



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 8 – March 17, 2016

Police Department

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

Carjacking: On March 12, Officers responded to Round Table, 2120 Daniels Street regarding a carjacking that had just occurred. Officers arrived and located the victim, a seventeen-year-old Round Table employee. The victim indicated she got off work at 8:00 p.m. and walked to her vehicle in the parking lot. While she was in her vehicle, a male suspect approached her driver's door and opened it. She noticed the suspect was wearing a blue ski mask over his face. The suspect told the victim he had a knife and ordered her to move to the passenger seat as he pushed her in that direction. The suspect started the vehicle with the keys that were already in the ignition and drove away with the victim still seated in the passenger seat. The suspect drove east on Daniels Street and south on Airport Way. As the suspect entered the westbound Highway 120 onramp, the victim jumped out of the vehicle and ran back to Round Table. The victim suffered minor scrapes and contusions as a result of falling out of the vehicle. Multiple agencies were notified to be on the lookout for the victim's vehicle and the suspect. Approximately two hours after the report call, the victim's vehicle was located in Gustine. The vehicle was occupied by the suspect, who was taken into custody on two charges: kidnapping during carjacking and carjacking. He was identified as 34-year-old Anthony Abraham Freeman.

Robbery: On March 14, Officers responded to Pizza Hut regarding a robbery. They contacted the victim, a delivery driver. The victim explained that he delivered a pizza to an address in the 300 block of Poplar Avenue. When he arrived he was confronted by three suspects, one of whom displayed a handgun. This suspect demanded the pizza and the driver's money. The victim handed the items to the suspect. At one point a confrontation occurred and the victim struck the armed suspect. This caused the gun to fall from the suspect's hand and strike the ground. From the noise of the gun hitting the ground, the victim realized the gun was plastic. The suspect picked the gun back up and the three suspects left the location, running southbound on Poplar Avenue. The victim returned to his business and contacted Police. The armed suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 17 to 20 years old, 6 feet tall, thin build, with dark hair in a ponytail and a thin goatee. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a black beanie cap. The other suspects were described as being white or Hispanic, 17 to 20 years old, wearing dark clothing.

Shooting Arrest: On March 16, Officers responded to 230 Acacia Avenue regarding a shooting. They arrived and contacted Dean Hurst, who was suffering from a single gunshot wound to the left wrist. Dean explained that he was shot by his sister,

suspect Julia Hurst, as he was entering her apartment. Dean was transported to the hospital and treated for his injuries. Officers arrested Julia Hurst and later charged her with assault with a deadly weapon. She currently is in custody in the San Joaquin County Jail. Detectives were able to locate and recover the weapon used in this shooting.

Impersonation of City Employee: On two occasions within the past month, a male subject entered “A Perfect Tan,” located at 849 East Yosemite Avenue, claiming to be a City of Manteca Building Inspector checking for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The subject “flashed” an identification card clipped to his waist, which appeared to have a City of Manteca logo on it. The subject took measurements and photographs of the bathrooms, parking lot and counters. It is believed the subject may be associated with ADA-compliance litigation and is claiming to be a city inspector to gain access to businesses. The case currently is under investigation and there are solid leads on the identity of the suspect.

New Solo Patrol Officers: Recently, Officers Garrett Morrison, Chris Stocks and Micah Brawley passed our field training program and began work as solo Police Officers. Garrett began his career with the Manteca Police Department as a dispatcher. He worked through the police academy and is now serving the citizens as a Police Officer. Chris transferred from the Stockton Police Department and Micah came to us from the Merced Sheriff’s Office after serving twelve years there. We are proud to have them as part of our Police family.

Sober Grad Basketball Game: On March 24, the Police Officer’s Association and Firefighter’s Association will go head-to-head for the title of the Sierra High Sober Grad Basketball championship. The game will start at 6:00 p.m. and should be a fun time for all involved. All proceeds go to Sierra High School’s sober grad. The community is invited to attend.



2015 Manteca Police Officers Association Team

Pet Adoption: This is “Kia.” She is a very friendly and active Pit mix. Kia is about two years old and weighs 55 pounds. She is already spayed and ready for an active family. 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

Community: The Manteca Fire Department hosted its annual luncheon for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation on Sunday, March 13. The Foundation schedules an annual ski trip to Bear Valley for child burn victims. On the return trip, they stop at Station No. 2 for a luncheon provided by the Firefighters. The children get a chance to rest, eat, and roam around the station before continuing on their trip home.



Alisa Ann Ruch Foundation Luncheon

Community: Manteca Fire Department gave a tour of Station No. 2 on Friday to a group of local students. Firefighters provided a demo on fire and life safety.



Fire and life safety demo at Fire Station No. 2

Highlights of Incidents:

- **Vehicle Accident – Southbound Highway 99**

Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle accident on Southbound Highway 99 south of East Yosemite Avenue Wednesday morning. Upon arrival, Firefighters found a passenger vehicle underneath a big rig trailer. Firefighters assisted with patient care until medics arrived on scene. Safety personnel attempted to remove the vehicle by driving it in reverse, but became pinned against the center divider. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to remove the trapped officer from the vehicle.



Vehicle Accident on Southbound Highway 99



- **Vehicle Accident – East Woodward Avenue**
Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident on East Woodward Avenue at Pagola Avenue on Tuesday evening. Upon arrival, Firefighters found a vehicle and motorcycle involved in an accident. Firefighters blocked traffic to establish a safe working area and began patient assessment. Firefighters assisted medics with transporting the patient with major injuries to a local hospital. The same crew was called back to the scene for a wash-down after Police completed their investigation.
- **Vehicle Accident – North Union Road**
Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle accident on North Union Road Wednesday afternoon. Upon arrival they found two vehicles involved in a rear-end collision with airbag deployment. Firefighters checked for injuries and secured the scene. One patient was transported to a local medical facility with minor injuries.



