



## *The Week in Review*

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### **Police Department**

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

Identity Theft: On April 7, Detectives from the Manteca Police Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) made contact with two subjects in the 800 block of Edythe Lane. The subjects were identified as Christian Flores, 27 years old of Manteca, and Jose Mandujano, 31 years old of Manteca. Detectives learned Flores was on probation for a prior robbery conviction. A search of his person revealed a counterfeit U.S. Postal Service mailbox key, narcotics and evidence of his involvement in identity theft. Mandujano was found to be in possession of a stolen United States Passport. Following the arrest of the two individuals, Detectives went to Flores' residence to continue the identity theft investigation. Detectives located several pieces of stolen mail, blank checks and other items commonly associated with identity theft. Flores was booked at San Joaquin County Jail on charges of forgery, possession of stolen property, possession of methamphetamine and possession of burglary tools. Mandujano was booked for possession of stolen property. An Inspector from the U.S. Postal Service is assisting with this investigation due to a series of mailbox thefts throughout the Central Valley. The majority of the victims in this investigation appear to be from the Manteca area. Detectives and Postal Service Inspectors will be contacting victims as the investigation continues.

Theft Suspect: The subject pictured below is wanted in connection with a theft of several hundred dollars from a cash register at the Arco AM/PM located in the 1100 block of South Main Street. Anyone with information on his identity is asked to contact the investigating Officer at [gmorrison@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:gmorrison@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspect wanted in connection with a theft*

Theft of an iPad: The subject pictured below in the reddish shirt is wanted in connection with a theft of an iPad that took place at Tony and Mrs. K's Bakery on East Yosemite Avenue. The suspect took the iPad from a table and left the business. The woman in the dark shirt may be associated with the suspect. Anyone with information on either subject's identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [gmorrison@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:gmorrison@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspect and associate wanted in connection with an iPad theft*

Compressor Theft Suspects: The subjects pictured below are wanted in connection with a theft of a compressor and stereo from a boat in the 100 block of South Lincoln Avenue. Anyone with information on their identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [mcoleman@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:mcoleman@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspects wanted in connection with a compressor theft*

Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is an American Staffordshire we have named "Bella." Bella is a playful and friendly dog. She is about 10 years old, and she is already spayed and micro-chipped. She is available for adoption now. To browse the animals currently available for adoption, visit us at Animal Services located at Main Street and Wetmore Avenue.

*One of the many animals available at our shelter*



Auto Burglaries: Over the past two weeks, there have been numerous burglaries to work trucks and vans parked on Commerce Court. Surveillance video shows the suspect is on foot, and can be seen wearing a hood, bandana, glasses, jacket, gloves and a backpack. The time of occurrence is typically between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. Anyone with information on the suspect's identity is urged to contact the investigating Detective at [amontoya@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:amontoya@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Vehicle burglary suspect*

Theft Suspect: The subject pictured below is wanted in connection with a theft of a Samsung Note 5 from the AT&T store. The suspect fled in a silver Dodge Neon, last seen headed southbound on Highway 99. Anyone with information on her identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [rsmith@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:rsmith@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspect wanted in connection with a theft*

## Fire Department

weed abatement program and will begin inspecting every parcel in the City on May 1, 2016. Fire Department personnel are currently responding to citizen complaints regarding properties in violation of the City's weed ordinance, which requires that grass and weeds be kept shorter than 6 inches in height.

Annual Weed Abatement Program: The Manteca Fire Prevention Department is administering its annual



*Fire Inspector Salas inspects a parcel on Yosemite Avenue*

Seniors Assisting Fire Effort “SAFE” Program: Our SAFE Program recently welcomed a new Commander – Mel Picanco. Chief Waters administered the oath of office on April 6 at Fire Station No. 4 during the monthly SAFE meeting. Commander Picanco has volunteered countless hours to the SAFE Program and has proven to be a great asset to the group. Congratulations!



*SAF Commander Mel Picanco*

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Water Evacuation – Shadow Berry Drive*

Firefighters responded to a call for flooding on Shadow Berry Drive on Sunday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found the residence at the end of the street was experiencing street flooding due to recent rains. Firefighters drafted with the main pump to move more than 30,000 gallons of water from the residential street to a nearby open field.



*Drafting rain water on Shadow Berry Drive*

- *Vehicle Fire – East Woodward Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle fire on East Woodward Avenue on Sunday evening. Upon arrival, they found a food truck with light smoke coming from the vents. Firefighters worked on accessing the fire, which was located behind the hood and duct system. Once the fire was completely extinguished, an investigation determined the fire had started in the electrical wiring and spread to the wood and insulation of the food truck. Fire loss was estimated at \$25,000 for this incident.

