



## *The Week in Review*

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### **Police Department**

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

Sober Grad Charity Basketball Game: Members of the Manteca Police Officer's Association and the Manteca Firefighter's Association went head-to-head March 23 at the Sierra High School gym to help raise money for this year's sober grad program. Officers and Firefighters played their hearts out with the Police Association winning the close game by a score of 56-53.



*Sober Grad Basketball Game*

Theft: On March 24, Officer Eichel responded to Kohl's, 2360 Daniels St., regarding a shoplift. He arrived on scene and met with loss prevention officers who related that, on March 23, the suspect depicted in the photo entered Kohl's. He picked up two cutlery sets valued at \$500 and exited the store through the emergency doors without paying for them. The suspect is described as a white male adult, 6'1, 210 pounds, wearing a blue T-shirt, blue jeans and a gray/black baseball hat.



*Kohl's Theft Suspect*

DUI Checkpoint: On March 25, we conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint in the 200 block of South Main Street. Traffic heading northbound was targeted for the checkpoint. A total of 774 vehicles passed through the checkpoint and the following are statistics associated with the checkpoint: Vehicles Stops – 26, Field Sobriety Tests Administered – 10, DUI Arrests – 0, Criminal Arrests – 1, Vehicle Impounds – 7, Citations for No License – 12, Suspended License Citations – 7, All other Arrests/Citations – 2. The Police Explorers Unit assisted with the checkpoint.

DUI Vehicle Collision: On March 25, units responded to the area of Phillips Avenue and Louise Avenue regarding a single-vehicle collision into a sound wall. They arrived on scene and located the driver, Dillon Spangler, a 24-year-old Manteca resident. Spangler showed signs of being intoxicated. He was administered a field sobriety test and was determined to be driving under the influence (DUI). He was taken into custody and subsequently booked into the San Joaquin County Jail for DUI.

Theft and Pursuit: On March 27, Officers responded to K-Mart, 255 Northgate Drive, regarding a theft with three suspects fleeing the area in a white Chevy Suburban. A records check on the Suburban's license plate revealed it was reported stolen from Ceres. A few minutes after the report call, Officer Placencia spotted the Suburban southbound on Union Road at Yosemite Avenue. He followed the vehicle to the Highway 120 and until back up arrived. At that point, he activated his overhead lights and siren to conduct a vehicle stop. The Suburban failed to yield and accelerated westbound on Highway 120. The vehicle reached speeds of 70 mph and, at one point, attempted to pass traffic on the right shoulder. The driver lost control and rolled off the embankment. All three occupants of the Suburban were taken into custody shortly after the crash. Two complained of minor pain and one sustained moderate injuries. They were transported by ambulance to the San Joaquin County Hospital. The driver, Colin McCaffrey, a 26-year-old Modesto resident, was later booked into the County jail for auto theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading Police and burglary. The two passengers, Anna Farias and Pedro Hernandez, were not immediately arrested. A complaint will be filed against them after the burglary investigation is completed and reviewed by the District Attorney.

Pet Adoption: This is a Pitbull/Great Dane mix we have named "Casper." Casper came to us as a stray, so we are guessing his breed. Casper is about 8 months old, weighs about 50 pounds and is very playful. He is available for adoption now. Come down to Animal Services and visit.



*One of the many animals available at our shelter*

## Fire Department

Community: Several students from area high schools participated in a Youth Development Fire Academy at Fire Station No. 1 under the supervision of Captain Sterrie McLeod. The students trained as Firefighters, donning safety gear and equipment while participating in simulated fire drills. Activities included a Firefighter survivor maze and vehicle extrication using the “Jaws of Life.”



*Youth Development Fire Academy*

Training: Firefighters trained on residential fire ground operations this week. The training included pulling fire attack lines, occupancy search, and vertical ventilation techniques.



*Firefighter training pulling fire attack lines*

### Highlights of Incidents:

- *Vehicle Accident – South Union Road*  
Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident on South Union Road at Wawona Street Friday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found three vehicles blocking the roadway. Firefighters performed emergency medical care and hazardous materials spill control at the scene.
- *Fire – Highway 99*  
Firefighters responded to a grass fire on northbound Highway 99 Friday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a section of a field smoldering from a grass fire. Once the fire was extinguished, Firefighters checked the surrounding area to ensure there were no further hazards. The cause of the fire was undetermined after an investigation.

- *Vehicle Accident – El Portal Avenue*  
Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident on El Portal Avenue near the West Yosemite Avenue intersection Monday night. Upon arrival, they found two vehicles involved in an accident. Firefighters blocked traffic to establish a safe working area and began patient assessment. Responding medics assumed patient care while Firefighters conducted a hazardous materials assessment, finding fluids on the ground. Firefighters assisted with road clean up until released from the scene.



