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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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### FOLLOW US!

The City of Manteca will be launching its Facebook page on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please look for us and like our page, "[City of Manteca – Local Government](#)" for information on City events, projects and much more.

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

#### Community Events

- The Manteca Youth Advisory Commission will host a Middle-School Dance Friday, April 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Neil Hafley Elementary School gymnasium, 849 Northgate Dr. 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 Parks and Recreation at 456-8600.
- Join us for a Mother-Daughter "Mad Hatter Tea Party" on Sunday, May 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Manteca Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane. Tickets are available at the Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation office for \$25 per couple (one mom/grandmother/aunt, etc., and one daughter), and \$5 for each additional daughter. The event will include a light lunch, hot and cold teas, and desserts. There also will be arts and crafts activities, door prizes, a best-hat competition, and a visit by Alice and the Mad Hatter! There is limited capacity, so buy your tickets early.
- The Parks and Recreation Summer Kick-Off Event and Disney Character Meet-and-Greet will be held Saturday, May 13, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Manteca Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane. There will be indoor and outdoor activities, plus free food, free raffles, music, bounce houses, and vendors. Bring your favorite Hot Wheels car and enter it into the tournament-style drag races. This is a FREE event, and a great opportunity to learn more about our summer programs and activities.

#### Senior Services

- The Manteca Senior Center is open to seniors ages 50 and older Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no membership fee! Come enjoy the many daily free and fee-based programs, such as photography classes, chair volleyball, various exercise classes including tai chi and yoga, and much more! First-time visitors receive an informational tour of the Center and everything it has to offer. Call 456-8650 for more information.

- Tickets for the May 15 Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night are on sale now. Each \$8 ticket includes entry, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and 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.

### **Recreation Programs**

- *Adult Basketball*—Adult Basketball league is past the halfway point and continues to run well. The program is held at Golden West Community Gym and there are 21 teams participating.
- *Tiny Tots*—Tiny Tots Soccer began April 22 at Shasta Park. The program runs on Saturdays for five weeks, and there are more than 100 participants enrolled.

### **Kids' Zone Programs**

Kids' Zone, a California state licensed child-care program, operates at nine Manteca Unified School District elementary schools, with 22 total programs. Before-School, KinderZone, and After-School care are available at select schools. For specific information on program locations, contact the Parks and Recreation Department. The parent handbook and application materials are available on the Parks and Recreation website, or in the office at 252 Magnolia Ave.



*Kids' Zone After-School program participants during arts-and-crafts time.*

### **Little People's Creative Play and Mom/Dad & 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 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 a combination of days. There are daily craft projects, snacks, sharing and story time. Mom/Dad and Me is a stepping-stone to Creative Play and requires parent participation.



*Little People's participants, left, with their artwork, and Mom/Dad & Me participants enjoying snacks.*

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Stormwater – Pollution Prevention:**

What you can do to assist with Stormwater pollution prevention?

- Washing your car: use minimal amounts of biodegradable, phosphate-free soap. Wash your car on grass or gravel areas. Put a spray nozzle on your hose to conserve water. Empty any remaining soapy wash water into a toilet or sink or pour onto a landscaped area.
- Painting your house: Choose water-based paints. Use up all the paint before disposing of the can. Let any residual paint air dry in the can and then throw it in the garbage. Wipe your paint brushes then rinse them in the sink. Do not rinse painting equipment in the gutter.
- Watering your lawn: Conserve water, do not over water. Excessive amounts of water staying in the soil drown out the oxygen from the soil, and create a shallow root system. Apply lawn fertilizers and pesticides sparingly to reduce run off. Use non-toxic pest controls such as ladybugs or insecticidal soaps for aphids. Use grass clippings as mulch for your lawn.
- Cleaning your driveway: Use an absorbent like kitty litter or sand to soak up oil and antifreeze. Sweep the mixture up. Bag it and throw it in the garbage. Never hose pollutants down your driveway.
- Spreading the word: Spread the word to your neighbors that helping to maintain clean storm drains helps everyone.



Remember...ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN.

For more information, please call our Water Resource Coordinator at 456-8463.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **Building Safety Week in Review April 17 - 21:**

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 268 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 166 people at the counter. The division issued 81 building permits, which included Commercial Building, Residential Electrical Service, Residential HVAC, Residential Electrical, Residential Plumbing, Patio Cover, Residential Remodel, Residential Reroof, Single-Family Dwellings, Residential Photovoltaic, Residential Stucco/Siding, Swimming Pool/Spa, Swimming Pool Demolition, Commercial Tenant Infill, Water Heater, and Water Softener. A total of 40 new project applications were accepted and of those, 19 were issued immediately. A total of 21 submittals were held for plan check, which included Addendum, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Residential Fire Sprinkler, Master Plan, Residential Electrical, Residential Plumbing, Miscellaneous Residential, Patio Cover, Residential Remodel, Single-Family Dwellings, Swimming Pool/Spa, and Commercial Tenant Infill.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Active Shooter Drill

On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Manteca Fire Department and Manteca Police participated in a joint training exercise to coordinate efforts should an active shooter incident occur. This included SWAT entry and securing the building followed by patient removal by fire department personnel to the treatment area overseen by Manteca District Ambulance.



*Manteca Fire and Police Personnel*

### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Banquet

Manteca Employee Recognition and Awards Banquet was held at the Senior Center on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Manteca Firefighters arrived in style rocking the 1980's party theme! Our department was honored to have two of our own nominated for Employee of the Year and several personnel received Service Awards.



