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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Community Events

- Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held March 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 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. This event is open to those ages 18 and older and space is limited, so buy your tickets early! Tickets are available at the Senior Center. Call 456-8650 for more information.

Staff Recognition / Professional Development

- On February 22, the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 5 Installation Breakfast was held at the Manteca Senior Center. Recreation Supervisor Brandy Clark was sworn in as the new District 5 President, replacing outgoing President Toni Lundgren, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director. CPRS offers professional-development and networking opportunities for parks and recreation professionals throughout the state. The statewide CPRS conference will take place February 28 through March 3 in Sacramento.



Incoming CPRS District 5 President Brandy Clark addresses the group before breakfast, left, and representatives of other agencies introduce themselves and their staff.

Senior Services

- The Manteca Senior Center is open to seniors ages 50 and older Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no membership fee! Come enjoy the many daily free and fee-based programs, such as photography classes, chair volleyball, various exercise classes including tai chi and yoga, and much more! First-time visitors receive an informational tour of the Center and everything it has to offer. Call 456-8650 for more information.

- Tickets for the March 20 Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night are on sale now. Each \$8 ticket 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.

Recreation Programs

- *Aquatics*– The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a four-day Red Cross Lifeguarding Course Monday-Thursday, March 20-23. The course includes instruction in CPR, first aid, and water-rescue techniques. Participants must be able to swim 300 yards continuously, tread water, and retrieve a 10-pound brick from a water depth of seven to eight feet. American Red Cross Certifications are awarded upon successful completion of the course. A detailed agenda will be provided to participants prior to the start of the course. There is limited space available and registration is currently open at the Parks and Recreation office, so if you or someone you know is interested in this course, register now! The fee for the four-day course is \$200 for Manteca residents and \$210 for non-residents. If you have questions, call the Parks and Recreation office at 456-8600.
- *Youth Basketball*– Youth Basketball League is heading into the final weekend of games before playoffs. The playoff tournament will be held March 4-5. All games are played at Neil Hafley, Golden West, and Stella Brockman school gyms.
- *Challenger Basketball*– Challenger Basketball League, for children with disabilities, has been running since January 14 and is heading into its final weekend of games this Saturday, February 25. Games and practices have been held at Golden West Community Gym. There are about 30 participants.
- *Adult Basketball*– The Men’s Adult Basketball League will begin February 26 at Golden West Community Gym. There currently are 18 teams signed up, including some new teams that have not played in past seasons.
- *Field Rental*– East Union High School will host their Girls’ Softball Showcase tournament February 24-25 at Northgate Softball Complex.

Kids’ Zone Programs

Kids’ Zone, a California state licensed child-care program, operates at nine Manteca Unified School District elementary schools, with 22 total programs. Before-School, KinderZone, and After-School care are available at select schools. For specific information on program locations, contact the Parks and Recreation Department. The parent handbook and application materials are available on the Parks and Recreation website, or in the office at 252 Magnolia Ave.

Little People’s Creative Play and Mom/Dad & 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 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 a combination of days. There are daily craft projects, snacks, sharing and story time. Mom/Dad and Me is a stepping-stone to Creative Play and requires parent participation.



Little People's participants with their Valentine's Day artwork, left, and hard at play.

PUBLIC WORKS

Fire Extinguisher Training:

Facilities Maintenance annually contracts the certification of all the WQCF's fire extinguishers. There is one in almost every room, every vehicle and some lift stations off site. In all, WQCF staff collected 93 fire extinguishers for the annual fire extinguisher "round up". As it had been several years since WQCF staff received fire extinguisher training, the Manteca Fire Department provided fire extinguisher training while the certification company was on site to refill what we used during training. This training was a refresher for some employees and new for others and it gives staff a controlled environment to get actual hands-on use of a fire extinguisher, which is helpful if ever presented with a situation to use one. WQCF staff appreciates the Fire Department taking the time to help train their fellow employees.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Week in Review, February 13 - 16:

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 174 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 118 people at the counter. The division issued 56 building permits, which included Addendum, Antenna, Demolition Comm'l, Electrical Service Residential, Fire Sprinkler Comm'l, HVAC Replacement Residential, Miscellaneous Electrical Residential, Miscellaneous Plumbing Residential, Patio Cover, Residential Photovoltaic, Single-Family Detached Dwelling, Swimming Pool Demolition, Swimming Pool/Spa, TNIF/Remodel Comm'l, and Water Softener. A total of 26 new project applications were accepted and of those, 12 were issued immediately. A total of 14

submittals were held for plan check, which included Addendum, Antenna, Fire Sprinkler, Manufactured Dwelling, Miscellaneous Building Comm'l, Miscellaneous Electrical Comm'l, Miscellaneous Electrical Residential, Patio Cover, and Residential Remodel.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

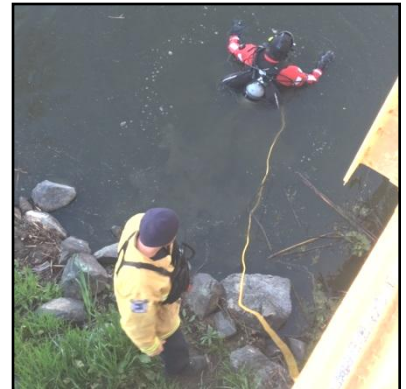
Sand Bags

Even before the levee breach on Monday, the City of Manteca was already preparing residents for the possibility of flooding. As the swollen San Joaquin continued to rise and with steady storms in the forecast, the city made sand bags available on Thursday afternoon at Manteca Fire Station 2. Sand Bags are still available to residents at 1154 S. Union Road. A maximum of ten free sandbags are available with proof of residency.



