



## *The Week in Review*

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 3 – January 29, 2016

### **Fire Department**

Car Seat Inspections: The Manteca Fire Department has nine Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Certified Car Seat Technicians who are available to assist the community in ensuring children are properly restrained in child safety seats while traveling in a motor vehicle. To schedule an appointment, call the Fire Department at 456-8300.



*Firefighter providing car seat training*

New Hire Training: The newest Manteca Firefighters continue to train daily in our academy as they prepare for their shift assignments in the coming weeks. This week, the group worked on fire hose deployment, Firefighter survival and rapid intervention, as well as search and rescue.



*Firefighter participating in a fire hose deployment drill*

### Highlights of Incidents:

- *Power Line Down – West Louise Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched to a downed power line on West Louise Avenue Tuesday morning. Upon arrival, they closed the west bound lanes to traffic and met with Union Pacific Railroad employees who assisted with closing the east

bound lanes. PG&E arrived on scene and determined the downed line was a phone line. Firefighters assisted with removing the pole and wire from the roadway.

- *Fire – Spreckels Avenue*

Firefighters responded to a dumpster fire on Spreckels Avenue Saturday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved dumpster fire in an enclosed trash area. Truck Company 24 pulled a bumper line to extinguish the fire. Since the dumpster was made of plastic it was a complete loss. Firefighters overhauled the area to ensure the fire was completely out and checked for extension.

- *Fire– Rosemary Court*

Firefighters were dispatched to the report of a kitchen fire on Rosemary Court Sunday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found smoke in the residence and found an oven fire that appeared to be out. Firefighters ensured the fire was completely out and checked the appliance and surrounding area for fire extension. Finding no fire extension, firefighters performed positive pressure ventilation to clear the smoke from the residence.

## Police Department

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

Shooting Incidents: On January 23, the Police Department received a 911 call reporting a suspect discharging a hand gun into the air in the north parking lot of Woodward Park. The caller reported a group of approximately 6-8 Hispanic male adults gathered near a dark-colored SUV and a dark-colored sedan. Officers later located nine shell casings in the parking lot. Just minutes after this call, the Police Department received a subsequent call that a house in the 1400 block of Woodward Avenue had been struck by several bullets. Officers investigating this call found five bullet strikes to the residence. No one was injured in either incident. Area checks were made for the suspects, but they were not located. Investigators believe the two incidents are related.

Assault on Canine Officer: On January 23, Officers were dispatched to the area of Geneva Lane and Airport Way to investigate a report of a fight involving three males. Shortly after arrival, an Officer located a subject, later identified as 27-year-old Christopher Wardlow, attempting to hide in bushes along a sound wall on Airport Way. Suspect Wardlow refused to come out of the bushes and he threatened to fight the Officers. Police Canine Max was at the scene and, at one point, Wardlow stepped from the bushes and delivered a front kick to Max, striking him on the head. Max's partner, Officer Massey, then deployed Max, who successfully assisted in taking Wardlow to the ground, where he was placed in handcuffs. Neither Wardlow nor Max was injured in the exchange. Wardlow was booked for striking a Police canine, public intoxication and resisting arrest.

ATM Skimmer: On January 23, Officers took a report of a skimmer that had been attached to an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) machine at Bank of Stockton. The skimmer was on the drive-up ATM. A customer found the skimmer when he noticed it

was a little loose when he inserted his debit card. The photos below show the skimmer. ATM customers are encouraged to use caution when using ATM machines. The suspects in this case have been identified and Detectives are working on the case.



*ATM skimmer found attached to a local ATM machine*

Theft of Wallet: The suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with the theft of a wallet that occurred at Quik Stop on North Main Street. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [rsmith@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:rsmith@ci.manteca.ca.us).



*Suspect wanted in connection with a theft*

Identification Wanted: The suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with a theft of money from a local convenience store. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [ssmith@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:ssmith@ci.manteca.ca.us).



