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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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The City of Manteca launched its Facebook page on Monday, May 1st. 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

- Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held June 2, 2017, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane. 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 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 July 19 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

- Don Angle with Northern California Senior Softball Association will be hosting a senior softball tournament this weekend, May 20-21, at Northgate Softball Complex.

Recreation Programs

- *Aquatics*—The summer season is almost here, which means aquatics programs soon will be in full effect. More than 60 lifeguards and swim instructors have been trained and prepared for the upcoming season. Lincoln Pool, 245 S. Powers Ave., will be open from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday through Monday, May 27-29, for Memorial Day weekend. After that, the pool will reopen for swim lessons and regular Public Swim hours beginning Monday, June 6. Pool admission fees are \$2 for

youth ages 4-17, \$3 for adults ages 18-61, and \$2 for seniors ages 62 and up; children under 4 years old are admitted free. A swim pass for a full season of Public Swim at Lincoln Pool may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation office, 252 Magnolia Ave., for \$60. The pass is limited to four people at a time, with a maximum of two adults per admission.

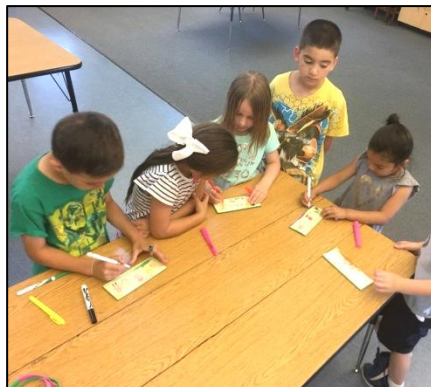
- *Adult Basketball*—Adult Basketball League is going into playoffs this Sunday, May 21. The program takes place at Golden West and there are 21 teams.
- *Tiny Tots*—Tiny Tots Soccer began April 22 at Shasta Park and is heading into the final weekend. The program runs on Saturdays for five weeks, and there are more than 100 participants enrolled.
- *Instructional Classes*—Parks and Recreation has been partnering for years with Guaranteed Dog Training to offer Beginner Dog Obedience classes for participants ages 10 and up (the humans, not the dogs!). The program lasts four weeks, with classes meeting Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the grass area next to the Parks and Recreation offices. The fee is \$100 for Manteca residents and \$110 for non-residents. The current session began May 16 and runs through June 6.



Beginner Dog Obedience class participants

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 participants enjoying free 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

PUBLIC WORKS

Vermicomposting at the Solid Waste Division:

The Solid Waste Division has been exploring alternatives for disposal of green waste and other organics. One of the methods they are experimenting with is Vermicomposting. It entails a tub filled with earth worms. The worms are "fed" with leftovers from breakfast and lunch; such as apple cores, banana peels, bagels, carrots, salad and whatever else happens to be available.

The worms are hungry little critters. They eat the food scraps that are tossed into their tub and turn it into beautiful compost which is then put outside into the flower beds. Of course, it takes a little time to separate the good compost from the food scraps and the worms but it is usually just a matter of moving the food to one side of the tub and the worms happily migrate over, leaving the good stuff on the other side. It works, it's fun, it eliminates food scraps that otherwise would end up in the landfill AND we are reaping a beneficial by-product from the worms.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Week in Review May 1 - 5:

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 313 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 205 people at the counter. The division issued 89 building permits, which included Antenna, Commercial Demolition, Residential Electrical Service, Fire Alarm, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Commercial HVAC, Residential HVAC, Residential Mechanical, Residential Plumbing, Miscellaneous Residential, Patio Cover, Residential Reroof, Single-Family Detached Model, Single-Family Detached Production, Residential Solar, Residential Stucco/Siding, Swimming Pool/Spa, Swimming Pool Demolition, Swimming Pool Solar, Commercial Tenant Infill, Water Heater, and Water Softener. A total of 51 new project applications were accepted and of those, 20 were issued immediately. A total of 31 submittals were held for plan check, which included Addendum, Residential CMU Wall, Residential Fire Sprinkler, Landscape, Miscellaneous Residential, Parking Lot, Patio Cover, Single-Family Detached Production, Shed, Storage Racks, Swimming Pool/Spa, and Commercial Tenant Infill.

