



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 1 – January 7, 2016

Fire Department

Retirement: The Manteca Fire Department would like to congratulate Battalion Chief Bob Davis on his recent retirement. Chief Davis worked his way up through the ranks, starting as a part-time Reserve Firefighter in 1984. His devotion to the City of Manteca for the past 29 years has been steadfast. We wish him happiness and health in his retirement.



Happy Retirement, Battalion Chief Davis!

New-Hire Training: On January 1, the Manteca Fire Department welcomed six new Firefighters to our family. Over the next six weeks, the department will be conducting an academy to prepare our newest Firefighters for duty. This week's training included lessons in Fire Behavior, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Response Readiness.



New Firefighters participating in a SCBA Drill

2015 Year-End: The Manteca Fire Department closed 2015, logging over 6,600 calls, marking an all-time high for our City. This milestone represents a 12% increase over the previous year's call total, and we expect 2016 will bring a similar increase.

Highlights of Incidents from Past Week:

- *Fire – East Roth Road*
Firefighters responded on mutual aid to a structure fire on East Roth Road on Monday evening. Upon arrival, they found a dog food processing plant with an equipment/product fire. Engine Company 244 was assigned to Rapid Intervention Crew and assisted with Positive Pressure Ventilation for more than two hours before being released from the scene.
- *Rubbish Fire – Sycamore Avenue*
Firefighters were dispatched to a rubbish fire on Sycamore Avenue on Tuesday morning. Upon arrival, they found a smoldering mattress in the rear parking lot. Engine Company 243 extinguished the fire without further incident.
- *Water Problem – North Union Road*
Firefighters responded to the report of a sheared fire hydrant on North Union Road and Shady Pines Street on Wednesday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a hydrant that had been sheared by an automobile. Firefighters performed traffic control and assisted the Water Department in securing the hydrant.

Police Department

The following is a summary of the significant events from the past week:

Shooting: On January 3, Dispatch received a report of a loud house party in the 1500 block of Churcher Drive. Subsequently, an additional call advising of a physical fight in the street in front of the residence involving approximately 20 subjects was also received. While Officers responded to the scene, an additional report of gunshots being fired in the area was received. As Officers arrived on scene, several vehicles were driving out of the area and numerous subjects were leaving the area on foot. Witnesses reported both physical fights and gunshots at the scene. A 20-year-old male victim was located in front of the residence. He had injuries to his face consistent with a fight and he was being held up (supported) by several of his friends. No shooting victims were located at the scene. While conducting the investigation at the scene, Officers learned a 19-year-old male gunshot victim had been transported to Kaiser hospital by private vehicle. The victim was contacted at the hospital and interviewed by Officers. The victim told Officers he had been shot outside on the street on Churcher Drive. The victim was subsequently transported to San Joaquin General Hospital in stable condition.

Traffic Collision: On January 6, Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 400 block of Vasconcellos Avenue. Officers learned a 37-year-old Lathrop resident was driving northbound on Vasconcellos Avenue when she collided with a car parked on the street. The vehicle she was driving rolled over and came to rest on its roof. The driver was trapped inside the vehicle and was eventually removed by Manteca Fire Department personnel. She was transported to Doctors Hospital of Manteca with minor injuries. Officers contacted the driver at the hospital, where they initiated a DUI investigation.

Pet Adoptions: This week's featured animal is a boxer/pitbull mix we have been calling "Honeybear." She is about 18 months old, weighs 56 pounds and is very

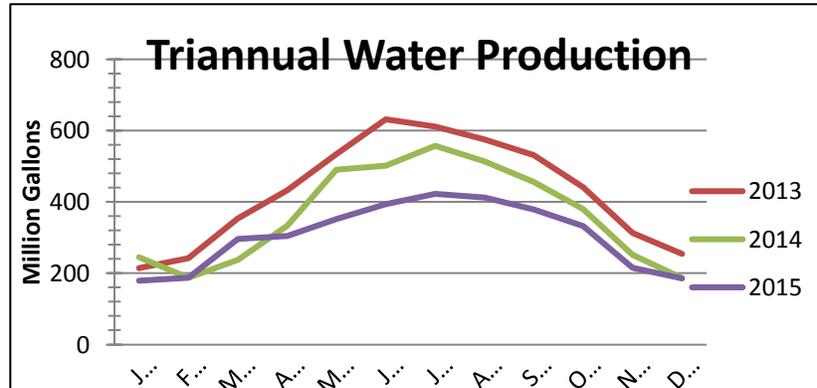
friendly and playful. She enjoys running on grassy areas and she seems to mind well. She has also already been spayed. Honeybear is available for adoption now!



