



## *The Week in Review*

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### **Fire Department**

Badge Ceremony: On Friday, February 19, the Fire Department hosted a badge ceremony at the Manteca Transit Center. The ceremony honored 16 new-hires and promotions including: Battalion Chief Bill Canfield, Captain Nick Haas, Engineers Armando Blanco, Ryan Avant, Dennis Hatfield, Firefighters Brian Macias, Kurt Johnson, Carlos Blanco, John Viss, Gerardo Garcia, Kenton Shipherd, Chase Keener, Brett Jones, Daniel Sawyer, Fire Inspector Art Salas, and Administrative Assistant Aimee Rubio.



*Members of the Manteca Fire Department taking the Oath of Office*

Training: Several Firefighters trained on residential vertical ventilation this week, which included checking for structural intensity and performing roof ventilation using chain saw operations to release the interior heat. Firefighters also conducted high-angle rope rescue training with Truck Company 24.



*Ventilation and high-angle rope rescue training*

## Highlights of Incidents:

- *Gas Leak – Elmo Court*

Firefighters responded to a gas leak at Elmo Court Thursday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found two bystanders at the front of the property who informed them they had approached the porch of the residence and could smell the distinct odor of natural gas omitting from the property. Firefighters entered the residence with full personal protective equipment and found a kitchen stove disconnected from the gas line and the valve left slightly open. The gas detector alerted to a very high level of gas inside the structure confirming the bystander's initial report. Positive pressure ventilation was provided to clear the hazard and the scene was turned over to PG&E.

- *Fire – Cork Oak Lane*

Firefighters were dispatched to the report of a structure fire at Cork Oak Lane Friday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found an extinguished outdoor trash fire located near the residence. Engine Company 243 was able to gain access to the exterior garage door to conduct an interior search for fire extension. Truck Company 24 arrived on scene and conducted a search for fire extension in the attic; all areas were clear and the fire contained to the exterior of the residence. After meeting with the occupant it was determined that ashes from an outdoor fire pit were dumped into a garbage receptacle hours before and eventually spread to two others on the property. All three garbage receptacles were a complete loss and the stucco wall of the residence showed signs of paint blister but no other damage was reported or found.

- *Vehicle Fire – South Main Street*

Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at South Main Street on Saturday night. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved vehicle fire. Firefighters used a booster line to extinguish the fire and were able to contain it with only one exposure to another vehicle within close proximity to the incident. Once the fire was extinguished, Firefighters checked the area for further hazards.

## Police Department

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

Theft Suspects: The two subjects pictured below are wanted in connection with a theft that occurred at Walmart. After leaving the store, the subjects got into a dark blue Toyota Camry with Utah license plates. Anyone with information on their identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [eeichel@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:eeichel@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.

*Subjects wanted in connection  
with a theft*



Suspicious Device: On February 20, Officers responded to a report of a possible grenade located in the parking lot in front of the Country Skillet, 1471 W. Yosemite Ave. Members from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team responded to the scene. The device was found to be ceramic, with a functioning spoon and appeared to have a core consistent with an operational device. Based on this, the EOD Team rendered the device safe at the scene. There was no damage to the surrounding businesses. According to the EOD Supervisor, the device was most likely a novelty item reconfigured as a possible destructive device.

Burglary Suspect: The male suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with an auto burglary where a purse was stolen. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [jgutierrez@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:jgutierrez@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspect wanted in connection with an auto burglary*

Probation Sweep: On February 20, members from the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) conducted a series of probation searches in conjunction with San Joaquin County Probation Officers. Investigators conducted a total of 14 probation checks throughout the course of the operation. Some of the items found during the searches included four handguns. Several arrests are pending as a result of the operation.

Robbery Arrests: On February 22, Officers were dispatched to a robbery that occurred in the 1100 block of South Main Street. Initial reports indicated that the suspects were fleeing in a Chevy S-10 pick-up truck. Officers checking the area located the suspect vehicle on South Austin Road where a second involved vehicle was identified. Officers conducted traffic stops on the two vehicles and arrested three suspects for the robbery. The victim's property was recovered from the vehicles. The suspects have been identified as 26-year-old Elvis Vega of Lodi, 22-year-old Mario Blanco of Manteca and 41-year-old Jessica Nelson of Ripon. All three were booked for robbery.