*Subject wanted in connection with a theft*

Canine-Assisted Arrest: On January 24, Officers responded to the 500 block of North Lincoln Avenue regarding a prowler. The suspect was reportedly at the front door,

then refused to leave and had jumped onto a balcony of the victim's apartment and was at the rear window. While Officers were responding, the suspect left. Officers arriving in the area located the suspect, later identified as 26-year-old Joseph Randle Carlton of Lathrop. Officers attempted to detain Carlton, but he was uncooperative. A struggle ensued, during which Canine Officer Murphy was deployed to assist. With the assistance of Murphy, Carlton was taken into custody and booked for public intoxication, resisting arrest and for an outstanding warrant. Carlton suffered a dog bite to his left leg which was treated at a local hospital.

Bank Robbery: On January 27, Dispatch received a report of multiple silent alarms at Bank of Stockton. Upon arrival, Officers determined that a robbery had occurred and the suspect had fled the area. According to witnesses, a male subject entered the bank and approached the bank teller at the counter. He verbally advised the teller he was robbing the bank. He did not display any weapon, but demanded money from the teller. Once given the money, the suspect left the bank through the east doors and left the area on foot. He was seen getting into the passenger's side of a small, light-grey vehicle which fled southbound on Grant Avenue. Video surveillance captured the below image of the suspect. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact Detectives at [investigations@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:investigations@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 823-INFO.



*Suspect wanted in connection with a bank robbery*

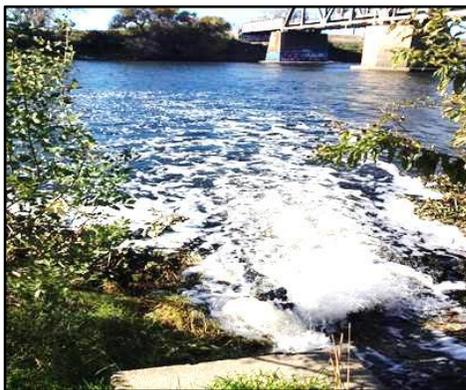
Pet Adoptions: This week's featured animal is a long-haired Chihuahua we have been calling "Sadie." Sadie is about 5 years old, weighs 4 pounds and is very friendly with people and other small dogs. She will be available for adoption on January 28. To see this animal or any of the others currently residing in the shelter, visit us at the corner of Wetmore Avenue and Main Street.



*One of many animals available at our shelter*

## Public Works

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board: On December 22, 2015, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) visited the City of Manteca's Water Quality Control Facility (WQCF) for its annual inspection. During the inspection, the Regional Board's Water Resources Control Engineers reviewed all the required documents staff submitted throughout the year, walked around the treatment plant, and took a drive out to the San Joaquin River to inspect the discharge point. The Engineers were looking for potential areas out of compliance with the requirements in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The NPDES permit is issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and is the governing document for a wastewater treatment plant. After a full day of inspection, the Regional Board Engineers informed WQCF staff they found no areas of concern. Thank you to the knowledgeable and dedicated WQCF staff for keeping the City of Manteca in compliance!



*City of Manteca's discharge point on the San Joaquin River*

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG): The Solid Waste Division is operating four trucks fueled with CNG, three residential side-loaders and one commercial front-loader. The trucks are currently fueling at the Clean Energy Station on Yosemite. The City is working on obtaining its own fueling station to be located at the Wastewater Quality Control Facility (WQCF). The WQCF fueling station will provide gas created by food waste collected from schools and businesses that is turned into methane through a digester process. Utilizing CNG in this manner will complete the loop from food waste to fuel for City trucks.



*CNG side-loader*

Food Waste Program: Manteca Unified School District currently has three schools participating in the mandatory Food Waste Collection Program. Brock Elliott and Joshua Cowell were the pioneers of this collection process and Walter Woodward has

recently joined in. The rest of the school will begin participation very soon. The Solid Waste Division would like to have all of Manteca Unified schools on board before the end of the school year. Assembly Bill 1826, the mandatory Food Waste Collection law, requires that food waste be separated and kept out of the landfill beginning in April 2016. Manteca has several businesses starting up next week starting with IHOP and Food 4 Less that are ready to go. The Solid Waste Division will be using the new CNG front-loader for this process because it is more “water-tight” than the other trucks.



*“Freddy” the food waste mascot*

## Parks and Rec

Community Events: The Manteca Youth Advisory Commission held its first Madden 16 Video Game

Tournament on January 23 at the Senior Center. There were a total of 15 players. Stephen Bennet finished in first place for the Adult Division and David Martin, Jr., finished in first place for the Rookies Division. The Youth Advisory Commission will host an NBA 2K17 Tournament in November.