One of many animals available at our shelter

Public Works

2015 Water Production: The City of Manteca distributed 3.66 billion gallons of safe, reliable drinking water in 2015. While this seems like a lot of water, the City distributed 5.13 billion gallons in 2013. In light of the drought, residents and businesses reduced their water usage by 1.47 billion gallons – that’s a 28.7% reduction! The graph below illustrates three years of monthly water production for 2013, 2014 and 2015. It clearly indicates how water consumption has decreased while we have been in the drought. While this level of water savings is a major accomplishment, the City did fall short of the State’s 32% conservation goal for Manteca. So please continue to do your part to conserve as much water as possible.



Possible Freezing Pipes: The City of Manteca Water Division would like to remind our customers that the seasonal cold weather conditions are back and there may be issues with freezing pipes. The pipes that freeze first are outside pipes and faucets as well as pipes in unheated garages and crawl spaces. To adequately protect these, we advise residents to proactively wrap these pipes with an insulating material; then cover them with plastic and secure with weatherproof tape, string, or wire. Knowing where the main shut-off valve is located and how it works can also help reduce the potential for flooding or excessive water loss in the event of a pipe break. For those planning to be away for several days during a cold stretch of weather, turn off the main shut-off valve; open indoor and outdoor taps to drain the pipes; also flush toilets once to drain the tank but not the bowl. Indoor heat should be maintained at a

minimum of 45 degrees, to keep pipes inside the walls from freezing; additionally expose under-sink pipes to the heat by leaving sink cabinet doors open. It is not a good idea to leave water trickling. Frozen pipes can be thawed by applying heat from a light bulb, a hair dryer set on low, exhaust from a vacuum cleaner or heat tape. Identify by touch the coldest point of the pipe and focus the heat in the general area around it, making sure to keep the heat from concentrating on one spot. We caution customers to never attempt to thaw pipes with an open flame and to call a plumber to address pipes that will not thaw using the above suggested methods. In the event of emergency please call 456-8466 during normal business hours or 639-4900 after hours.

Parks and Rec

Community Events: The Manteca Youth Advisory

Commission will host its first Madden 16 Video Game

Tournament on January 23 at the Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane. The tournament begins at 10:00 a.m. and there are four divisions: Rookie Division for ages 10-13, Pro Division for ages 14-17, Veteran Division for ages 18-21, and Madden Division for players 22 and older. There will be cash prizes for the top three finishers in each division. Players can register now at the Senior Center front desk. The entry fee is \$25 per person and includes a one-game guarantee, plus lunch and a beverage. There is the possibility to get free entry into the tournament for those who can provide one of the following for use on the day of the tournament: Xbox One with Madden 16 and two controllers, or a 42-inch television. Call Taylor Hasal at 456-8632 with any questions.

- The Manteca Youth Advisory Commission invites fathers (or uncles, grandfathers, etc.) to take their little girls (ages 4-14) out on a date they will never forget. Come join us for the “Frozen Wonderland” Father-Daughter Dance with Princess Anna and Queen Elsa on Friday, February 26, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane. Enjoy refreshments, music, and dancing. Reflections Photography will be there to take photos that will be available for purchase. Advance tickets are \$30 per couple (\$5 each additional daughter). Tickets at the door are \$40 per couple (\$8 each additional daughter). Advance tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or the Parks and Recreation Office. There is no guarantee tickets will be available at the door the night of the event. For additional information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 456-8600.
- Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center’s next Friday Night Bingo, to be held January 8, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Each \$10 ticket includes event entry and one six-pack of bingo cards; additional bingo packs will be available for \$5 each at the event. There is limited space available, so buy your tickets early. Open to ages 18 and older.
- The Manteca Parks and Recreation Department’s Youth Advisory Commission (YAC), in cooperation with Manteca Unified School District’s Transportation Department and the Silver Barons MC, sponsored the Stuff-the-Bus “For Kids’ Sake” donation drive and Christmas party. The program provided more than 1,200 children from needy families in our community with Christmas gifts,

jackets, and food. More than 300 holiday meals were served at the Christmas party. YAC members and department staff wish to extend sincere gratitude to the following major sponsors and supporters of this event: Manteca Walmart, The Jeff Burkhardt Foundation, Manteca Senior Advisory Committee, Girl Scout Troop #726, The Lost Riders MC, Vengeful Saints MC, Eagle's Nest Harley Davidson, Manteca Police Officers Association, Callie-Jo CORP., Second Harvest Food Bank, DeHart Plumbing Heating & Air, Trips-n-Tours, Manteca Sunrise Kiwanis, Manteca Fire Department, Reflections Photography, Hi-Five Nutrition, The UPS Store (Main Street), Gypsy Soul and Binford's Custom Cycle. Additional thanks to Manteca Youth Focus members and Manteca Parks and Recreation staff for serving at the Christmas party. Thank you to our community members who donated toys, food, coats, blankets, pillows, gift cards, and money to the Stuff-the-Bus drive; without your generous donations, this project will not succeed. Thank you to those in the community who helped wrap gifts, serve at the Christmas party, and deliver gifts to the families. Finally, thank you to the Manteca City Council, City staff, and the MUSD School Board for their support of this event.



