



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 2 – January 15, 2016

Police Department

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

Marijuana Grow: On January 5, the Street Crimes Unit (SCU) concluded an investigation on a marijuana grow house located in the 1100 block of Primavera Avenue. SCU served a search warrant at the residence and found the suspects in the process of transporting 30 pounds of marijuana in their vehicle. During the search of the house, SCU found the residence had been heavily converted to growing operations with 950 actively growing marijuana plants. Marijuana was found in all stages of production including growing, drying, in-process and finished product. The seized marijuana weighed 282 pounds. Detectives arrested 44-year-old Denny Kusnadi and 39-year-old Susanna Laj for sales and cultivation of marijuana, theft of utilities and conspiracy.

Fraud Suspect: The female subject pictured below is wanted in connection with a credit card fraud that occurred at the Chevron station located in the 1200 block of West Yosemite Avenue. The two male subjects are associated. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect or her two associates is urged to contact the investigating Officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



Subjects wanted for identification in connection with a fraudulent use of a credit card

Robbery: On January 9, a robbery occurred at the Quik Stop market located in the 500 block of North Main St. According to witnesses, a male subject entered the store armed with a handgun. The suspect then approached the clerk and went behind the counter. The suspect took two bottles of cognac and one carton of cigarettes. He then ordered the clerk to open the register and took an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled on foot, last seen southbound on Main Street. The suspect is described

as a black male, 5'8" to 6 feet tall and thinly built. He was wearing a black hoodie-style jacket, black mask, green pants and Converse shoes.

Suspicious Subject: On January 11, just after 4:00 p.m., a suspicious male drove up to a teenage female as she was walking home. The subject contacted her near the intersection of Martha Street and Locust Avenue. The subject rolled down his passenger window and called to the girl, asking her to approach him. The girl ran to a safe house as the subject left the area. The girl told officials the same male approached her approximately one month ago and did the same thing. He is described as a white male in his 40s, bald and heavy set. He was driving a late-90s, gray or black Chevy pickup truck that was lowered, with stock rims and tinted windows. Anyone who may know the identity of this subject is urged to call the Police Department at 456-8101.

Identification Wanted: The subject pictured below is wanted for questioning in connection with a dispute that occurred at the Quik Stop market on North Main Street. Anyone with information on her identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at rsmigelski@ci.manteca.ca.us.



Subject wanted in connection with a dispute

Shooting: On January 13, Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Harding Avenue for a report of a drive-by shooting with two subjects injured. Officers arrived on scene and found two male adults inside a residence with gunshot wounds. Both subjects were taken by ambulance to the hospital and, at last report, one of the injuries was life-threatening. Witnesses told Police a white 2000s Chevy or GMC pickup was seen leaving the area after the shooting. Detectives responded to the scene and assumed responsibility for the investigation. The incident is not believed to be random and is likely gang related.

Robbery Arrests: On January 13, the Sinclair gas station on East Yosemite Avenue was robbed at gunpoint. Officers were advised that a witness was following the suspect vehicle eastbound on Yosemite Avenue. The Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) was in the area and located the vehicle after it entered onto northbound Highway 99. A traffic stop was conducted and three occupants were detained without incident. A search of the vehicle yielded a firearm, a ski mask and currency matching the amount stolen from the gas station. All three subjects were arrested for robbery, conspiracy and firearms violations. They have been identified as 21-year-old Jelani Dawson, 21-year-old Treyvon Phillips and 20-year-old Jacqueline Melecio, all of Stockton.

Pet Adoptions: This week's featured animal is a cute chihuahua we have dubbed "Bowie." Bowie is about 9 months old, weighs 6 pounds and is very friendly and playful. He is happy around other small dogs and he loves people. He is available for adoption now!



One of many animals available at our shelter

Fire Department

Fireworks Lottery: The Annual Fireworks Lottery was held at City hall on Wednesday, January 13. A total of 28 non-profit organizations were entered in this year's lottery, with 14 winning the open slots for the 2016 fireworks stands. The winning non-profit organizations are listed in order drawn:

1. Agape Villages Foster Family Agency
2. Calvary Community Church
3. Crossroads Grace Community Church
4. East Union Band Boosters
5. Freedom Christian Center
6. Love, Inc.
7. Manteca Jaguars Youth Football & Cheer
8. Manteca Moose Lodge 1815
9. Manteca Presbyterian Church
10. Manteca S.H.A.R.P. Unit
11. Not Forgotten Inc.
12. Prayer Valley Family Worship Church, Inc.
13. Sequoia Heights Baptist Church
14. Walter Woodward Elementary Parent Teacher Community



*2016 Fireworks Lottery
City Clerk Joann Tilton and
Administrative Assistant Aimee Rubio*

Training: Reserve Firefighters participated in a Forcible Entry Drill conducted near the City's water tower on Tuesday evening. Firefighters practiced techniques simulating entry into locked or barricaded structure.