*Firefighter Macias, Engineer Schemper,  
Firefighter Sawyer and Firefighter Rioux*

### Highlights of Incidents

#### ● *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*

Firefighters responded to the report of a vehicle accident on Westbound Highway 120 West of Airport Way on Sunday evening. Upon arrival, firefighter found three vehicles involved with 1 vehicle down the embankment. Two patients were treated on scene and one was transported to a local hospital.



*Highway 120 Vehicle Accident*

#### ● *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*

Firefighters were dispatched to the report of a vehicle accident on Westbound Highway 120, West of Highway 99 early Monday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters found a multi vehicle accident involving a passenger vehicle and a tractor-trailer. The passenger vehicle was on fire and the driver of the vehicle was found down an embankment about 50 yards from the roadway. Engine Company 242 extinguished the fire while Truck 24 personnel provided patient care. Truck 24 firefighter assisted medics while the patient was transported to a local hospital.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Suspicious Circumstances

On April 20, Officers responded to the 600 block of Virginia Street regarding a subject possibly trying to lure children. Officers contacted two small children and their families and learned the following. The children were playing near their residence when a male driving an older tan 4-door sedan pulled up next to them. The driver, described as a Hispanic Male, short curly hair, bushy eyebrows, thick mustache, asked the children if they wanted candy. Before anything else occurred, the children ran to their home and reported the incident. The male fled the location in the listed vehicle. Area checks for the suspect vehicle had negative results.

### Suspicious Circumstances

On April 20, fire dispatch called to report a possible attempted kidnapping and the victim was now at MFD Station #1. Officer T. Johnson responded to the fire station to handle the report. A juvenile was walking home from a friend's house in the dark and walked by a parked vehicle. The occupants stated to each other "let's get lit." The juvenile continued to walk and the occupants stated "hey, hey." They did not attempt further contact with the juvenile other than talking to him. The juvenile ran to the fire station for safety. This possibly occurred outside of 913 Marin Street. Officer Johnson spoke with the resident at 913 Marin Street who did not have any knowledge of incident.

### Armed Robbery with Arrest

On April 20, Officers responded to 1242 N. Main St. (Muchly Spa) to the report of several subject(s) inside the business who were armed with a firearm(s). There was a language barrier between employees on scene and Dispatch as information was being obtained. Officers arrived on scene and established a perimeter around the business. The business was cleared of employees and customers and all were found to be uninjured. No suspect(s) were located at the scene. Officers were advised an armed robbery of the business had occurred however; the responsible male suspect had fled the business just prior to the arrival of officers.

Officers continued their investigation and later identified Aldo Anthony VENCES (21-year-old male Manteca resident) as the suspect. He was located nearby and taken into custody without incident. He was later booked into county jail for robbery and weapons offenses. Detectives Gutierrez and Montoya responded and assumed investigative responsibility for the case.

### Armed Robbery

On April 21, Officers responded to Little Caesars, 353 W. Louise Avenue, regarding an armed robbery that just occurred. Two male suspects fled the location prior to the arrival of officers. There were no other customers inside the business at the time of the robbery and all of the involved employees were uninjured. An investigation indicated both suspect entered the store with one producing a firearm. They demanded and received cash, then fled the location to a white four-door vehicle. This vehicle was last seen leaving the area on Louise Avenue. Both suspects were described as Hispanic males, 5-09 to 6-00 tall, with material covering their faces. See attached photos for further details regarding their description.



*Robbery Suspects*

### **Armed Robbery**

On April 25, Officers responded to 7-11, 853 East Yosemite Avenue regarding an armed robbery. Officers arrived and discovered three suspects entered the store. One produced a firearm and demanded cash. Once the cash was received, the three suspects fled the store on foot westbound on Yosemite Avenue and Northbound on Sheridan Avenue. Suspect #1, who was armed with the firearm, was described as a white male adult wearing dark clothing. Suspect #2 was described as a white male adult wearing a ski mask. Suspect #3 stood at the door during the robbery. His description was unavailable at the time of this article.

### **Pet of the Week**

Our Pet of the Week is beautiful K-9 “Mia”. Mia is a very friendly dog who looks like a Maltese Mix. She is about two years old and weighs nearly 15 pounds. She would make a great companion to some lucky person or family. Her adoption fee covers spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations and city license. Refer to pet ID #A013042 when contacting our shelter about Mia. Please stop by our shelter located at 115 E. Wetmore Avenue and say hello to Mia and the many other animals available for adoption.



“Mia”

## **HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **NEW HIRES**

The City of Manteca welcomed three new employees this month!

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Dept./Division</u>
Ken Thurman	Building Inspector II	CDD
Esmeralda Villalobos	Development Services Technician	CDD

*And an official “welcome” to our now permanent employee*

Jeff “JD” Hightower	Senior Planner	CDD
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### **PROMOTIONS**

We also had four promotions in April:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Dept./Division</u>
Cristina Caguia	Accountant	Finance
Heather Candido	Utility Coordinator	Finance
George Montross	Water Superintendent	PW/Water
Jason Yun	Environmental Compliance Inspector	PW/WQCF

Please help us in welcoming all of them to our wonderful family and congratulating those who promoted!

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### **City Council Meeting**

- The May 2, 2017 City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.