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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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### FOLLOW US!

The City of Manteca launched 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

- 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.

#### Field Rentals

- Lance Oliver with All Star Tournaments is hosting a Girls Softball tournament this weekend, May 6-7, at Northgate Softball Complex.

## **Recreation Programs**

- *Adult Basketball* - Adult Basketball League is going into the last weekend of regular season games and is running well. This is the last chance for teams to get into the playoffs. The program takes place at Golden West. We currently have 21 teams.
- *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 (left); Kids' Zone staff celebrated After School Professionals week at their monthly staff meeting (center and right).*

## **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 spring class (left); participants practicing for their End-of-Year Celebration (right).*

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Wastewater Quality Control Facility:**

Spring is a busy time at the WQCF this year. The City effectively utilizes agricultural wastewater and secondary municipal wastewater to grow crops while concurrently disposing of wastewater.



*Planting Sudan grass on WQCF Ag fields*

Pictured is the preparation of the fields near the Big League Dreams for planting of Sudan grass, which is an annual crop on the fields. The remaining fields have alfalfa growing (a 5 year crop) and are being harvested this week. Combined, these signal the beginning of the WQCF agricultural program's irrigation season.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **Building Safety Week in Review April 24-27:**

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 204 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 140 people at the counter. The division issued 60 building permits, which included Residential Electrical Service, Fire Alarm, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Residential HVAC, Commercial Electrical, Residential Electrical, Residential Plumbing, Patio Covers, Commercial Reroof, Residential Reroof, Single-Family Dwellings, Wall Sign, Residential Solar, Swimming Pool/Spa, Commercial Tenant Infill, Water Heater, and Water Softener. A total of 40 new project applications were accepted and of those, 21 were issued immediately. A total of 19 submittals were held for plan check, which included Residential Accessory Building, Addendum, Carport, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Residential Fire Sprinkler, Hood & Duct, Commercial Miscellaneous Building, Residential Plumbing, Free/Pole Sign, and Swimming Pool Solar.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Manteca Fire Department's 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 20, at Fire Station No. 1 – 290 S. Powers Avenue. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, ham, coffee, milk, and juice – all for only \$5.00 per person. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Robbie Taberna Memorial Scholarship Foundation which provides scholarships to high school seniors in our community who are interested in a career in fire or emergency medical services. One scholarship is given to each of the local high schools. Tickets are now available at Station 2 – 1154 S. Union Road and will also be available at the door.

## **Relay for Life**

This weekend, the Manteca Fire Family will be at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event held at East Union High School. The "Red Hots" is a team of Manteca firefighters and family members (lead by Misti McLeod, wife of Fire Captain Sterrie McLeod) which will be participating in the fundraiser by walking the track throughout the 12 hour event, raising funds for this notable organization. The dedication and numerous hours put into making our team so successful, by both Misti and other members of our fire family, are very much appreciated.

## **Fire Prevention Safety Trailer**

The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Safety Trailer has been touring local schools recently, making stops at every 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom! Our specially equipped safety trailer allows firefighters to teach students fire and life safety techniques in a simulated home environment. Our SAFE members are especially helpful during these school site visits, helping firefighters guide students through our Safety Trailer.



*Captain Grycel, Fire Inspector Salas, Fire Inspector DeMaria and SAFE Member Rich Silverman assist with Safety Trailer*

## **Highlights of Incidents**

### *Vehicle Accidents:*

- Westbound Highway 120, East of Yosemite Avenue – April 29  
*(One-vehicle collision – No injuries.)*
- Eastbound Highway 120, West of Highway 99 – April 29  
*(Three-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, one patient transported to the hospital.)*
- Eastbound Highway 120, East of Union Road – April 29  
*(Three-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, one patient transported to the hospital.)*
- North Airport Way at Daisywood – May 1  
*(Single-vehicle collision – No injuries.)*
- Button Avenue at Nehemiah Drive – May 2  
*(Motorcycle vs. vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, one patient transported to the hospital.)*
- Industrial Park Avenue – May 3  
*(Two-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, one patient transported to the hospital, hazardous spill contained and abated.)*

- Southbound Highway 99, South of Highway 120 – May 4  
(One-vehicle collision – No injuries, hazardous spill contained and abated.)