*Vehicle Accident at El Portal and West Yosemite*

- *Fire – West Alameda Street*  
Firefighters responded to an outdoor fire on West Alameda Street on Tuesday evening. Upon arrival, they found a trash fire inside a dumpster enclosure. Firefighters extinguished the fire and checked the surrounding area for exposure damage. Fire loss was limited to the plastic dumpster lids.

## Public Works

### Water Division’s Commitment to Safe Drinking Water: The

Water Division has 22 dedicated employees providing safe drinking water to the residents and businesses of Manteca. Water Division personnel collectively hold 36 State licenses related to operating a public water system. Division employees are consistently pursuing higher certification levels than required by individual job descriptions. Half of the division employees hold licenses above their job descriptions requirements. Having employees with higher certification levels benefits residents with additional knowledge and more experience than required when working on the water system. Thank you Water Division staff!

Well 23 Booster Pump Installation: Water Division staff successfully installed a new booster pump at Well 23. This site blends well water with surface water to meet all State and Federal drinking water standards. The booster pump increases pressure during periods of high demand when adequate surface water for blending isn’t available. The project was very involved, requiring Water Division personnel to remove a reduced voltage soft starter (RVSS), install several water monitoring instruments, rewire part of the controls and power conductors, install a variable frequency drive inside the RVSS cabinet, modify the programmable logic controller (PLC) software and physically install the booster pump. Water Division staff then completed extensive testing and received State approval to operate the booster pump to meet the increased flows during spring and summer.



*Booster pump installation*



## Parks and Rec

Community Events: The Manteca Senior Center hosted a Troop Packing Event and Donation Drive on March 30.

Several volunteers from the community got together and packed more than 80 boxes of essential items for military personnel deployed overseas. These boxes included items like correspondence materials, games and toys, personal-hygiene products, snacks and other food, and light clothing. Staff would like to thank all those who helped make this event a success.



*Troop Packing Event - City staff and volunteers hand-wrote custom cards to enclose in each box*

- Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Special Friday Night Bingo event, to be held April 15 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.

### 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.
- The Senior Center will host the next monthly Potluck Dinner on Thursday, April 21, at 5:00 p.m. Seniors ages 50 and up are invited and asked to bring a dish (enough to feed eight people) and their own plate and flatware. Brookdale-Manteca will be providing the dessert. For more information, call the Senior Center at 456-8650.
- Tickets for the April 18 Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo event are on sale now at the Senior Center and will be available until sold out. Each \$8 ticket includes entry and a dinner consisting of 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.

### 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.



*Little People’s Creative Play participants enjoyed March activities including Dr. Seuss Day, St. Patrick’s Day and an Easter-egg hunt with Parky and the Easter Bunny*

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).



*Veritas After-School participants playing bingo*

## Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review March 21-25: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 236 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 77 people at the counter. The division issued 64 building permits, which included 1 Dwelling Demolition, 9 Residential Electrical Services, 2 Commercial Fire Sprinklers, 8 HVAC Replacements, 1 Commercial Electrical, 2 Residential Electricals, 1 Commercial Plumbing, 2 Residential Plumbings, 2 Patio Covers, 18 Residential Photovoltaics, 9 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Wall Sign, 2 Swimming Pools, 1 Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel, 3 Water Heaters, and 2 Water Softeners. A total of 36 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 9 were issued immediately. A total of 27 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 1 Commercial Accessory Building, 6 Addenda, 1 Residential Fire Sprinkler, 1 Garage, 1 Hood & Duct, 8 Landscapes, 1 Patio Enclosure, 2 Single-Family Custom Homes, 4 Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Swimming Pool and 1 Swimming Pool Master Plan.

## Human Resources/

### Risk Management

New Employees: The City of Manteca welcomed two new employees in March. Joining the City's team this month are:

- Mallorie Fenrich, Development Services Technician, Community Development
- Chris Martinez, Firefighter, Fire Department

Welcome to our newest employees!

## City Manager's Office

Crossroads Street Faire: This weekend marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Crossroads Streets Faire in downtown Manteca. Sponsored by the Manteca Convention and Visitors Bureau, the festivities begin Friday, April 1 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Library Park. The Faire continues Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days, and will feature music, food, craft booths and children's events – both in the downtown area and out at the Promenade Shopping Center.

### Coming up next week:

- The next City Council meeting will be held on April 5, 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/CouncilVideos.aspx>

Have a great weekend!