Vehicle Accident on North Union Road

Public Works

Wastewater Quality Control Facility (WQCF) Reclaimed

Water Improvements Project: The WQCF Reclaimed Water

Improvements Project design is progressing. The project involves retrofitting the existing reclaimed-water facilities to optimize and improve distribution of reclaimed water for construction purposes, in conformance with the NPDES permit for the WQCF. A 50% design bid package for the WQCF Reclaimed Water Improvements Project is currently being reviewed by Public Works staff and the goal is to proceed to bid within a few months. The project currently being designed will include the following improvements:

- Reclaimed-water delivery system: automated tracking and valving systems to control and document deliveries and larger overhead fill stations to allow higher flow rates, resulting in shorter fill times;
- Reclaimed-water storage and pumping facilities: more efficient energy usage, improved disinfectant delivery, and improved mechanical-systems life expectancy;
- Disinfectant storage and delivery systems: optimize disinfectant usage and maintain safe water quality in conformance with the permit;
- Provide recycled water for on-site use by WQCF during operations; and
- Other related elements such as user access: SCADA interface, data-collection automation, electrical controls, and monitoring and on-site delivery controls.

Stormwater Outreach “Only Rain Down The Drain”: When it rains, runoff from your roof and parking areas can pick up harmful chemicals before entering the stormwater drainage system. Chemicals can be transported from dirt swept from work areas or materials leaking from a dumpster. Almost none of the runoff is treated before it flows into our streams, rivers and lakes. Help ensure that only rain goes down the drain. Follow these best business practices to keep your business and our waters healthy:

FIND: Find your storm drain inlets and make sure they are marked. Keep waste and debris on your property out of storm drains. Prevent wash water from going into storm drains.

COVER: Keep hazardous materials in closed, sturdy containers with labels. Place containers indoors or under cover. Keep dumpster lids closed.

MAINTAIN: Promptly repair all leaking connections, pipes, hoses, and valves. Have your oil/water separator or catch basin cleaned regularly by a professional.

PREPARE: Put drip pans where spills/leaks are most likely to occur. Clearly label every container. Have a spill kit on site and train your workers on how to use it. Use the least-toxic material to get the job done.

CLEAN: Clean up spills immediately.

INSIDE: Sweep up debris and dispose of properly. Don't sweep it outdoors or wash it into a storm drain.

OUTSIDE: Sweep and pick up debris on paved areas around structures, especially before heavy rains. Keep hazardous materials out of your dumpster. Contact your local waste-disposal program for proper disposal. You may find out more about these best practices by calling the Public Works Department Water Resources Coordinator at 456-8463.

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.

- Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held April 1 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 for this event, so buy your tickets early. Open to ages 18 and older.

Activity Guide:

- Manteca Parks and Recreation Department welcomes Parky the squirrel, our new mascot! Parky is being introduced to the community in the new Spring/Summer Activity Guide, published this week. Be on the lookout for Parky at community events and Parks and Recreation programs and events, and be sure to check out the new Activity Guide, available online now at http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/parks/documents/Activity-Guide_2016-Spring-Summer.pdf. Copies of the guide are mailed to all residential addresses in the 95336 and 95337 zip codes. This is the Department's first Spring/Summer guide; a decision was made to alter the production schedule to better coincide with seasonal programming and to give residents more time to plan their summer activities. This new Spring/Summer guide will cover April through September, and the next Fall/Winter guide will cover October through March. Activity Guides include information on not only recreation programs, but also the Senior Center, library, golf course, community events, Open Gym programs, parks and other facilities, water conservation, City services, and more. The Spring/Summer guide also includes information on swim lessons and other aquatics programming, Summer Day Camp, and Manteca Unified School District Nutrition Education's Free Summer Lunch Program.



Parky the Squirrel out and about, and featured on the new Activity Guide cover, right.

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 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.

CPRS Officer Installations:

- Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Toni Lundgren and Recreation Supervisor Brandy Clark have been sworn in as president and president-elect, respectively, for District 5 of the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS). District 5 includes the counties of Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne. The installation breakfast was held February 24 at the Manteca Senior Center.



CPRS District 5 Installation Breakfast - February 24, 2016

CPRS Conference:

- Four staff from the Parks and Recreation Department attended the 68th Annual CPRS Conference and Expo March 8-11 in Long Beach. This conference is a great opportunity for staff to participate in educational sessions on virtually every aspect of the parks and recreation profession, and features an expo with over 200 vendors, featuring the newest products and trends in the field.



CPRS Conference venue, left, and Parks and Recreation staff in attendance

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.
- Tiny Tots – Tiny Tots Indoor Kickball began March 5 and runs for five weeks. The program is held on Saturdays at Golden West Community Gym.

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 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.

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review March 7-11: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 209 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 62 people at the counter. The division issued 73 building permits, which included 1 Addendum, 1 Residential Addition, 1 Antenna, 1 Residential Demolition, 4 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Fence/Wall, 4 HVAC Replacements, 2 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 1 Commercial Plumbing, 5 Patio Covers, 31 Residential Photovoltaic, 1 Residential Reroof, 14 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Wall Sign, 2 Swimming Pools, 1 Commercial Tenant Infill, and 2 Water Softeners. A total of 29 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 9 were issued immediately. A total of 20 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 4 Addendum, 1 Residential Addition, 1 Commercial Demolition, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler, 2 Residential Plumbing, 1 Residential Remodel, 1 CMU/Retaining Wall, 5 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Swimming Pool, and 2 Commercial Tenant Infill.

City Manager's Office

Have a great weekend!