Building Safety Week in Review May 8 - 11:

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 250 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 125 people at the counter. The division issued 69 building permits, which included Residential Accessory Building, Commercial Coach, Residential Electrical Service, Residential Fire Repair, Residential HVAC, Residential Electrical, Residential Plumbing, Miscellaneous Residential, Commercial Reroof, Residential Reroof, Single-Family Production Home, Wall Sign, Residential Solar, Storage Racks, Swimming Pool/Spa, Commercial Tenant Infill, Water Heater, and Water Softener. A total of 47 new project applications were accepted and of those, 32 were issued immediately. A total of 15 submittals were held for plan check, which included Addendum, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Master Plan, Residential Electrical, and Parking Lot.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Water Safety

With temperatures approaching 100 degrees this weekend, many Manteca residents will head to local rivers to beat the heat. Water levels on the San Joaquin River remain high, currents are swift, and the water temperature is cold! Please remember to use caution and don't forget to take advantage of our life-jacket loaner program. Stop by Station #2 at 1154 S. Union Road to check out a life-jacket so you can be safe and have fun!

10th 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 awarded to a student at 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.

CERT Training

The Manteca Fire Department's latest CERT training class was completed on Saturday, May 13. This 6-week class covered a variety of topics including disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and light search & rescue. These training courses are offered twice a year. For more information about our CERT program please contact Team Lead - John Van Fossen at 209-609-7828.



CERT members (L to R): William Matthews, Jeff Giampetro, Ken Sanders, Sandee Wall, Morgan Caperon, Michael Greene, Tim Valadez, Didi McElroy, Parminder Sahi, Carmen Palencia, , Gabriel Lopez, , Chuck Partridge, Steven Foster, Stephanie Gippetti, Laurie Myers, John Van Fossen and Denis Flemming.

(CERT Members Not Pictured: Teresa Van Fossen, Kim Dudley, Janice Whitfield, and Eva Kidwell)

Highlights of Incidents

- **Animal Rescue – Ashwood Court**
Firefighters were dispatched to the report of kittens trapped beneath a structure on Ashwood Court Thursday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters spoke with the reporting party who stated that a cat and her kittens were stuck in a wall. Firefighters made access under the structure through crawl space but were unable to reach the cats. The crew was able to rescue the animals by cutting through an interior wall however some of the kittens were deceased so Animal Control was requested to the scene.
- **Train Fatality – West Chiavari Way**
Firefighters responded on mutual aid to the report of a train striking a pedestrian near West Chiavari Way Monday evening. Upon arrival, firefighters were flagged down by a bystander directing them to the scene. Firefighters made access to the train tracks with ground ladders over a chain-link fence. The victim was located on the train trestle over the San Joaquin River, approximately ¼ mile south of where the train was stopped.

Vehicle Accidents:

- **West Yosemite Avenue – May 11**
(Two-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, two patients transported to the hospital.)
- **Westbound Highway 120, East of Airport Road – May 13**

(Four-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, two patients transported to the hospital.)

- Eastbound Highway 120, West of Main Street – May 15
(Three-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, one patient transported to the hospital, hazardous spill contained and abated.)
- Westbound Highway 120, West of Main Street – May 16
(Two-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, two patients transported to the hospital.)
- South Union Road at Daniels Street– May 16
(Two-vehicle collision – No injuries.)
- Norman Drive at Spreckels Avenue – May 16
(Two-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, one patient transported to the hospital, hazardous spill contained and abated.)
- Westbound Highway 120, East of Airport Road – May 17
(Three-vehicle collision – EMS provided at scene, three patients transported to the hospital, hazardous spill contained and abated.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vehicle Pursuit

On May 5, Officer Jemerigbe was driving in the 400 block of South Airport Way behind a silver BMW that displayed expired registration tabs. Prior to conducting a traffic enforcement stop, the vehicle pulled to the shoulder of the roadway. Officer Jemerigbe pulled behind the vehicle. The vehicle stopped shortly, then made a U-turn and appeared to be pulling into a driveway of a residence. Officer Jemerigbe followed the vehicle and activated his overhead emergency lights. The vehicle immediately accelerated northbound on Airport Way. The vehicle continued north on Airport Way with Officer Jemerigbe in pursuit. The vehicle pulled into the parking lot of 2072 West Yosemite Avenue. An unknown white male adult exited the vehicle and lied on the ground. The driver then suddenly drove out of the parking lot and continued eastbound on Yosemite Avenue. Officer Jemerigbe continued his pursuit of the vehicle leaving the male passenger in the parking lot. The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed on Yosemite Avenue toward Union Rd. At one point, the pursuit was terminated by the supervisor based on traffic conditions. Officers returned to 2072 West Yosemite Avenue but did not locate the passenger. Officers are continuing their investigation into the case to determine who was operating the vehicle at the time of the pursuit.

