



## *The Week in Review*

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### **Fire Department**

Training: Reserve Firefighters continued their rigorous training schedule this past week in the Manteca Reserve Firefighter Academy. The instructors provided training on vertical ventilation techniques and fire ground operations for residential single-story and two-story residential structure fires.



*Manteca Reserve Firefighter Academy*

Softball Tournament: Manteca Firefighters hosted their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament at Big League Dreams on Monday, April 18. Teams from fire departments across Northern California participated in the event to benefit local charities.



*Manteca Firefighters 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament*

### Highlights of Incidents:

- *Fire – Raccoon Valley Drive*

Firefighters were dispatched for the report of a structure fire on Raccoon Valley Drive Friday evening. Firefighters arrived on scene and found heavy smoke and flames extending out of the garage. An aggressive fire attack was initiated through the side door of the garage. Additional Firefighters arrived on scene to assist with

fire attack and search the inside of the residence. An unconscious victim was located inside the residence, a rescue was initiated and the victim was carried from the house to the front lawn, where emergency medical treatment was provided. The fire was controlled within 15 minutes and contained to the garage due to the collaborated fire attack efforts. Once the fire was extinguished, salvage and overhaul operations were conducted with assistance from Reserve personnel.



*Raccoon Valley Drive Structure Fire*

- *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*  
Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident on westbound Highway 120 east of Yosemite Avenue Saturday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found one vehicle on its side in the center divider and one vehicle on the right shoulder. Firefighters blocked traffic to establish a safe working area and began patient assessment. After the patient was transported by medics, Firefighters remained on scene with CHP to translate.
- *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*  
Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle accident on eastbound Highway 120 east of Union Road Saturday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found one vehicle with major damage in the center divider and two vehicles on the right shoulder. Firefighters blocked traffic to establish a safe working area and began patient assessment. The passenger of one of the vehicles was pinned inside but not injured; Firefighters used the “Jaws of Life” to extricate the passenger from the vehicle. A hazardous materials assessment was conducted and abatement procedures were used to contain fluids found to be leaking from two of the vehicles.

## **Police Department**

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

Robbery: On April 14, Dispatch received a report of a possible robbery at 1041 S. Main St., (Main Street Doughnuts). A witness reported seeing a male with his face covered, leaving the business and going to the side of the building. Upon arrival of Officers, it was determined an armed robbery of the business had occurred. According to an employee, the suspect entered the business through the front door. He then approached the employee at the front counter. The suspect brandished a handgun while demanding money. He fled from the business after receiving an undisclosed amount of cash from the employee. A witness saw the suspect ride off to the west side of the building on an unknown type of bicycle. The suspect was described as being a

Black male adult with a white mask that had eyeholes. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood covering his head. He was approximately 5'11" to 6'2" in height and had a thin build. He wore blue jeans, black tennis shoes with white soles and ear bud headphones. He also appeared to be wearing light-colored gloves on one or both of his hands. The employee was not injured during the incident.

Train Collision: On April 15, an Officer was flagged down in the area of Oak Street and West Yosemite Avenue. A citizen reported to the Officer that a train had just collided with a pedestrian. The Officer went to assist the victim, found that he was unresponsive and attempted life-saving measures. Medics responded to the scene and the subject was transported to San Joaquin County Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Officers learned the victim had been walking with four of his friends. A witness saw the crossing arms go down, heard the train bell sound and saw the train coming. The subjects ran across the tracks, west on Yosemite in the area of the south sidewalk. Four of the subjects made it across the tracks, but the decedent was the last to cross and had insufficient time before being struck by the train.

Suspicious Fire: On a related story noted above, on April 15, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 900 block of Raccoon Valley Drive to assist Manteca Fire with a suspicious structure fire. Fire officials reported arriving at the residence and finding a 37-year-old female in the garage of the residence. Fire officials determined the fire had been intentionally set at the residence and the damage was primarily concentrated to the attached garage and to a vehicle parked inside the garage. The interior of the residence suffered smoke damage and no other damage was reported to surrounding residences or structures. The female found in the garage was transported to San Joaquin County General Hospital for medical treatment and mental health evaluation.

Fraud: The subjects pictured below are possibly related to a fraudulent transaction that occurred at Home Depot. Anyone with information on their 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.



*Suspects wanted for in connection with a fraudulent transaction at Home Depot*

Domestic Violence: On April 19, several Officers responded to Souza Boulevard and Alpine Avenue for a fight in the street. Upon arrival, they contacted 22-year-old Elise Morte of Manteca and 29-year-old Brandon Vallejo of Lathrop. Both had been involved in a fight with each other. During the investigation, Morte was being taken into custody when she began to resist and kick the officers. After being restrained and

placed into a Police unit, Morte began to kick the interior of the unit. Morte was able to slip out of one handcuff and swung her fist at officers when they opened the back door to the vehicle. She was eventually re-secured and handcuffed. Vallejo was arrested without incident. Both parties were transported to the Police Department and booked. Vallejo was booked for domestic battery. Morte was booked for domestic battery, battery on an Officer, resisting arrest and public intoxication. The Officers were not injured during the incident.