Firefighters participating in a Forcible Entry Drill

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Fire – East Edison Street*

Firefighters responded to the report of an outdoor fire on East Edison Street early Thursday morning. Upon arrival, they found three Molotov cocktails burning in the street. Engine Company 243 pulled a booster line to extinguish the fires. Firefighters responded to the same scene a short time later for a report of another outdoor fire. Upon arrival, they found a pile of cardboard burning in the street. Firefighters once again extinguished the fire and spoke to the reporting party, who provided suspect information to law enforcement about both suspicious fires.

- *Vehicle Accident – Eucalyptus Street*

Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle accident on Eucalyptus Street Monday morning. Upon arrival, they found one vehicle on its left side that had hit a parked car. Engine Company 242 blocked traffic to establish a safe working area and began patient assessment. Firefighters also conducted a hazardous materials assessment and contained leaking fluid with absorbent.



Vehicle Accident at Eucalyptus Street

- *Chemical Exposure – Pestana Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched to the report of a chemical exposure on Pestana Avenue Wednesday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found 12 patients experiencing respiratory problems. Firefighters provided patient care and investigated the source of the fumes that came from the ventilation system.



Firefighters tending to patients at Pestana Avenue

Public Works

2015 Annual Pavement Maintenance Project: On January 5, the City Council accepted the 2015 Pavement Maintenance Project as complete in the amount of \$1,833,735.31. The project was engineered using a Pavement Condition Survey and specialized software that identifies the most cost-effective approach for maintaining the City's pavement infrastructure. Residential streets received a slurry seal and, in general, collector streets received a cape seal. A slurry seal is a homogenous mixture of emulsified asphalt, water, well-graded fine aggregate and mineral filler that has a creamy fluid-like appearance when applied. A cape seal is a chip seal covered with a slurry or micro-surface. The benefits from using a cape seal include a very smooth surface with an increased durability by sealing the sub-base. During the course of the project, Public Works completed a number of test sections using microsurfacing rather than the standard slurry seal process. The microsurfacing mix design provides a longer lasting driving surface (seven to ten years) at only a minor increase in cost. It also has a shorter drying time allowing the road to be open to the public sooner. Due to the faster drying time and cooler allowable temperatures while curing, microsurfacing provides the option for nighttime paving operations so not to impair City streets during peak travel hours. This project rehabilitated the following quantities of residential and collector streets:

- 33,264 square feet of damaged asphalt cement was removed and replaced
- 624,900 square yards of pavement was slurry sealed
- 123,300 square yards of pavement was cape sealed
- 110 "High-Visibility" crosswalks were striped

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 February 5, 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.

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.

Recreation Programs:

- Youth Basketball – The Youth Basketball League began games on January 9. There are 415 participants enrolled. All games will take place at Golden West, Stella Brockman and Neil Hafley gyms. Picture day is Saturday, January 23, at Shasta School.
- Challenger Basketball – The Challenger Basketball League began January 9 at Golden West Gym. This is a non-competitive basketball league for youth from kindergarten-age through age 18 who have disabilities. The league will last six weeks, with practices on Tuesday and Thursdays and games on Saturdays. There are about 30 participants enrolled.



Challenger Basketball League

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.



Little People's Creative Play participants with their penguin crafts

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.



Woodward and Veritas KinderZone participants during craft activities

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review January 4-7: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 128 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 44 people at the counter. The division issued 33 building permits, which included 2 Commercial Demolitions, 1 Residential Demolition, 5 Residential Electrical Services, 3 HVAC Replacements, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 2 Patio Covers, 12 Photovoltaics, 3 Residential Reroofs, 3 Water Heaters and 1 Water Softener. A total of 24 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 2 were issued immediately. The remaining 22 single-family dwellings were held for plan check.

City Manager's Office

Coming up next week:

- City offices will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, as well as Friday, January 22 as part the City's 9/80 flex work schedule. Offices will be open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, though the Community Development and Finance Departments close at 5:00 p.m. As a result of the short week, there will be no issue of The Week in Review. The next issue will be available until Friday, January 29.
- The next City Council meeting will be held on January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The complete agenda, along with agenda reports and attachments, are available to the public on the City Clerk's website at <http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/CityClerk/>.

Have a great weekend!