



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 17 – May 20, 2016

Police Department

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

Robbery: The female pushing the baby stroller (pictured below) was in the process of shoplifting food and beverages from the Circle K store located at 419 S. Main St. The female manager blocked the suspect's path at the doors in an attempt to get the suspect to pay for or return the concealed items, but the suspect pushed her way past the manager. Once the suspect was outside, the manager told the suspect she was having the Police called, and the suspect then punched the manager twice in the face. The manager sustained scratch marks on her arm and a red, swollen cheek. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is urged to contact the investigating Officer at belness@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted in connection with a robbery

DUI Collision with Police Vehicle: On May 12, a Detective with the Street Crimes Unit (SCU) was in an unmarked Police car at the red light at Commerce Avenue and Yosemite Avenue. A black Chevrolet pick-up approached the Detective's vehicle and ran into the rear of it as it was stopped at the traffic signal. Immediately after the suspect hit the Detective's vehicle, the suspect made a U-turn and fled westbound on Yosemite Avenue. The Detective activated his emergency lights and was able to catch the vehicle as it entered the Gas Depot (1330 E. Yosemite Ave.) parking lot. The Detective pulled in behind the vehicle and ordered the driver to step out. The driver was detained and then found to be intoxicated. The driver was identified as 30-year-old Julian Ayala. He was arrested and booked for DUI, hit-and-run, resisting arrest and driving on a suspended license. The Detective suffered minor injuries in the collision.

Fraud Suspect: The suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with the fraudulent use of a credit card that was stolen in an auto burglary. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is urged to contact the investigating Officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted for fraud

Pursuit: On May 15, Officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of Valenzuela Court on a report of a male subject at the residence with a gun involved in some sort of disturbance. The subject left the residence prior to Officers' arrival, but was calling the residence saying he was still in the area and had the gun. Responding Officers located a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop it. The driver began making evasive maneuvers and Officers initiated a vehicle pursuit. The driver continued fleeing, entering southbound Highway 99. Officers eventually lost the vehicle, but later located it, parked on Mission Ridge Drive. A subject in the area was identified as the driver of the pursued vehicle. He was arrested and charged with felony evading and criminal threats. He was identified as 26-year-old Jorge Galvan, III of Union City.

Robbery Arrest: On May 16, Officers responded to 150 Northwoods Avenue (Motel 6) regarding a subject who brandished a knife at an employee. The call was updated that the subject was now at Manteca Mart Liquor, which is across the street from Motel 6. Officers arrived on scene and confronted the subject as he was exiting the store; he was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was identified as Cory Ray Damerl of Manteca. According to the clerk at the business, Damerl had taken liquor and confronted the clerk and a customer with a folding knife. Damerl was booked at the San Joaquin County Jail for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

Vehicle Theft: The suspect pictured below is wanted for stealing a gray Buick Lesabre from the parking lot of Denny's on May 18 shortly after 3:00 p.m. Anyone with information on his identity is asked to contact the investigating Officer at rsmith@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted for vehicle theft



Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is a Labrador mix we have named "Bernard." Bernard is about 1 year old, weighs 45 pounds and is most happy when he is around people. He is active and playful and currently available for adoption. 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

Fire Department

Badge Ceremony: The Manteca Fire Department held a Badge Ceremony for our 10 new Reserve Firefighters on Tuesday evening. These Reserve Firefighters completed a Reserve Firefighter Academy that had taken place over the last few months, which included extensive training on Firefighter skills and department procedures.



Manteca's newest Reserve Firefighters

Firefighters Association Annual Pancake Breakfast: As a reminder, Manteca Fire Department's 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 21, at Fire Station No. 1 – 290 S. Powers Ave. 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 from each of our local high schools. Tickets will be available at the door.

Community: Manteca Firefighters worked together with the Manteca Senior Helping Area Residents and Police (SHARPS) members to assist an area school on a walking field trip. To ensure student safety while crossing Union Road in front of Fire Station

No. 2, the team worked together to block traffic in both directions and get the 200 students back to school.



SHARPS assisting with students crossing

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Vehicle Fire – Highway 120*

Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on westbound Highway 120 east of Highway 5 Monday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a tractor-trailer with its brakes and wheels on fire. Firefighters pulled a 1¾-inch hose line and extinguished the fire with approximately 200 gallons of water. The driver of the tractor-trailer was able to detach the trailer after the fire ignited which limited the fire damage.



