



The Week in Review

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Fire Department Community: Manteca Fire Department personnel participated in several *Read Across America* events last week at area schools. Fire Chief Kirk Waters and Engineer Wesley Chamberlain read to students at Sequoia Elementary School, Brock Elliott Elementary School and Walter Woodward Elementary School. It was a fun event for both Fire personnel and the students, while promoting the popular reading initiative.



*Reading Across America
Walter Woodward and
Sequoia Elementary Schools*



Reserve Training: Reserve Firefighters continued their Fire Academy training at Fire Station No. 1 this week. Reserve Firefighters trained on hose line deployment and Firefighter survival techniques.



Reserve Firefighter Academy

Highlights of Incidents:

- Fire – *West Yosemite Avenue*

Firefighters responded to a structure fire at West Yosemite Avenue Thursday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found the building had been evacuated by store employees but there was no visible smoke coming from the commercial

structure. Firefighters made access to the building to investigate and found dry chemical residue from a fire that was extinguished by an employee in the women's restroom. Firefighters checked for extension finding none and released the property back to the store manager.

- Fire – *Dalia Place*

Firefighters were dispatched for a structure fire at Dalia Place Sunday evening. Upon arrival, they found nothing showing from the structure. Firefighters met with the occupant who reported she had turned on the heater and smoke started pouring out of the ceiling vents. Light smoke was found throughout the structure. Firefighters checked the heating unit and found a strong odor from the fan motor compartment. Electrical and gas to the heating unit was shut off and the home owner was advised of the findings.

- Fire – *West Sixth Street*

Firefighters responded on mutual aid to assist the Tracy Fire Department with a two-alarm structure fire on West Sixth Street late Monday evening. Upon arrival, they found a single-story commercial structure on fire and were assigned to Rapid Intervention Crew for Firefighter safety. Firefighters secured utilities and maintained command accountability. After the fire was extinguished and overhaul operations had begun, the engine company was released to return to their district.

- Fire – *North Main Street*

Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle fire at North Main Street Wednesday evening. Upon arrival, they found heavy smoke coming from the passenger compartment of a motor home. Firefighters pulled a hose line to the driver's door and applied a straight stream to the dash area to extinguish the flames. Once the fire was fully extinguished, Firefighters began salvage and overhaul operations. Firefighters remained on scene until the vehicle could be towed away.

Police Department

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

Identification Wanted: The subject pictured below is wanted in connection with a bicycle theft that occurred at Costco. The suspect stole an employee's mountain bike from the bike rack. The bicycle is a 26-inch, 21-speed, black Motobecane 700DS with full suspension, valued at \$800. Anyone with information on the suspect's identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at ecardenas@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



Subject wanted in connection with a bicycle theft at Costco



Theft Suspects: On March 5, the pictured suspects ran out of the Ulta Beauty store with about \$900 worth of merchandise. They got into a black Pontiac Grand Am. Anyone with information is urged to contact the investigating Officer at cstocks@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



Suspects wanted for a theft at Ulta Beauty

Lathrop Police Investigation: Below are images taken from Ace Train surveillance cameras. The suspect below is one of two subjects wanted for entering parked vehicles in the parking lot; the pictured suspect was the lookout. The second suspect covered himself up by wearing a grey hoodie. If anyone knows the identity of this suspect, they are asked to contact Lathrop Police Lieutenant Hood at JLHood@sjgov.org.



Suspect wanted by Lathrop Police for entering vehicles at the Ace train station

Theft Suspect: The pictured suspect is wanted in relation to a theft at Kmart, where phone chargers, head phones, 49rs T-shirts and food items were taken. Anyone with information on her identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at mepinosa@ci.manteca.ca.us.



