



## The Week in Review

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### Police Department

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

**Badge Pinning Ceremony:** On February 2, the Police Department conducted a badge-pinning ceremony for new-hires and promotions. Non-sworn new-hires included Animal Services Officer Carly Bozsik, Lead Animal Control Officer Crystal Pascale-VanDykhuisen, Public Safety Dispatcher Lynn Perry and Police Records Clerk Emilia Horn. Non-sworn promotions included Community Service Officer Kim Aguilar, Public Safety Dispatch Coordinator Kim Thomas and Booking Officer Eugene Estrella. Newly hired sworn Police Officers included Stephen Smith, Joshua Gutierrez, Daniel Peters, Jose Plascencia, Chris Stocks, Cory Dufour, Benedict Jemerigbe and Micah Brawley. Sworn promotions included Police Officers Travis Johnson and Garret Morrison and Police Sergeant Joseph Ahuna.



*Newly appointed and promoted members of the Manteca Police Department are pictured*

**Theft Suspect:** The male suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with the theft of more than 30 bottles of perfume from Walgreens. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [dbrown@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:dbrown@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspect wanted in connection with a theft from Walgreens*



Robbery: On February 7, a citizen called to report a disturbance in the 1400 block of Hulsey Way near the Jamba Juice/Starbucks parking lot. Officers arrived on scene and found one person who was bleeding from the face. The victim did not initially provide any information, but later advised he had been robbed of a cell phone. While conducting the investigation, Officers found the victim was in possession of an illegal weapon himself and, after being transported to Doctors Hospital, he was cited for the violation. The two subjects who reportedly took the victim's cell phone were described as males in their late teens, one of which was armed with a handgun.

Robbery Arrests: In a previous issue of The Week in Review, the Police Department highlighted a pair of robberies that occurred on January 15. The suspects in those cases were driving a BMW and pulled up to their victims and used force to rob them. The suspects in those robberies have been identified by Detectives; they were arrested on February 9. The suspects have been identified as 18-year-old Vernon Henderson of Manteca, 18-year-old Emilio Anaya of Manteca and 24-year-old Bredonee Matson, Jr. of Lathrop. All three suspects were charged with robbery and conspiracy.

Pursuit and DUI Arrest: On February 10, Detectives with the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) were on duty when they observed a gold Dodge Stratus run the red light at Center Street and Elm Avenue. The Detectives attempted to make a traffic stop, but the car accelerated and a pursuit ensued. The car made several turns, reaching speeds up to 50 miles per hour, eventually coming to a stop in the 100 block of Willow Avenue. The driver, identified as 30-year-old Erika Jauregue of Manteca, was taken into custody for evading an Officer. Jauregue was also found to be DUI. In addition to the evading charge, she was booked with felony DUI (more than 3 in 10 years), driving on a suspended license and driving without a required interlock device.

Pet Adoptions: This week's featured pet is a pit bull terrier mix we have been calling "Jelly." Jelly is about 2 years old, weighs 60 pounds and is very active and playful. He is available for adoption now. 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*

## Fire Department

### Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Training:

The Manteca Fire Department conducted SCBA "Buddy Breathing" drills this week. Firefighters participated in a rescue scenario where they

practiced attaching their SCBA regulator to a donor apparatus. This common practice, coined “Buddy Breathing,” can be vital in a low-air emergency.



*Firefighters participating in a “Buddy Breathing” training drill*

### Highlights of Incidents:

- *Fire – East Southland Road*

Firefighters were dispatched on mutual aid to the report of a structure fire at East Southland Road Friday morning. Upon arrival, they found heavy smoke coming from the residence. Engine Company 243 was able to gain access to the north side of the property through a locked gate. Firefighters pulled an attack line to the north side of the structure and were able to locate the seat of the fire in the living room. Additional fire was located coming from the fireplace inside the living room and extended into the attic. To assist, Lathrop Manteca Fire District Engine Company 244 also responded and switched out fire attack personnel with 243 until the fire was extinguished. Firefighters remained on scene until salvage and overhaul operations began.

- *Vehicle Accident – Carol Street*

Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident with injuries at Carol Street and Elm Avenue Sunday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a single vehicle that had collided into a masonry wall. Firefighters blocked traffic to the area to establish a safe working area, and began patient assessment. A hazardous materials assessment was conducted and the scene secured. The driver stated a passenger in the vehicle grabbed the steering wheel, causing the accident. Medics transported those injured to a local hospital.

- *Fire – East Sedan Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched on mutual aid to the report of a structure fire at East Sedan Avenue Monday morning. Upon arrival, they found light smoke in the single-story residential structure. Engine Company 242 met with the occupant, who explained a bedroom fire had been extinguished with a garden hose. Firefighters checked the structure for extension and provided positive pressure ventilation to clear the smoke.

