



The Week in Review

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Fire Department

Fire Safety Trailer: The Manteca Fire Department visited Sequoia School on Tuesday with the Fire Safety Trailer and made a second stop at Walter Woodward School on Thursday. The Fire Safety Trailer provides a simulated living environment for students to get hands-on fire and life-safety training. Students practiced dialing 9-1-1 and speaking with a dispatcher to report an emergency. They also learned about emergency exit plans and the importance of a designated meeting area.



Fire Safety Trailer Demonstration at Walter Woodward Elementary School

Girl Scouts Visit: The Manteca Fire Department had some surprise visitors at Station No. 2 on Tuesday afternoon. Brownie Troop No. 973 from Stella Brockman stopped by to share Girl Scout cookies and milk with Firefighters and thank them for their service to the community. The girls were excited to look around the station and jump into the seat of a fire engine during their visit. They were also eager to share with the Firefighters that they sold more than 1,000 boxes of cookies this season. Way to go, Girl Scouts!



Thank you, Troop No. 973!

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Vehicle Fire – Wawona Street*

Firefighters were dispatched to the report of a vehicle fire on Wawona Street Thursday evening. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved van with exposures to two other vehicles, a wooden fence, a carport and a residence. Firefighters immediately began an aggressive fire attack with a booster hose, knocking down the fire while a second hose was used for exposure protection. Once the fire was extinguished, PG&E personnel was requested on scene due to significant heat damage to both the gas meter and electrical panel of the residence.



Vehicle Fire on Wawona Street

- *EMS – South Union Road*

While Firefighters were responding to the vehicle fire reported above, citizens arrived at Fire Station No. 2 to report that a small child was having a seizure. Since Firefighters assigned to that station had been dispatched to another location, the care these citizens were seeking was not immediately available. Chief Officers, who were still in the office, provided patient care and contacted dispatch to summon Firefighters from another fire station. For similar incidents, it is important residents know that every Manteca Fire Station is equipped with an emergency phone that will connect callers directly to dispatch when Firefighters are not at their designated stations.



Emergency phone illustration

- *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*

Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle accident on westbound Highway 120 west of Airport Way on Tuesday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found two vehicles involved with a jack-knifed big-rig and the roadway blocked. Firefighters checked for injuries and provided patient care. One of the vehicles had major

front-end damage and the big-rig was leaking diesel from the damage it sustained in the accident. Firefighters used abatement procedures to contain the fluids before they could enter the storm drain.



Highway 99 west of Airport Way

Police Department

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

Fraud Suspect: On March 2, Officers took a report of a theft from a vehicle where three iPads were taken. The iPads belong to local non-profit organization, Give Every Child A Chance. An expired credit card was also taken and later used at Walmart. The older of the two pictured suspects (the one on the right) has been tentatively identified, but the other one, in the Raiders sweatshirt, has yet to be identified. Anyone with information on her identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Fraud suspect wanted for identification



Defrauding Suspects: The two suspects pictured below are wanted for failing to pay for their meal at IHOP on East Yosemite Avenue. Anyone with information on their identity is asked to contact the investigating Officer at tjohnson@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspects wanted for dining and failing to pay for their meal



Bike Theft: The pictured suspect is wanted for stealing a bicycle that was chained to a light pole in Cotta Park (near the intersection of Bordeaux Lane and Chenin Blanc Drive). Anyone with information on his identity is asked to contact the investigating Officer at cstocks@ci.manteca.ca.us, or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Bicycle theft suspect

Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Tour: On March 21, Officer Kelly provided a tour of the Manteca Police Department for the Manteca Unified School District’s Administration of Justice ROP program. Seen in the photos are Officer Kelly explaining jail operations to a portion of the group, while senior Dispatcher Dave Jones discusses the Communications Center with another portion of the group.



ROP Students from MUSD tour the Police Department

Theft from Kohl’s: The pictured suspect is wanted for committing a theft at Kohl’s where more than \$500 in clothing was taken. Anyone with information on her identity is asked to contact the investigating Officer at cstocks@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted in connection with a theft

Theft of a Package: The suspect pictured on the left is wanted for stealing a package from a porch in the 500 block of West North Street. He was in the company of the subject pictured on the right. Anyone with information on the identity of either person is asked to contact the investigating Officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us.



Subjects wanted for taking a package from the porch of a residence

Training Presentation: On March 22, Officers Mike Kelly and Richard Smigelski were featured presenters at a training conference in Walnut Creek for the California Association of Hostage Negotiators (CAHN). The veteran negotiators are members of the Manteca Police Department’s Crisis Response Team (CRT). As part of the training, they presented an incident in which they negotiated for more than four hours with a suicidal subject who had barricaded himself in a house. The case had many challenges, but was successfully resolved with no major injuries. The training presentation was well received by the several hundred attendees.



