

CITY MANAGER'S BI-MONTHLY UPDATE



WELCOME CON!

I am very pleased to introduce our **new Interim City Manager, Cornelius Johnson**. Mr. Johnson comes to us with 17 years of managerial experience with the City and County of San Francisco, most recently as a captain in the San Francisco Police Department's Field Operations Bureau.

Throughout his career, Con has devoted his career to **establishing strong bonds** between his agencies and the residents he has served. **Please join me** in welcoming Con to our Antioch family.



THANK YOU ANTIOCH

Well, I knew this day was coming, just not so fast! Thinking about all of my experiences and encounters over the past 23 years, there's one in particular that stands out. In 2017 former Chief Brooks invited twenty or so members of our community, the youngest being in their 70's and the oldest pushing the century mark, to share what it was like to be born and raised in Antioch. These **amazing men and women** told some of the most **humbling and inspiring stories** about their parents and grandparents, many immigrants who had called Antioch home and times long gone but fresh in their hearts and minds. The thing that struck me the most is that despite all of the **challenges** and change each of them had experienced during their lifetimes, none of them had anything bad to say about Antioch or the city it had grown to become. In fact, all of them reminisced about **how good Antioch was and is**. About how their lives had been molded and impacted by the hardships and opportunities Antioch had to offer and how they were better people because of it.

There was a sparkle in their eyes as they remembered growing up in the town they still reside in and love. This special day has continued to remind me of the power of looking at what is good about Antioch, which is much. For me, Antioch has always been **about the beauty I see everywhere I look**, every street I drive, and every hill I run. It's the neighborhoods, whether old or new and the people who live and work in them. It's the industry and home-based businesses. It's **people building their dream** homes and others living on the streets just trying to survive. The true beauty of Antioch is its people, every part of the world represented, struggling to live in harmony and acceptance of each other, trying to **overcome** hatred and division, searching for hope and purpose and love. Everyday people like you and me, just doing their best to raise families, make a living, give back and live a life of peace, **meaning, and significance**. Thank you for allowing me to accomplish all of those things and so much more. It's been my privilege and honor to have played my small part in the Antioch story. May this place I've grown to love continue to look up and **fulfill its destiny** to become a community where every resident can find their purpose and proudly call this their home. **May God's will be done.** Ron Bernal





ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

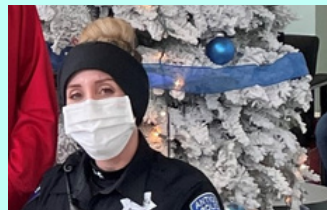
ROAD TO RECOVERY FOR INJURED CSO

Many of you asked about our CSO who was **injured in a traffic collision**. CSO Gaitan stopped-by today to let us know he is on the road to recovery. He sends his thanks to everyone for their **well-wishes** and cannot wait to get back to work!



HOLIDAY HELP

Thank you to everyone for your **generous donations** for our Holiday Help event. This year we provided food, toys and clothes to 75 families. We love being able to **help families** in our community and couldn't have done it without your support!



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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JR. WARRIORS COACH'S CLINIC

On Saturday, December 4th, recreation staff held a coach's clinic for incoming Jr. Warriors volunteer coaches. **Twenty coaches** attended the training to learn about mandated reporting, concussion protocol, the Positive Coaching Alliance, and best practices. An **on-court demonstration** was given, putting coaches through drills that they can use with their teams. New this year, the Jr. Warriors league is utilizing the Mojo app. Mojo is a new company sponsored by the NBA, WNBA, and NFL to provide youth sports coaches with comprehensive practice plans each week with videos of drills and coaching points. A sample video of what coaches get from the app can be **viewed here**.

The Jr. Warriors Basketball league is co-sponsored by the Antioch Recreation Department and the Golden State Warriors to **provide opportunities** for local youth to learn the **fundamentals of basketball** while acquiring life skills that they can apply to the court and beyond. The winter Jr. Warriors league currently has 201 participants registered. Practices began on December 13th; games will start on Sat., January 8th.

FALL SPORTS CLASSES

Antioch Youth Sports classes provided a new skills and drills program to local children this fall. In all, **35 courses were offered** consisting of fundamental skill instruction, small side games, and fun for boys and girls ages 4-12 in soccer and basketball. **312 children** participated in these 4-week classes at Prosserville Park, Diablo West Park, and the Antioch Community Center.

Little Dribbler classes for 4-6-year-olds begin in January; each class costs only \$29. **Click here** for more information and to **register today**.