- *Gas Leak – Almond Avenue*

Firefighters responded to the report of a gas leak at Almond Avenue on Monday evening. Upon arrival, they found water running from the ceiling of a garage with the occupants already evacuated. Firefighters investigated and determined

a water heater located in the attic above the garage had broken. The damaged water heater had also produced a natural gas leak, which could be noticed from the street. Firefighters shut down the gas, water and electricity to the structure and additional personnel arrived on scene to assist with water removal.

## Public Works

### Wastewater Quality Control Facility (WQCF) Digester

#### Improvement Project: The WQCF Digester Improvement

Project design is progressing. The project involves construction of two new 60-foot-diameter concrete digesters, including recirculation and biogas piping and other ancillary elements and a new digester control building that will house new boilers, pumps, valves and associated piping. Once the two new digesters are on line to handle the sludge treatment and maintain WQCF operations, the cracked concrete domes on the two original digesters will be removed and replaced. This process will involve demolishing and replacing the cracked domes with floating steel domes to accommodate the methane gas production. The existing digesters will be relined, and the raw sludge, recirculation and biogas piping will be replaced. This retrofit will resolve several compliance issues relating to retention time for sludge treatment to comply with Class B biosolids. Additionally, leaks in the digesters will be repaired and the two failing boilers and accompanying control systems will be replaced. The project will also include a new flare, gas holder and gas treatment facilities to comply with State and Federal regulations. The WQCF Digester Improvement Project plans and specifications are 90% complete and will be submitted to the Public Works Department for review next week. Staff anticipates releasing the project for bids in early summer.

## Parks and Rec

### Community Events: 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 first Sunday Afternoon Bingo, to be held February 21, 2016, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. 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.
- Tickets are now available for the Saturday Senior Breakfast on February 20 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The breakfast will be hosted by Doctors Hospital of Manteca. Tickets are \$7 each and a limited quantity is available. The menu includes pineapple sausage, eggs “a la Teca,” potatoes O’Brien, Grands biscuits, and fruit. The breakfast will have a game-show theme and there will be an interactive trivia game, as well as a raffle.
- The Senior Center invites seniors ages 50 and over to participate in our new activity, “Strolling with the Staff” on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. The group will meet near the Senior Center front desk before departing for a 30-45-minute walk with City staff or volunteers. Wear warm, comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Please call the Senior Center front desk at 456-8650 if you have any questions.

#### Recreation Programs:

- Youth Basketball – The Youth Basketball League began games on January 9 and is heading into the final two weeks of games before the playoff tournament. 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. Participant pictures will be taken this weekend at the Manteca Senior Center.

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 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).

## Community

### Development

Building Safety Week in Review February 1-4: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 141 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 75 people at the counter. The division issued 41 building permits, which included 1 Antenna, 4 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Fire Alarm, 5 HVAC Replacements, 1 Miscellaneous Commercial Electrical, 1 Miscellaneous Commercial Plumbing, 2 Miscellaneous Residential Plumbings, 1 Miscellaneous Residential, 19 Photovoltaics, 3 Residential Reroofs, 1 CMU/Retaining Wall, 1 Wall Sign and 1 Swimming Pool. A total of 25 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 7 were issued immediately. A total of 18 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 3 Addenda, 2 Antenna, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler, 4 Residential Fire Sprinklers, 4 Master Plans, 1 Miscellaneous Residential Electrical, 1 Miscellaneous Residential Plumbing, 1 Patio Cover and 1 Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel.

## City Manager's

### Office

City Representatives Participate in Emergency Training: Several City employees, representing several City departments, participated in flood preparation training in the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) this week, which is located on Cherry Lane. This training was a follow-up from their training last year at the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). CSTI has evolved into a Statewide enterprise with responsibility for supporting training, exercises and education in a wide variety of areas, including emergency management, public safety, homeland security, hazardous materials, disaster recovery and crisis communications. Public safety officials train more frequently in these areas, but it is not often other influences within the City participate in this level of training. The goal is to assure the City is better prepared for emergency disasters, as these individuals receive this level of in-depth training. The City is planning ongoing training in the upcoming months, which will include mock EOC activations with outside agencies. Thank you to these employees and their commitment to this exercise. The committee has completed and submitted the Emergency Operations Plan, which is currently being reviewed by the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services. Once approved, there will be Citywide training,

where these committee members can then train others within their respective departments and across departmental lines.



*City representatives participating in Emergency Training*

Coming up next week:

- City offices will be closed Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents' Day, as well as Friday, February 19 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 Finance Departments close at 5:00 p.m. and Community Development at 4:00 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 Friday, February 26.
- The next City Council meeting will be held on February 16, 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!