Highway 120 Tractor Trailer Fire

- *Outdoor Fire – Santa Rosa Court*

Firefighters were dispatched to an outdoor fire on Santa Rosa Court Monday evening. Upon arrival, they found a large pine tree with a fire burning near the electrical wires that ran through the tall tree. Firefighters pulled a booster line to extinguish the fire and checked the surrounding area for extension. It was determined that wind caused the electrical wires to arc and likely ignited dead pine needles in the tree.

- *Vehicle Fire – Madelena Lane*

Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on Madelena Lane early Tuesday morning. Upon arrival, they found a truck burning in the driveway of the residence with fire impinging on the structure. Firefighters extinguished the fire and checked for extension. Surveillance video helped assist in the fire investigation, which determined the fire ignited from a pile of oily rags left in the bed of the truck.

- *Grass Fire – East Woodward Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched to a grass fire on East Woodward Avenue near Pillsbury Road Tuesday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved grass fire near the fence line of a residential neighborhood. Firefighters had to access a hydrant from the opposite side of Woodward Avenue requiring the street to be closed. Three Engine Companies and the Truck Company were on scene to attack the fire and protect nearby structures. Once the fire was extinguished, Firefighters remained on scene for mop up. Nearly 1 acre of land burned, but no structural damages were reported.



East Woodward Avenue Grass Fire

Public Works

SR120/McKinley Avenue Interchange: On Tuesday evening, May 17, the Manteca City Council approved an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide environmental, right-of-way acquisition and engineering for the proposed State Route 120/McKinley Avenue Interchange. The following provides information regarding the project:



- Project Purpose:
 - Improve Traffic Circulation and Accommodate Forecasted Traffic Demand: The State Route (SR) 120/McKinley Avenue Interchange will provide access to, and exit from, SR 120. The interchange will help relieve congestion on local roads in the area and accommodate forecasted traffic increases as the Family Entertainment Zone and residential areas continue to develop.
 - Accommodate Planned Growth: The SR120/McKinley Avenue Interchange will help accommodate the planned growth that the City of Manteca, San Joaquin County and the San Joaquin County Council of Governments have

envisioned in their planning documents. Residential developments have already been permitted on the north and south sides of SR120.

- Reduce Congestion on Local Roads: The SR120/McKinley Avenue Interchange will connect regional arterials with SR120 and provide an alternate route to and from the Highway for local traffic.
- Reduce Congestion on State Route 120: The SR120/McKinley Avenue Interchange will incorporate access ramp metering which will reduce traffic congestion and enhance safety on SR120.
- **Project Description:** The SR120 / McKinley Avenue Interchange Project is located along SR120 between milepost 2.2 and 3.2 and is within the jurisdictional limits of both the City of Manteca and San Joaquin County. SR120 is a four-lane freeway traversing in an east-west direction. McKinley is a two-lane, north-south road, which runs from Woodward Avenue on the south to Lathrop Road on the north. Currently, there are no on or off ramps from SR120 at McKinley. Access to SR120 is achieved via the Airport Road interchange, one mile to the east, or the Yosemite Avenue interchange, one mile to the west.

There are no existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities within the project area. The new interchange will accommodate a Class I bike path in the plan. The ultimate build-out plan for the SR120/McKinley Interchange, as approved in the Project Report, is a Type L-9 interchange (design year 2040). However, before constructing the full Type L-9 interchange, the City would like to consider a modified L-9 interchange option with the interior loop onramps constructed later.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$23.2 Million

Schedule:

Design: June 2016 – Dec. 2017

Construction: Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2019

Funding Sources:

Federal Funds

Local Regional Transportation Impact Fees

Local Redevelopment Agency/Successor Agency Funds

Local Development Fees

State Transportation Improvement Plan Funds

Lead Agency:

City of Manteca

Project Location Map



Parks and Rec

Community Events: Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held June 3 from 6:00-8:00 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, so buy your tickets early. Open to ages 18 and older.