Theft Suspects: The subjects pictured below are wanted in connection with a theft that occurred at Famous Footwear on April 17. The suspects took three pair of Nike shoes. Anyone with information on their identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at [cstocks@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:cstocks@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



*Suspects wanted in connection with a theft of shoes*

Homicide Arrest: On April 15, Manteca Police Detectives, in coordination with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department, arrested 19-year-old Jayontay Thomas of Cotati at his residence. Thomas was charged with homicide related to a shooting incident that occurred on October 16, 2015 in the 200 block of Jessie Avenue. Thomas is the fourth suspect to be arrested on the case. He was extradited to San Joaquin County on April 20 where he was booked at the San Joaquin County Jail.

Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is a Terrier and Dachsund mix we have named "Jared." Jared is between 1-2 years old, weighs 17 pounds and he gets along well with other small dogs. He 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*

Theft Suspect: The suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with a theft of an Echo “weed eater” valued at \$200. The theft occurred on April 17 at Home Depot. Anyone with information on his 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 from Home Depot*

Hit-and-Run Vehicle: The vehicle pictured below is wanted in connection with a hit-and-run event that occurred in the 100 block of Jessie Avenue on April 21. The driver was described as a Black male in his 20s with dreadlocks. The vehicle is a red, Pontiac Sunfire that should have damage to the rear bumper. Anyone with information on the vehicle’s whereabouts is asked to contact the investigating Officer at [rarmosino@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:rarmosino@ci.manteca.ca.us) or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



*Vehicle wanted in connection to a hit and run*

## Public Works

Solid Waste Division: The Solid Waste Division recently installed sets of Solar-Powered Trash/Recycle cans at three locations: Woodward Park, Northgate Park and the Manteca Unified School District grounds. The installation was part of Adam Pintor’s Boy Scout Eagle project. One of the requirements to becoming an Eagle Scout is working on a community service project; installing these sets of solar-powered cans was the perfect fit. Adam got his fellow Scouts together, held a safety meeting, surveyed the areas, got the necessary tools, and set a date. The cans were installed on Saturday, April 9 in the rain, and under the guidance of Solid Waste employees John Adams and John Lawrence. The cans are solar-powered and work as compactors, compressing the contents so the cans hold five times the normal capacity. Solid Waste hopes these cans will reduce the number of trips needed to these areas to empty the trash.



*Solar-Powered Trash/Recycle cans*



Street Faire: The Solid Waste Division staffed a booth at the Street Faire and demonstrated one of the new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) collection vehicles. Staff gave away “goodies” made out of recycled materials and show-cased the new truck.



*Street Faire*



Shred-It event is this weekend, Saturday April 23: We will be accepting your personal documents to shred at our Solid Waste yard at 210 E. Wetmore from 8:30 am to noon. You can also bring your old computers, televisions and cell phones to be recycled. Free compost will be available for those residents that bring their own buckets and shovels.

## **Parks and Rec**

Community Events: The Manteca Youth Advisory

Commission and GK Music are partnering to present

“Got Talent?” at the Manteca Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane, on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Come and watch the contestant’s battle for great prizes and bragging rights! Spectator tickets for the event are 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 May 6 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:

- Tickets for the May 16 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. 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 began April 16 and will run for five weeks. The program is held on Saturdays at Shasta Park. There are more than 120 participants enrolled.

### Field Rentals:

- NSA Softball will be holding an adult softball tournament this Sunday, April 24, at Northgate Softball Complex.
- Manteca Futbol Club will host its Spring Invitational Tournament this weekend, April 23-24, at Woodward Community Park.



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 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).

## Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review April 11-14: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 131 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 71 people at the counter. The division issued 91 building permits, which included 1 Residential Addition, 1 Residential Demolition, 6 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Garage, 2 HVACs, 6 HVAC Replacements, 1 Residential Electrical, 1 Commercial Plumbing, 1 Residential Plumbing, 3 Patios, 1 Patio Enclosure, 27 Photovoltaics, 2 Residential Reroofs, 23 Single-Family Dwellings, 3 Wall Signs, 4 Swimming Pools, 1 Swimming Pool Demolition, 3 Commercial Tenant Infills, 3 Water Heaters and 1 Water Softener. A total of 20 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 15 were issued immediately. A total of 5 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 1 Residential Addition, 1 Hood & Duct, 1 Commercial Mechanical, 1 Swimming Pool Master Plan and 1 Commercial Tenant Infill.

## City Manager's Office

### Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee:

The City Council-appointed Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee (PSSTOC) held its semi-annual meeting on April 21. This committee is tasked with reviewing the revenues and expenditures associated with the City's ½-cent sales tax approved by Manteca voters in 2006 (Measure M). This additional sales tax can only be used to support public safety (Police and Fire) in the City of Manteca. Thanks to Measure M, the City is able to fund 15 Police positions and 15 Fire positions, utilizing these funds. The PSSTOC plans to present its annual report to the Manteca City Council on June 21. The next regular meeting of the PSSTOC is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Last year, the committee moved the meetings from the morning to the evening, in an effort to attract more public participation. The meetings of the PSSTOC are open to the public.

### Coming up Next week:

- City offices will be closed Friday, April 29 as part of the City's 9/80 flex work schedule. Offices will be open from 7:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, though the Finance Department closes at 5:00 p.m. and Community Development at 4:00 p.m.

Have a great weekend!