ANTIOCH RECREATION PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

The children have been busy preparing crafts, making **edible Christmas trees**, and creating cute ornaments for the beautiful, flocked Christmas tree in the Antioch Community Center lobby. We had a **special visit** from Santa on Thursday, December 16th. All the kids were so excited to visit Santa and tell him what they had on their lists! They reassured Santa they would leave cookies and milk out for him on Christmas Eve and sprinkle the reindeer food they made near the front door to make sure Santa finds their home.

Our next session will start **Monday, January 10th**. We are looking forward to making new friends in 2022!



ANIMAL SERVICES



ANTIOCH FRIENDS OF ANIMAL SERVICES

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic in March of 2020, Antioch Friends of Animal Services has **sponsored adoption fees** for all pets from the Antioch Animal Shelter. With their help, more than **680 pets** have been adopted into new homes!

In addition to sponsoring adoption fees, Antioch Friends of Animal Services also **supports specialized veterinary care** that we sometimes cannot provide at the animal shelter. This specialized care is often costly, and every time we have asked for help, Antioch Friends of Animal Services has been there to provide the funds necessary **to help the pets** in our care.

The staff of Antioch Animal Services would like to thank Antioch Friends of Animal Services for the **partnership** we have enjoyed for more than 43 years. We look forward to continuing our efforts to help the citizens and pets of Antioch in the new year. **Pictured left: Daisy – ready for adoption!**

HUMAN RESOURCES

HIRES/RECLASSIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS

- **Cornelius Johnson** was hired as the Interim City Manager on December 13, 2021.

Please join me in welcoming Con to the Antioch family.

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Recreation Supervisor
- Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
- Water Treatment Plant Instrument Technician

Currently open promotional opportunities include:

- Administrative Assistant
- Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator

The City's open recruitments can be found on the Human Resources page of the **[City website here](#)**. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AFFORDABLE HIGH SPEED INTERNET FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

The City of Antioch is spreading the word about an important update to the **Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)**, the FCC program that provides discounts for broadband service and devices for eligible households during the pandemic.

In January 2022, the Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) will transition into the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**, a new long-term program providing assistance for low-income consumers to afford high-speed internet access.

To receive the maximum EBB benefit of \$50 per month for two additional months during ACP implementation, households should enroll in EBB **by December 31st, 2021**, if they meet one of these criteria:

- Have an income that is at or below 135% of the **Federal Poverty Guidelines**, or participate in certain assistance programs, such as CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or Lifeline;
- Received benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-20, 2020-21, or 2021-22 school years;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meet the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Eligible households can also receive a **one-time discount of up to \$100** to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

Information to enroll or find participating EBB providers, as well as other affordable internet and computer offers for eligible County residents is available at Get Connected Contra Costa at **ehsd.org** or **GetEmergencyBroadband.org**.





CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

In-Person City Council Meetings have resumed! Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. For upcoming and past meeting information, visit: www.antiochca.gov/government/city-council-meetings/



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Antioch Needs Your Voice.

Antioch Youth ages 14-17 can apply to serve on one of Antioch's Boards and Commissions!

The City of Antioch **encourages residents** to become involved in their local community. One way to do so is to serve in an **advisory capacity** on one of the various commissions, boards and committees. For more information and to check openings, visit: www.bit.ly/ApplyAntioch

CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are **grouped together** into a district for purposes of electing a councilmember.

The City of Antioch is redistricting after the 2020 Census count. The City Council will be holding hearings to receive public input on where district lines should be drawn. Share your specific thoughts, draw a map, or attend a workshop to **get involved!**



Learn more: antiochca.gov/districtelections

CITY CLERKS OFFICE





HELP PREVENT FLOODING

The weather is changing with cooler mornings and evenings, and we are currently in the midst of our **rainy season**. Each fall, Public Works crews add storm drain maintenance and repairs to their list of tasks to complete. Residents can be part of the proactive patrols that **stop minor storm drain** issues from becoming more significant flooding issues during the rainy season.

How? If your house is near a storm drain or you pass by one on your afternoon walk, and you see that it is clogged with leaves or other debris, be sure to **contact us immediately**, and we will get right out there to clean it up! By doing so, you will help prevent costly flooding problems, preserve our storm drains, and ensure that garbage does not flow to the river when the rains arrive!

We **appreciate your help** as we have hundreds of storm drains throughout the City. Please call the Public Works Department at **(925) 779-6950** to report all storm drain issues. Thank you.