Assault with Firearm

On May 5, Officers responded to the 800 block of Carmel Avenue regarding a shooting with one victim. Officers arrived and located a 26-year-old victim who had a gunshot wound to his arm. The victim, who was alert, was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Officers learned the suspect had fled the scene in a vehicle prior to Officer's arrival and was not located. Officers conducted a preliminary investigation and determined the suspect fled the location in a newer white Mercedes "C" class vehicle. He was described as a black male adult, 30 to 35 years old, 6-01 to 6-03 tall and a thin build. The victim

indicated he did not know the suspect or have a motive for the shooting. Officers are continuing their investigation into the assault.

Armed Robbery

On May 10, officers responded to Chevron, 1257 West Yosemite Avenue, regarding an armed robbery. Officers discovered that two clerks were outside when a solo male suspect walked up holding firearm. The suspect directed the clerks back into the store and demanded cash and merchandise. After receiving the items, the suspect fled the store to an awaiting newer dark blue Chevy Malibu that was parked just north of the store. The vehicle fled the location westbound on Yosemite Avenue. The suspect was described as male wearing black A's baseball cap with white logo, dark sunglasses, black mask, white short-sleeve t-shirt, black gloves-possibly mechanic gloves. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Officer Doty at kdoty@ci.manteca.ca.us.



Robbery Suspect



Suspect Vehicle

Armed Robbery

On May 11, Officers responded to 7-11, 853 East Yosemite Avenue, regarding an armed robbery. They arrived on scene and contacted the victim/clerk who was uninjured. The victim indicated two suspects entered the business, one of which was armed with a firearm. This suspect demanded money. After receiving the money, both suspects fled the location. The armed suspect was described as a white or Hispanic male, with a stocky build, 5-08 wearing all black and a black mask covering his face. The second suspect was an unknown race male or female with a slender build, 5-06 to 5-07 tall, also wearing black clothing. This suspect did not display a firearm. Anyone with information regarding this robbery is asked to contact Officer Lowry at blowry@ci.manteca.ca.us.

Vehicle Pursuit

On May 15, Officer Lowry, driving a marked police vehicle, attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had false registration (a silver Jaguar). The vehicle failed to yield and Officer Lowry initiated a pursuit. The pursuit traveled through the residential area south of Woodward Road and east of S. Main Street. After approximately one minute, Officer Lowry lost sight of the suspect vehicle and terminated the pursuit. Officer Lowry is following up on this case to determine who was operating the vehicle at the time of the pursuit. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Officer Lowry at blowry@ci.manteca.ca.us.

Identification Needed



On May 15, the suspect depicted in the attached photo passed three counterfeit 100-dollar bills to the cashier at Dollar General, 560 North Main Street, where she purchased a prepaid Vanilla Card. Anyone with information about her identity can contact Officer Rehman at hrehman@ci.manteca.ca.us.

Fraud Suspect

Shooting with Arrest

On May 16, Officers responded to the 400 block of Poplar Avenue regarding a shooting. Upon arrival and after inspecting the scene it was discovered no one was shot and no property damage occurred. Witnesses on scene indicated they heard 4 to 5 gunshots. The suspects were not located. Officers discovered video evidence that showed the suspect in the area prior to the shooting. Detectives from our Gang Suppression Unit were able to identify this suspect as Juan Manuel Lopez-Ochoa a 22-year-old Manteca resident. On May 17, GSU located Ochoa during a car stop. He was taken into custody without incident. He was later booked into county jail for the following violations; shooting at an inhabited dwelling, participation in a criminal street gang, personal use of a firearm, felon in possession of a firearm and gang member in possession of a firearm.

Pet of the Week

“Freckles” is our Pet of the Week. Freckles is a very friendly dog who resembles a Chihuahua mix. He is about one-year-old, weighs 8 pounds and would make a great companion for some lucky person or family. His adoption fee covers spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations and city license. Come on down to the animal shelter located at 115 East Wetmore Street and say hello to Freckles and the many other animals available for adoption.



Freckles

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

City Hall Schedule

- Friday, May 26: City offices will be closed as part of the City’s 9/80 flex work schedule.