- The Manteca Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a Bike Rodeo this Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Giles Memorial Park, 545 W. Alameda St. (next to the Boys and Girls Club). The Bike Rodeo will include a series of stations directly relating to everyday bicycling situations. Bring your bike and helmet and learn about bike safety, common road hazards, and even bike maintenance. Come out and join us for this FREE event to promote bike safety.
- The Parks and Recreation Summer Kick-Off and "Meet the Muscles" event will take place Saturday, June 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., inside and outside of the Manteca Senior Center. This is a great opportunity to learn about summer programs and activities. Vehicles will be on display outside, including semi-trucks, tow trucks, Police vehicles, exotic cars and more. Bring your favorite Hot Wheels car and enter it into the tournament-style drag race! The event is free and open to the public.
- Tickets are now on sale at the Senior Center for the 9th Annual Teen-Adult-Senior Prom. Enjoy a formal evening of dancing and music. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 per person at the door and include sweets, treats, beverages and a souvenir photo. The event will take place Friday, June 10, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Manteca Senior Center.

Senior Services:

- Tickets for the June 20 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 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:

- Aquatics – The summer season is almost upon us, 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 summer season. Lincoln Pool, 245 S. Powers Ave., will be open Memorial Day weekend (May 28-30) from 12:00-6:00 p.m. and then closed until June 6, when it will reopen for public swim and swim lessons.
- Adult Sports – The Adult Basketball league playoff tournament will be held this Sunday, May 22, at Golden West Gym. The top four teams in each division will be competing.

Field Rentals:

- All World Tournaments will be hosting a boys' baseball tournament this weekend, May 21-22, at Northgate Softball Complex.
- Manteca Futbol Club will be hosting a soccer tournament at Woodward Park on Sunday, May 22.

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 showing their craft projects, left, and enjoying outside play time

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 7th 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.



Stella Brockman Kids' Zone participants enjoying the parachute

Community

Development

Building Safety Week in Review May 9-12: The Building

Safety Division conducted a total of 156 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 79 people at the counter. The division issued 75 building permits, which included 1 Addendum, 6 Residential Electrical Services, 1 Hood & Duct, 7 HVAC Replacements, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 2 Residential Electricals, 1 Residential Plumbing, 6 Patio Covers, 13 Photovoltaics, 1 Commercial Reroof, 2 Residential Reroofs, 26 Single-Family Dwellings, 2 Wall Signs, 3 Swimming Pools/Spas, 2 Commercial Tenant Infills and 1 Water Heater. A total of 39 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 13 were issued immediately. A total of 26 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 8 Addenda, 1 Commercial Addition, 3 Landscapes, 1 Patio Cover, 1 Retaining Wall/CMU, 10 Single-Family Dwellings and 2 Commercial Tenant Infills.

City Manager's

Office

CTC Visits San Joaquin County: The California

Transportation Commission (CTC) received a first-hand look at the region's progressive network when its members visited Stockton this week. On Wednesday, the Mayor and City Manager attended a reception hosted by the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), welcoming the CTC to the region. As noted in the Public Works section of this report, the State has dedicated more than \$12 million in funding for the 120/McKinley interchange project. A reduction in revenues to the State as a result of reduced fuel prices and more fuel-efficient vehicles requiring less gasoline is causing shortfalls in funding for transportation projects throughout the State. As noted in the Public Works section of this report, the McKinley/120 project is a recipient of these State funds and, thus, continues to a local focus on the lack of State funding. The CTC has been extremely supportive of this project and, although funding Statewide is slim, our local project remains funded, though deferred for one year. This was only the second time the CTC has met in regular session in San Joaquin County, and the first since 2005. The May meeting was the first meeting led by the new CTC Executive Director, Susan Bransen, and included the adoption of the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The CTC, responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California, consists of a 13-member board, nine of whom are appointed by the Governor. It is an independent public agency dedicated to ensuring a safe, financially sustainable, world-class multimodal transportation system that reduces congestion, improves the environment, and facilitates economic development through the efficient movement of people and goods. The CTC also advises and assists the Secretary of California State Transportation Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. The CTC is an active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation that seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs.

City of Manteca Preliminary Budget Available: The City's 2016-17 Preliminary Budget is now available for public review. The budget and all of its accompanying documents

can be found on the City's website at:

<http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/Finance/Documents.aspx?b=2017>

The City Council is also scheduled to hold a study session on Thursday, June 2 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1001 W. Center St. The meeting is open to the public. The Council is then scheduled to hold a formal public hearing on the budget at its regular meeting of Tuesday, June 21, and consider adoption of the Final Budget.

Coming up Next week:

- City offices will be closed Friday, May 27 as part of the 9/80 flex work schedule. Offices will also be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Have a great weekend!