- Must be a Contra Costa resident

SELECT A DATE TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION SESSION

10 AM on Jan. 4th (Mon), Jan. 11th (Mon),
or Jan. 19th (Tues)

3 PM on Jan. 6th (Wed), Jan. 13th (Wed),
or Jan. 20th (Wed)

Government partners include the CDBG Programs of the City of Antioch, City of Pittsburg, and Contra Costa County's Contra Costa County CSBG Program, and Contra Costa's Employment and Human Services Department.

www.OpportunityJunction.org

El Campanil Theatre Academy

Since 2006, El Campanil Theatre has offered El Campanil Children's Theatre--a tuition-free, performance-based program that has served as a first stepping stone for hundreds of young actors over the years. As arts programs get slashed everywhere, we asked ourselves what our greater responsibility was: to our students, to their parents, and the community.

El Campanil Theatre Academy--is a tiered, multi-layered program meant to educate students in the performing arts and give them tools for career placement in the performing arts. Classes range from acting to design, from directing to playwriting, and from voice to movement--all taught by industry professionals.

Tuition-free and low-tuition classes are available below. Limited scholarships are available by [applying here](#).

These classes have been designed to be taught either virtually or in-person, depending on the **COVID regulations** at the time that classes begin. Full information will be sent out as we get closer to start dates.