FREE SANDBAGS AVAILABLE!

SAND/SANDBAG PICK UP LOCATION
401-499 N Street, Antioch, CA 94509



The City's self-serve sandbag station is up and running. It is stocked with bags, shovels, and a sand funnel while supplies last. Self-serve filling station located on N Street, at the entrance to the Public Works Corporation Yard; off 4th Street.

- Sandbags will be made available in a covered container/box, under the 5 MPH sign.
- Fill up to 20 sandbags; sandbags only need to be 2/3 full.
- For your convenience, use the shovel and orange chute provided to fill bags with sand.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FIP)

The Economic Development Department is proud to announce that **applications are available** for the Façade Improvement Program (FIP). The citywide FIP provides building and business owners with an opportunity to improve their storefront. The program is for eligible improvement projects made to the first floor or street level of a commercial building/unit/suite(s). The funding for this program is based on receipts of the actual improvement and then **reimbursed to the applicant** after the project is completed. For more details and application, visit the FIP page **HERE**.

Please Note that City Hall 3rd floor Economic Development offices are currently closed due to construction. For any questions, please email staff at: econdevelopment@Antiochca.gov

OPEN REWARDS PROGRAM

Bludot and the **City of Antioch** have partnered to launch Open Rewards, a city-wide rewards program to incentivize consumers to shop local in the City of Antioch! An App for consumers is **here** to download! How it works? When you shop at Antioch, participating small businesses in the program, consumers will earn 5% credit. Consumers can spend their accumulated rewards at any participating business in Antioch! The App shows a list of **small businesses** that are part of the program. We have over 45 businesses participating in the program.

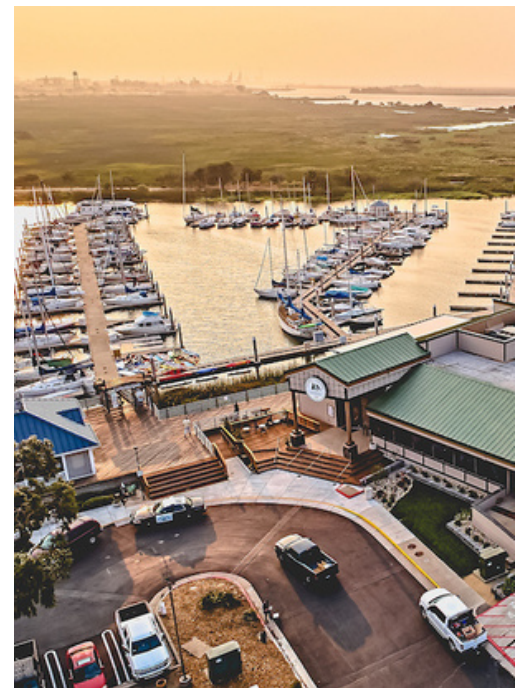
**For Customers Phone App
for Open Rewards download for:**

- [Apple Store](#)
- [Google Play](#)

If you are a business, please register for the entire program **HERE** and be listed as a participant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

The next regularly scheduled meeting for EDC will be **February 1st, 2022.**



C ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



HAPPY NEW YEAR ANTIOCH!

As we look ahead to this upcoming year, it's our hope for all residents that **2022 be filled with opportunity and joy**, and that we can celebrate another year together in this wonderful city.

Musicise

Enjoy a fitness journey the fun way— move along to classical music and dance you stress away!

10am - 11am
Tuesdays
January 4th - April 26
Antioch Senior Center

Class Fee: \$60/Residents or \$72/Non-Residents
Register Online at: antiochca.gov/register
Call (925)779-7076 for more information.



EL CAMPANIL THEATER

602 W. 2nd St. Antioch, Ca 94509

Best Of SF Comedy Competition

Saturday, January 15th at 8:00 p.m.
Orchestra: \$30 , Loge: \$25, Opera: \$20

The legendary **San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy Competition** will return to El Campanil in a big way during 2022, kicking things off Saturday, January 15th, with performances by **three past winners** of the event and a recent finalist, special guest Chelsea Bearce.



Greg Johnson's Big Band w/ Mads Tolling

Sunday, January 16, 2021 | 2:00 pm
Adults: \$32 | Seniors: \$29 | Youth: \$15

With Special Guest & Grammy winner Mads Tolling, this is an **exciting performance** with two unique artists coming together to perform new arrangements to classic favorites as well some of their own works and creations.

For more information on events contact:
Phone: (925) 757-9500
<https://www.elcampaniltheatre.com/>