Senior Services:

- Tickets for the January 18 Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo are on sale now and will be available until sold out. Each \$8 tickets includes entry, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert. Bingo is played after the dinner; bingo six-packs are available for \$5 each. You must be at least 50 years old to attend this event, and you must purchase a dinner ticket to play bingo. For more information, call the Senior Center at 456-8650.
- The Manteca Senior Center sponsored the Fifth Annual Angel Tree project this holiday season. The tree was located in the lobby of the Manteca Senior Center. Instead of ornaments, the tree was decorated with the names of seniors in our community who receive few or no Christmas gifts. These names were then randomly selected by donors, who purchased presents. This year more than 160 seniors in the community received gifts through this effort. The community of Manteca is very generous and we could not have done it without their support. The Manteca Senior Center also wishes to thank the Manteca Fire Department, Manteca Police Department, Police Officers Association, Manteca Senior Advisory Committee, Manteca Youth Advisory Commission, Jeff Burkhardt Memorial Foundation, Manteca Sunrise Kiwanis, The Chain Gang, Trips-n-Tours, the Manteca Senior Center's Wii bowling league, and all the community members who "adopted" seniors through this project.



Recreation Programs:

- Youth Basketball – The Youth Basketball League began practice the week of December 14, and the first games will be played this weekend. There are 415 participants enrolled. All games will take place at Golden West, Stella Brockman and Neil Hafley gyms.
- Challenger Basketball – The Challenger Basketball League will begin this Saturday, January 9, at Golden West Gym. There are 15 participants enrolled. This program is for youth from kindergarten-age through age 18 who have disabilities.

Little People’s Creative Play and Mommy and Me: The City offers a structured learning program Mondays through Thursdays for preschool-aged children, 3½ to 5 years old (Creative Play), and a parent participation class on Friday mornings for toddlers 18 months to 3 years old (Mom/Dad and Me). Creative Play allows the children to work on motor skills and socialization, while learning the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors and songs. Parents may enroll their child for one day a week, or any combination of days. There are daily craft projects, along with a snack, sharing and story time. Mom/Dad and Me is a stepping-stone to Creative Play and requires parent participation with the toddlers.

Kids’ Zone Programs: The City offers State-licensed child-care programs for parents who need care for their children before and after school hours. Kids’ Zone is for children in kindergarten through 7th grade, and currently is offered at nine Manteca elementary schools. Before-School program begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs until the start of the school day. KinderZone is designed for morning kindergarten students and runs from kindergarten dismissal until 3:30 p.m. After-School program runs from regular school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. Participants receive help with homework, enjoy healthy snacks, have time for free play, and engage in crafts and organized games. The program application and handbook are available in the Parks and Recreation office or online at www.mantecagov.com/parks

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review December 28-31: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 144 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 31 people at the counter. The division issued 42 building permits, which included 4 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Hood & Duct, 1 Residential HVAC Replacement, 1 Residential Miscellaneous Electrical, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Plumbing, 1 Patio Cover, 18 Residential Photovoltaics, 1 Commercial Reroof, 2 Residential Reroofs, 8 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Wall Sign, 2 Commercial Tenant Infills/Remodels and 1 Water Heater. A total of 12 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 7 were issued immediately. A total of 5 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 2 Addenda, 1 Fence/Wall, 1 Wall Sign and 1 Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel.

City Manager's Office

Looking Back, Looking Ahead: With 2015 now behind us, and 2016 just beginning, I wanted to send a shout-out and Thank You to all who made 2015 such a memorable year in Manteca. The economy is definitely seeing signs of improvement, and we are FINALLY getting some much-needed rain, providing some relief during these difficult drought times. Manteca remains a vibrant community, full of new development, new opportunities, and so much more on the horizon. Thank you to the City Council for your leadership, the dedicated employees of the City of Manteca who continue to commit their lives to public service, and to the residents, business owners and visitors in Manteca. It takes all of these, and more, to keep Manteca moving forward. Here's to a productive, lucrative and healthy 2016!

Have a great weekend!