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Armed Robbery**

On April 28, Officers responded to the Subway restaurant located at 1172 E. Yosemite Av. regarding a robbery of the business. The reporting party indicated two male subjects entered the restaurant and demanded money from the register. After receipt of the money, the two subjects fled from the business on foot. Officers arrived on scene and checked the business and the surrounding area for the responsible subjects with negative findings. Officers contacted the employee inside the business who was found to be unharmed and uninjured. A witness to the robbery indicated the responsible subjects fled through the Food 4 Less parking lot and entered a dark color older model minivan. Suspect #1 was described as a Hispanic male, 40 to 45 years old, light to medium complexion, 5'10" to 5' 11" with a heavy build, wearing a dark green sweatshirt, white undershirt, dark jeans, black boots, black ball cap and black sunglasses. Suspect #2 was described as a Hispanic male, 45 to 50 years old, light to medium complexion, 5' 5" with a stocky build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans and black tennis shoes with white trim. Officer Espinosa is the investigating officer.

### **DUI Checkpoint**

On April 28, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., members of the Manteca Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint in the 1100 block of East Yosemite Ave. Traffic targeted for the stop was headed eastbound.

Vehicles through the checkpoint— 633

Vehicle screened through checkpoint –633

Field Sobriety Tests Administered – 9

DUI Arrests Resulting from DUI Checkpoint – 0

Criminal (in custody) arrests resulting from DUI checkpoint – 1

Suspended Licenses—8

Vehicle impounds resulting from DUI Checkpoint -8

Drug arrests resulting from DUI checkpoint – 0

Recovered Stolen Vehicles – 0

Unlicensed Drivers—3

All other Arrests/Citations –0

As always a big thank you again to the Explorers and reserves who came out and assisted us on this checkpoint.

### **Motorcycle Pursuit with Arrest**

On April 29, Officer Beermann was stopped on North Union Road at West Louise Avenue. Officer Beermann saw an off-road motorcycle traveling southbound on Union Road. The motorcyclist was operating the off road motorcycle on a public street without a helmet. The motorcycle did not display a license plate and appeared to be for off road use only. The motorcycle continued southbound on Union Rd. through Louise Avenue and passing Officer Beermann.

Officer Beermann made a U-turn, positioned himself behind the motorcycle and attempted to make an enforcement stop. The motorcyclist failed to yield to the emergency vehicle lights/siren and a pursuit was initiated. The motorcyclist traveled southbound Union Road turning westbound on Alameda

Avenue. The pursuit was terminated by the watch commander after the motorcyclist entered onto the Tidewater Bike Path. The motorcyclist was last seen continuing northbound on the Tidewater Bike Path from Northgate Park. Officer Beermann suspected the motorcyclist was a Manteca juvenile who has a history of off road motorcycle and ATV thefts. Officer Beermann later contacted the juvenile at his residence and located evidence related to the pursuit. The motorcycle was not located at the juvenile's residence but images were found on his phone showing the juvenile riding the same motorcycle with similar clothing. The juvenile was transported to MPD where he was booked and released to his mother.

### **Armed Robbery**

On April 30, Officers responded to 7-11, 1048 West Yosemite Avenue, regarding a robbery. They arrived on scene and met with the clerk/victim. The victim reported that he was in the store alone when two males, race unknown, entered the store wearing bandanas over their faces. One of the suspects had a dark colored firearm. The victim ran to the back of the store and out the back door where he was intercepted by one of the suspects and brought back inside. While outside, the victim did see a red or burgundy four-door sedan backed at an angle on the west side of the store. The suspect demanded money and ran out the back door after receiving it. The victim remained in the store and contacted the police. He did not see the vehicle leave but believes the suspects fled westbound in the vehicle. Officer Jemerigbe is the reporting officer for this robbery.

### **Theft of City Property**

On April 30, CSO Coleman was dispatched to take a report of a theft of City equipment. Fire Captain Terpstra reported the theft of his fire helmet and a medical bag from Truck #24. He believed the theft occurred at Food 4 Less while on a call for service on 04/29/2017. He had left his fire helmet on the dash of Truck #24 and went inside of Food 4 Less. The truck was left unlocked. CSO Coleman completed her report and forwarded the information to patrol. Officer T. Johnson received a call for service at Food 4 Less on 04/30/2017 at about 4:30 p.m. regarding a female being in possession of the helmet and bag. He responded to the scene, recovered all property and arrested the female. She was processed at MPD and then booked at SJCO Jail. Arrested: Heidi Vasconcellos; 46 year old; Transient Charge: 496(a) PC – Felony possession of stolen property.