Officers Kelly and Smigelski conducting training at a CAHN conference

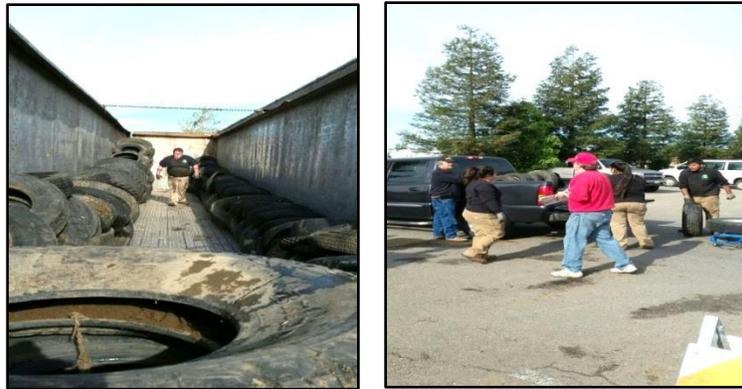
Pet Adoption: This week’s featured pet is “Beauty.” She is a very friendly and playful pit bull mix. Beauty is about 2 years old and weighs 54 pounds. She is already spayed and micro-chipped. She loves people and is ready for an active family. To see this animal or any of the others currently residing in the shelter, visit us at the corner of Wetmore Avenue and Main Street.



One of many animals available at our shelter

Public Works

Solid Waste Division: On March 19 the Solid Waste Division, in conjunction with the San Joaquin County Solid Water Division, held a tire collection event at the Corp Yard. San Joaquin County has a grant from the State to collect and recycle old tires. The grant requires collection events to be held in each City within the County. The event was staffed by members of the California Conservation Corps, along with employees from the County and the City acting as facilitators. This was the first time Manteca participated in a tire collection event. Manteca had more than 60 attendees and took in 607 tires. The event lasted approximately four hours (from 8:00 a.m. to noon). Many of the tires that were collected had water in them. Removing these tires from the environment not only reduces pollution but also reduces vector (mosquito) hazards. Manteca residents were very happy to have an event to discard old tires and asked about a future event. We anticipate a second tire collection event in late summer or early fall. Collecting tires helps to keep them from being dumped illegally in alleys and parking lots. Collected tires are ground up and recycled into other products.



California Conservation Crew members collecting tires

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.
- A Therapeutic-Recreation social and dance, "A Red Carpet Affair," was held March 23 at the Senior Center. This event was for people with disabilities

who are ages 13 and up. There were approximately 80 attendees, some of whom came from as far away as Modesto and Turlock.

- The annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held March 19 at the Senior Center. The event featured a breakfast prepared by the Senior Center's Senior Breakfast Committee, as well as Mayor Steve DeBrum and his wife, Veronica. Activities included an Easter-egg hunt, face-painting, photos with the Easter Bunny, and a crafts project. Thank you to all those who volunteered and helped make this event a success.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Face-painting, arts and crafts, and photos with the Bunny!

Senior Services:

- 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 runs for 11 weeks. The league takes place on Sundays at Golden West Community Gym and there are 22 teams participating.
- 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 14-17: The Building Safety Division conducted 140 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 65 people at the counter. The division issued 62 building permits, which included 2 Antenna, 4 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Hood & Duct, 5 HVAC Replacements, 2 Commercial Electricals, 3 Residential Electricals, 3 Residential Plumbings, 1 Parking Lot, 3 Patio Covers, 21 Photovoltaics, 6 Residential Reroofs, 7 Single-Family Dwellings, 2 Swimming Pools, 1 Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel and 1 Water Softener. A total of 33 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 15 were issued immediately. A total of 18 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 1 Commercial Accessory Building, 2 Residential Additions, 1 Residential Fire Sprinkler, 1 Garage, 1 Master Plan, 1 Residential Electrical, 1 Residential Plumbing, 1 Miscellaneous Residential, 1 Patio Cover, 1 Residential Remodel, 1 CMU/Retaining Wall, 4 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Free/Pole Sign and 1 Storage Rack.

Public Workshop on Levee Alignment: The first of three public workshops focused on the preferred location of the alignment of an extension of the dryland levee in southwest Manteca will be held Wednesday, March 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at that Manteca Transit Center, located at 220 Moffat Boulevard. Extension of the existing levee will be needed in order to provide protection from a 200-year flood, in compliance with State Senate Bill 5. The City has contracted with Drake Haglan and Associates to facilitate this discussion, which also includes meetings with affected stakeholders. The purpose of this first public workshop is to provide a project overview, and a discussion about key issues and constraints. The workshop will also include discussion about a preferred alignment for the proposed Antone Raymus Expressway, connecting Highway 120 near McKinley Avenue, through to Highway 99 between Manteca and Ripon. Any final decision on any alignments will ultimately need to be presented to the City Council.

City Manager's Office

League of California Cities Meeting in Manteca: The City of Manteca on March 24 hosted the quarterly meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities. The dinner meeting was held at Chez Shari Restaurant, and included elected and appointed officials from the

League's Central Valley Division, which stretches from Chowchilla to Lodi. In addition to official League business, participants enjoyed a presentation by area resident Pete Morelli, who is a referee with the National Football League.

Coming up next week:

- City office will be closed Friday, April 1 as part of the City's 9/80 flex work schedule. Office 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!