Suspect in a theft from Kmart

Auto Burglary Suspect: The two suspects pictured below are wanted in connection to an auto burglary where a woman's purse was stolen. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects is asked to contact the investigating Officer at mespinosa@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspects wanted for breaking into a vehicle and stealing a purse

Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is an American Staffordshire we have been calling "Star." Star is about 3 years old and weighs 47 pounds. She is believed to be housetrained and she seems friendly with people and other dogs. She 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

Solid Waste Division: The Solid Waste Division had a visit from Cal-Recycle this week. The visit was to determine whether the City is meeting its diversion requirements and implementing a food waste collection program. Ninety percent (90%) of Solid Waste's commercial businesses are recycling which exceeds the mandatory threshold required by the State; so the City is in good shape. Solid Waste also has an oil collection program, a sharps collection program, a battery collection program, and an e-waste collection program; all programs are exceeding the requirements mandated by the State. Not only is there a Food Waste Collection plan in place, which is what Cal-Recycle was looking for, Solid Waste has already begun implementing the plan.

The Solid Waste Division is collecting source-separated food waste from Food 4 Less, Mountain Mike's Pizza, the Golf Course, the Food Bank, Grocery Outlet, and In & Out Burger, along with three schools. The State representative said "Manteca is the ONLY

city in his jurisdiction, which includes San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties, that has gotten this far with food waste collections.” The City is on the right track!



Eliseo Cerna driving the new CNG Truck Food Waste Collection Program

Solid Waste also had a visit from a Cub Scout pack working on their recycling merit badges. A group of 25 scouts and parents arrived at the Solid Waste office to learn about recycling and see the City’s new Compressed Natural Gas trash collection vehicles in action.



Jeremy Kline giving a recycling tour to a group of Cub Scouts

Parks and Rec

Community Events: The Manteca Youth Advisory

Commission will host a middle-school dance on Friday, March 25, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Golden West Community Gymnasium, 1031 N. Main St. These dances are held periodically throughout the school year for youth in grades 6 through 8 only. School ID card or 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 the Parks and Recreation Department at (209) 456-8600.

- Manteca Parks and Recreation Department welcomes Parky the squirrel, our new mascot! Parky will be introduced to the community in the Spring/Summer Activity Guide, which will be published next week. Be on the lookout for Parky at community events and Parks and Recreation programs and events.



Senior Services:

- Tickets for the 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:

- Adult Basketball – Our Winter Adult Basketball League started February 28 and will run for 11 weeks. The league takes place on Sundays 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. Little People’s program is on a break this week and will resume March 14.

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. Kids’ Zone programs were not held this week due to spring break.

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review February 29-March 3: The

Building Safety Division conducted a total of 190 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 68 people at the counter. The division issued 44 building permits, which included 1 Addendum, 3 Residential Electrical Services, 2 HVAC Replacements, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 2 Residential Plumbings, 1 Patio Cover, 15 Photovoltaics, 2 Residential Remodels, 6 Residential Reroofs, 4 Single-Family Dwellings, 3 Swimming Pools/Spas, 2 Commercial Tenant Infills and 2 Water Heaters. A total of 39 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 9 were issued immediately. A total of 30 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 4 Addenda, 1 Antenna, 5 Master Plans, 6 Apartments and 14 Single-Family Dwellings.

City Manager's Office

Retirement Wishes: After 35 years of service to the City of Manteca, City Clerk Joann Tilton is retiring next week.

Family, friends and co-workers – both past and present – held a lunch on Tuesday to honor Joann for her career in public service – 32 of which she served as City Clerk.

Joann is not leaving the City Clerk profession entirely, as she will be serving as the Institute Director of the Northwest Clerks Institute. There she will be responsible for helping to develop curriculum to support professional development for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). IIMC is the leading professional association serving the needs of municipal clerks, secretaries, treasurers and recorders from cities and towns worldwide. IIMC's primary goal is to actively promote the continuing education and professional development of municipal clerks through extensive education programs, certification, publications, networking, annual conferences and research. Congratulations, Joann, and thank you for 35 years of truly dedicated public service!!!



Joann Tilton

Coming up next week:

- The next City Council meeting will be held on March 15, 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/>.
- City offices will be closed Friday, March 18 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.

Have a great weekend!