Division Alpha

As part of the countywide emergency response to the flood fight Battalion Chief Dave Marques is currently in charge of division alpha, supervising Tracy, Lathrop and Manteca agencies. Division Alpha's responsibility has rotated amongst agencies for the past week and will remain active until the flood emergency has lifted. The division alpha team conducted a water rescue early Friday morning for a suspected drowning victim in the Paradise Cut area.



OES Staffing

Manteca Fire Department continues to provide staff support to the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services for the Winter Storms 2017. Fire Marshal Lantz Rey is currently assigned to the incident management team. The status of the levees south of Manteca remains the same as yesterday; water level is high and the county remains on alert.

Highlights of Incidents

- *Downed Power Lines – Citywide*
Firefighters responded to the report of multiple power lines down throughout the city when a strong weather system brought powerful wind gusts Friday. In addition, firefighters were dispatched to several reports of arching power lines. Firefighters worked to secure each scene until PG&E could arrive and address the issue.

- *Fire – Chestnut Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched to the report of a kitchen fire on Chestnut Avenue early Saturday evening. Upon arrival, firefighters found light smoke in the residence. Firefighters met with the occupant and found a stove fire to be extinguished. Firefighters checked for extension and began smoke removal.

- *Vehicle Fire – Jessie Avenue*

Firefighters responded to the report of a vehicle fire on Jessie Avenue Monday afternoon. Upon arrival, firefighters found a large glow coming from the alley. The responding engine company had been advised by dispatch to access the fire from the alley but the 'T' shaped alley was too tight for the fire apparatus to maneuver. Firefighters repositioned to the front of the residence and deployed an attack line down the north side of the structure into the backyard. Upon gaining access, firefighters found a fully involved passenger vehicle fire with a detached shed exposure and overhead electrical service lines. Firefighters extinguished the fire and prevented it from spreading to the residence.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Additional Arrest for Feb 14 Stabbing

On February 18, Gang Suppression Detectives Johnson and Casquero arrested another suspect for his involvement in the February 14th stabbing at Southside Park. This is the third arrest made on this stabbing. The gang unit is continuing their investigation and is anticipating more arrest(s).

Carjacking via Firearm

On February 18, Officers responded to Walmart, 1205 South Main Street regarding a carjacking via firearm. Officers made contact with a female victim who related that she was in the parking lot, entering her vehicle, when she was approached by two male suspects. One of the suspects produced a firearm and ordered the victim out of her vehicle. Both suspects then got into the vehicle and fled the area southbound on Main Street to westbound Hwy 120. Officers made attempts to locate the victim vehicle to no avail. The victim vehicle is a tan 2005 Nissan Altima bearing California license plate #71VW842. Suspect #1 was described as a Hispanic male adult, 18 years old, medium build, short dark hair, clean shaven, wearing a tan shirt and matching tan pants. Suspect #1 was armed with the firearm. Suspect #2 was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 18 years old, wearing a blue shirt and khaki colored pants. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the police department at (209) 456-8100.

Identification Needed

The suspect depicted in the attached photo stole a Dewalt saw and grinder from Home Depot. He fled the location in an older white four-door Honda sedan. Anyone with information about his identity can contact CSO Lewis at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us



Theft Suspect

Read Across America

On February 22, Officer Cavin read and spoke to Mrs. Brenda Thomason’s Sequoia School Class. Officer Cavin enjoyed the time he spent reading and speaking with the children. This was part of “Read Across America”, an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. It corresponds with the birthday of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss.

Officer Cavin reads to students



Pet of the Week

Our Pet of the Week is “Nala”. Nala is a very friendly dog who looks like a Pit Bull Mix. She is about two-years-old, weighs 35 pounds and would make a great companion for some luck person or family. Her adoption fee of \$159.00 covers spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations and city license. Stop by our shelter located at 115 East Wetmore Avenue and visit Nala and the many other animals available for adoption.

“Nala”



HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT

New Hires

The City of Manteca welcomed five new employees in February:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Dept./Division</u>
Manuel Barut	Solid Waste Equipment Operator I	PW/Solid Waste
Matthew Gardette	Police Officer I	Police
Brandon Lowry	Police Officer I	Police
Timothy Medina	Police Officer I	Police
Trevor Wyatt	GIS Assistant	Administration/IT

Please join us in welcoming all of them to our wonderful family!

Congratulations are also in order for the following employee who was promoted this month:
Jen Hartman HR/ADA Coordinator (*formerly Sr. Customer Service Rep, Finance Dept.*)

We are very pleased to announce the appointments of Police Chief, Jodie Estarziau, and Fire Chief, Kyle Shipherd. Their quality of dedication to the City of Manteca over the past 20 years speaks volumes. Please join us in congratulating them when you see them!



Fire Chief Kyle Shipherd



Police Chief Jodie Estarziau

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City Hall Schedule

- Friday, March 3: City offices will be closed as part of the City's 9/80 flex work schedule