- The Manteca Youth Advisory Commission will host a middle-school dance this Friday, January 29, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Golden West Community Gymnasium. These dances are held periodically throughout the school year for youth in grades 6 through 8 only. School ID card of proof of school attendance and grade level is required for admission. Entrance is \$5 at the door. There will be a snack bar and glow items for sale. School dress code is enforced and security is provided by the Manteca Police Department. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 456-8600.
- 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 February 15 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 Senior Center will host the monthly Potluck Dinner on Thursday, February 18, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Seniors ages 50 and older are invited and are asked to bring a dish (enough to feed eight people) and their own plates and flatware. Brookdale-Manteca will be providing the dessert. 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. The playoff tournament will take place February 27-28.
- 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.

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  
sharing a smile with Parks and  
Recreation mascot Parky the Squirrel*

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mantecagov.com/parks).



*Neil Hafley program participants enjoying "live photos," left, flag football and snack kabobs*

## Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review January 11-15: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 179 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 64 people at the counter. The division issued 71 building permits, which included 1 Dwelling Demolition, 5 Residential Electrical Service Changes, 1 Garage, 1 HVAC, 6 HVAC Replacements, 2 Residential Miscellaneous Plumbings, 1 Patio, 32 Photovoltaics, 1 Residential Remodel, 5 Residential Reroofs, 13 Single-Family Dwellings and 3 Wall Signs. A total of 33 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 6 were issued immediately. A total of 27 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 4 Addenda, 1 Residential Addition, 1 Antenna, 1 Carport, 5 Residential Fire Sprinkler Master Plans, 1 Grading, 7 Landscape, 2 Commercial Miscellaneous Electricals, 1 Parking Lot, 1 CMU/Retaining Wall and 3 Single-Family Dwellings.

Building Safety Week in Review January 19-21: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 118 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 41 people at the counter. The division issued 33 building permits, which included 1 Antenna, 1 Commercial Demolition, 1 Residential Demolition, 2 Residential Electrical Services, 1 HVAC, 1 Residential Miscellaneous Electrical, 2 Photovoltaics, 2 Residential Remodels, 3 Residential Reroofs, 13 Single-Family Dwellings, 3 Wall Signs, 2 Swimming Pools and 1 Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel. A total of 21 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 10 were issued immediately. A total of 11 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 1 Addendum, 1 Residential Addition, 1 Antenna, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler, 1 Fire Hood & Duct Fire Suppression, 3 Master Plans, 1 Wall Sign and 1 Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel.

## Human Resources/

### Risk Management

New Employees: It has been a busy month expanding our family! The City of Manteca welcomed 12 new employees in January! Joining the City this month are:

- Cory Dufour, Police Officer I, Police Department
- Benedict Jemerigbe, Police Officer I, Police Department
- Micah Brawley, Police Officer I, Police Department
- Alex Blackburn, Public Safety Dispatcher I, Police Department
- Sara Cowell, Project Analyst, Finance Department
- Dustin Valiquette, Chief Plant Operator, Public Works Department
- Gerardo Garcia, Firefighter, Fire Department
- Brett Jones, Firefighter, Fire Department
- Chase Keener, Firefighter, Fire Department
- Daniel Sawyer, Firefighter, Fire Department
- Kenton Shipherd, Firefighter, Fire Department
- John Viss, Firefighter, Fire Department

Promotions: The City of Manteca would also like to recognize five employees who were promoted in January:

- Ryan Avant, Firefighter-Engineer, Fire Department (promoted from Firefighter)
- Bill Canfield, Battalion Chief, Fire Department (promoted from Fire Captain)
- Eva Chavez-Cisners, Lead Custodian, Public Works (promoted from Custodian I)
- Heather Grove, Wastewater Superintendent, Public Works (promoted from Laboratory Supervisor)
- Nick Haas, Fire Captain, Fire Department (promoted from Firefighter-Engineer)

Welcome to our newest employees and congratulations to those promoted!

## City Manager's

### Office

#### Coming up next week:

- City offices will be closed Friday, February 5 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.
- The next City Council meeting will be held on February 2, 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!