### **Armed Robbery**

On April 30, Officers responded to 1235 W. Yosemite Avenue (Subway) for the report of an armed robbery with a knife. As units were arriving on scene, Officer Jemerigbe radioed that the suspect was running from him. He also radioed that the suspect had fled into Kaiser Hospital. The hospital was placed on lock down. It was later determined the suspect had fled from Officer Jemerigbe in the direction of Kaiser Hospital and actually ran around the east side of the building and into the field to the north. An exhaustive search for the suspect was completed with negative results. Officer Anderson used his partner Murphy to track the suspect. Murphy was able to track the suspect through the field, across the ditch and onto the golf course. He lost the track because of the sprinklers. It was reported that the suspect was possibly seen in the area of 700 Silverado Drive. Stella Brockman School was also searched with negative results. The clerk was not injured during this robbery.



Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to contact Officer Delgado at [bdelgado@ci.manteca.ca.us](mailto:bdelgado@ci.manteca.ca.us)

## **Homicide**

On May 2, Officers responded to shots fired in the parking lot of 1968 Daniels Street. Additional information provided to responding officers was that a male adult had been shot. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim in the parking lot suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Witnesses at the scene reported the suspect in the shooting fled the area on foot. Officers and medics performed life-saving measures; however, the victim succumbed to his injuries. While officers were on scene, there was a report of a carjacking that occurred in the area of south Airport Way and Hwy 120, which was in close proximity to the shooting scene. The carjacking occurred within the timeframe of the shooting. Shortly after the carjacking, Ripon Police called advising that one of their officers had located the carjacked vehicle. The Ripon Officer was also detaining an adult male who fled on foot from the vehicle. Detectives responded to the scene and conducted a thorough investigation into the homicide and carjacking. On May 3, Detectives charged Angel Miranda, a 19-year-old Manteca Resident for this homicide. He was booked into county jail for homicide, carjacking, and a variety of weapons charges.

## **Rotary Officer of the Year**

Each year the Manteca Rotary Club honors five divisions of local law enforcement by awarding the Don I. Asher Memorial Officer of the Year Award. This includes; the California Highway Patrol, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, San Joaquin County Probation Department, San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office and the Manteca Police Department. The recipient for this year's Don I. Asher Memorial Officer of the Year award was Detective Lance Casqueiro. Detective Casqueiro received the award based on his overall performance as a member of the Gang Suppression Unit. Chief Estarziau noted several cases where Detective Casqueiro's diligent work led to the successful resolution. He was also involved in saving the life of a distraught male who intended to commit suicide via train. His efforts that day saved the man's life.



*Chief Estarziau and former Chief Obligacion congratulate Rotary Officer of the Year Detective Lance Casqueiro*

## **Brock Elliot School Career Day**

Career Day at Brock Elliott School this year included Officer Jason Massey and his K-9 partner "Max". The dynamic duo were part of a team of professionals from the community planting the seed of possible future careers to the first through eighth grade students. Of all the speakers and professionals the kids heard from, the star of the day might have been the one standing on four legs. Max is an 8-year-old Belgium shepherd of Officer Massey, a 15-year veteran of the Manteca Police Department. Officer Massey and Max expressed to students the importance of going to school. The Students, however, were excited to see his partner Max. They learned that dogs have a keen sense of smell that's "a million times better than ours," Officer Massey said.



*Officer Massey with K-9 "Max" at Brock Elliot Career Day!*



**Pet of the Week**

Introducing “Yoda” our Pet of the Week. As you can see by his ears, Yoda was the perfect name for this little guy. Yoda is a very friendly dog who looks like a Poodle mix. Yoda is about 7 years old and weighs about 10 pounds. Yoda would make a great companion for some lucky person or family. Yoda’s adoption fee covers spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations and city license. Come down to the shelter located at 115 East Wetmore Ave and visit with Yoda and the many other animals available for adoption. “May the force be with you”!



“Yoda”

**CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE**

**City Hall Schedule**

- Friday, May 12: City offices will be closed as part of the City’s 9/80 flex work schedule.