- *Gas Leak – East Edison Street*

Firefighters responded to a report of a natural gas leak on East Edison Street Tuesday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found the school facility had already been evacuated by school administration. The reporting party stated the smell of natural gas in the vicinity was intermittent. Firefighters isolated the area until PG&E could

arrive on scene. An investigation was unable to locate a gas leak, but revealed a sizeable oil spill located in the parking lot likely produced the odor the reporting party described.

## Public Works

### New Compressed Natural Gas Vac-Con Truck: The

Wastewater Quality Control Facility (WQCF) purchased a Combination Cleaner Truck, also known as a Vac-Con unit, as part of the fiscal year 15-16 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The new Vac-Con unit will be used by the Collections Division and replaces the 2002 model. The new unit features a larger water pump, cleaning hose and nozzle set up. It utilizes a positive displacement blower rather than the standard fan-style vacuum and will primarily be used for large diameter sewer trunk lines and cleaning deep storm drain pump stations. The new Vac-Con truck has been converted from diesel fuel to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and is the first vehicle in the WQCF fleet to utilize CNG. It joins four Solid Waste CNG garbage trucks comprising Manteca's CNG fleet. Currently, these trucks fuel at a local commercial filling station but in the future will be fueled at the WQCF's CNG station. The CNG station will take biogas created from the anaerobic digesters, clean and compress the gas to make renewable natural gas (RNG), and then be used to fuel Manteca's CNG vehicle fleet. This creates a valuable use for the biogas, will reduce Manteca's carbon footprint, and will help Manteca do its part in reducing Green House Gases (GHG). The Vac-Con truck is a great addition to the Collections Division and will be used with pride by the employees.



*Vac-Con truck using renewable compressed natural gas*

## Parks and Rec

### Community Events: The Manteca Youth Advisory

Commission and GK Music are partnering to present "Got Talent?", an annual event to be held at the Manteca Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane, on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Organizers are seeking talented singers, dancers, musicians, bands, comics, magicians and other talented youth, teens, and young adults ages 5-21. Battle for great prizes and bragging rights! Entry packets may be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Department office, 252 Magnolia, and must be returned by April 18. Spectator tickets for the event will be available for \$5 each presale at the Parks and Recreation office through April 22 or for \$8 each at the door. For more information, call (209) 456-8632.

- 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.

- The Manteca Youth Advisory Commission will host a middle-school dance from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at Golden West Community Gymnasium, 1031 N. Main Street. 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.

### 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.
- The Senior Center invites seniors ages 50 and over to movie day on Wednesday, April 14 at 12:15 p.m. We will watch Weekend at Bernie’s. Come enjoy popcorn and small refreshments throughout the movie. The event is free to attend.

### Recreation Programs:

- Adult Basketball – Our Winter Adult Basketball League started February 28 and runs for 11 weeks. We are in the second half of the season, which means all games will count toward playoff standings. The league takes place on Sundays at Golden West Community Gym and there are 22 teams participating.
- Tiny Tots – Tiny Tots Soccer begins this Saturday, April 16, at Shasta Park, and will run for five weeks. There are more than 70 participants enrolled.



Field Rentals:

- All World Sports will be hosting an adult softball tournament this weekend, April 16-17, at Northgate Softball Complex.

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 and staff in their spring picture*

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).



*Stella Brockman After-School participants playing tennis, left, and McParland After-School participants enjoying a snack and creating chalk-art.*

## Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review April 4-8: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 225 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 76 people at the counter. The division issued 74 building permits, which included 1 Commercial Addition, 1 Residential Addition, 2 Antenna, 1 Residential Demolition, 4 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Grading, 1 HVAC, 6 HVAC Replacements, 4 Residential Plumbings, 2 Patio Covers, 1 Commercial Photovoltaic, 16 Residential Photovoltaics, 3 Residential Reroofs, 19 Single-Family Dwellings, 4 Swimming Pools, 1 Temporary Power Pole, 3 Commercial Tenant Infills/Remodels and 4 Water Heater. A total of 62 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 14 were issued immediately. A total of 48 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 2 Addendum, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler, 1 New Government Building, 5 Landscapes, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 1 Commercial Electrical and 37 Single-Family Dwellings.

## City Manager's Office

### Coming up next week:

- The regular meeting of the Manteca City Council scheduled for April 19 will be cancelled. The City Council and two staff members will be participating in the One Voice trip to Washington, D.C., along with elected officials and staff from other agencies and private development from San Joaquin County. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for May 3.

Have a great weekend!