Fraud Suspect: The suspect pictured is wanted in connection with a fraud incident that occurred at Target in Lathrop. The card that was used was stolen from a mailbox in Manteca. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspect wanted for fraud at Target*

Bank Robbery: On February 23, the Police Department received a report of a silent holdup alarm at Delta National Bank (611 N. Main St.). As Officers were being dispatched, it was confirmed that a robbery of the bank had occurred. The male suspect had already fled the bank and was last seen leaving the area on foot, westbound on Argonaut Street. According to witnesses, the suspect walked into the bank and approached the teller window. He told the teller that she was being robbed. The teller then gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash from the teller drawer and the suspect immediately left the bank through the north doors. There were no injuries as a result of the robbery. The suspect was described as a black male adult, 30-35 years old, approximately 6 feet tall and 150-170 pounds. He was wearing a red beanie, sunglasses, dark shoes, dark pants, purple shirt, black hoodie, and an orange reflective vest over the hoodie (see photo below).



*Bank video captured the above image of a robbery suspect*

Pet Adoption: This week’s featured pet is a small terrier we have been calling “Stewey.” Stewey is about 5 months old, weighs 13 pounds and is friendly with people and other small dogs. 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*

## **Public Works**

Water Systems Superintendent Retirement: Eric Medeiros, Water Systems Superintendent, retired on January 29, 2016.

Eric was hired on October 26, 1992 having worked over 23 year in the Public Works Water Division. Eric led the Water Division through good times and bad, pulled the City through various drinking water regulation changes, and always kept our head above water. Eric’s top priority, every single day, was to ensure the residents of Manteca had safe, reliable drinking water delivered to their residence or business. In

the wake of Eric's retirement, George Montross is the acting Water Systems Superintendent with assistance from Brian Maruca who is overseeing Distribution activities.



*Eric Medeiros' Retirement lunch*

## Parks and Rec

Community Events: Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held March 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Each \$10 ticket includes event entry and one six-pack of bingo cards; additional 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 March 21 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, March 17, 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.
- The Senior Center invites seniors ages 50 and over to participate in our new activity, "Strolling with the Staff" on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 9:00 a.m. The group will meet near the Senior Center front desk before departing for a 30- to 45-minute walk with City staff and/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 on January 9 and will be wrapping up this weekend with its playoff tournament. There are 415

participants enrolled. All games for the league have taken place at Golden West, Stella Brockman and Neil Hafley gyms.

- Adult Basketball – Our Winter Adult Basketball League will be starting this Sunday, February 28, and will run for 11 weeks. The league takes place at Golden West Community Gym and there are 22 teams signed up.

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 8-12: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 174 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 85 people at the counter. The division issued 60 building permits, which included 1 Addendum, 3 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Grading, 2 HVAC Replacements, 7 Patio Covers, 17 Residential Photovoltaics, 3 Residential Remodels, 1 Commercial Reroof, 10 Residential Reroofs, 9 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Wall Sign, 3 Swimming Pools, 1 Water Heater and 1 Water Softener. A total of 58 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 47 were issued immediately. A total of 11 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 4 Addenda, 1 Residential Addition, 2 Master Plans, 1 Commercial Plumbing, 1 Residential Plumbing, 1 Residential Remodel and 1 Commercial Tenant Infill.

Building Safety Week in Review February 16-18: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 116 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 65 people at the counter. The division issued 61 building permits, which included 1 Addendum, 1 Residential Addition, 3 Residential Demolitions, 1 Residential Electrical Service, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler,

1 Grading, 1 HVAC Replacement, 2 Residential Electricals, 1 Residential Plumbing, 1 Miscellaneous Residential, 3 Patio Covers, 10 Photovoltaics, 3 Residential Reroofs, 27 Single-Family Dwellings, 3 Swimming Pools, 1 Commercial Tenant Infill, and 1 Water Softener. A total of 17 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 8 were issued immediately. A total of 9 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 4 Addendum, 1 Commercial Building, 1 Residential Plumbing, 2 Commercial Shell Buildings, and 1 Swimming Pool.

## Human Resources/ Risk Management

New Employees: The City of Manteca welcomed one new employee in February! Joining the City's team

this month is:

- Teresa Cano, Custodian, PW/Facility Maintenance

Welcome Teresa!

## City Manager's Office

Coming up next week:

- City offices will be closed Friday, March 4 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.
- The next City Council meeting will be held on March 1, 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!