



The Week in Review

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Fire Department

Training: Members of the Manteca Fire Department recently participated in a River & Flood Water Rescue course offered by Ripon Fire Department. Practical water rescue scenarios were played out to demonstrate various rescue techniques.



River and Flood Water Rescue

Firefighters Annual Pancake Breakfast:

The Manteca Firefighters Association 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast was held last Saturday, May 21st at Fire Station No. 1. The event was a huge success, raising funds for the Robbie Taberna Memorial Scholarship Foundation to benefit students interested in a career in fire or emergency medical services.



9th Annual Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station No. 1

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Outdoor Fire – South Main Street*
Firefighters were dispatched to an outdoor fire on South Main Street Thursday night. Upon arrival, firefighters found a fully involved dumpster fire impinging on a structure. Firefighters pulled a 1 ¾ hose line to extinguish the fire and laddered the roof of the commercial building to check for extension.
- *Structure Fire – Argonaut Street*
Firefighters responded to a structure fire on Argonaut Street early Monday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters found moderate pressurized smoke coming from the roof vents of a single story residential structure. Firefighters observed that all the windows had smoke residue on them and could not determine the location of the fire until they entered the structure. Light smoke was found throughout the structure and heavy charring to the walls. Firefighters pulled the ceiling down to reveal fire in the attic area and quickly extinguished the fire. It was determined that this fire was suspicious in nature and an investigation is on-going.
- *Grass Fire – South Manthey Road*
Firefighters were dispatched on mutual aid to a grass fire on South Manthey Road near Mossdale Crossing Park in Lathrop Tuesday morning. A huge column of thick black smoke could be seen for miles. Upon arrival, firefighters found large flames coming from the Union Pacific train trestle that was quickly spreading to the surrounding area. Firefighters worked feverishly to contain the fire and protect surrounding structures. Due to the size of this fire and the amount of personnel responding it was necessary to call back off duty firefighters and reserves to respond to other emergency calls. Once the fire was extinguished firefighters remained on scene for hours putting out hot spots. Union Pacific estimates structural damage to the train trestle at 1 million dollars.

Police Department

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

Bicycle Rodeo: On May 21, the Manteca Police Department held a community bicycle rodeo at the Manteca Boys and Girls Club. About 65 children participated in the bicycle courses and many more attended with their family members. Each participant was instructed on proper helmet fit, bicycle inspections, safety and laws pertaining to riding bicycles. Participants who did not have helmets or who had damaged or improper fitting helmets were



fitted with new ones. Anderson's 209 BMX was on site to help fix broken bicycles and loaner bicycles were also available. Several participants received new bicycles as part of the event. This event was sponsored by the Manteca Police Chief's Foundation and the Associations of the Manteca Police Officer's, Manteca Police Employees, Tactical Officers and Canine Officers. Assistance was



provided by the Canine Unit, SWAT Unit, Police Explorers, Traffic Unit and the Parks and Recreation Department among others.



Scenes from the Bicycle Rodeo at the Boys and Girls Club

Pursuit: On May 26, a Patrol Officer attempted a traffic enforcement stop on a red sport motorcycle for doing a wheelie in the 100 block of Sequoia Avenue. The motorcycle failed to yield to the Officer's emergency lights and siren and instead accelerated away, westbound on Yosemite Avenue. The Officer Doty initiated a vehicle pursuit as the motorcycle continued to accelerate. Due to the time of day and commute traffic, the Officer terminated the pursuit shortly thereafter due to public safety considerations. The suspect was described as a male wearing a dark helmet and a tan or light colored jacket.

Grand Theft Suspects: The suspects and vehicle pictured below are wanted for stealing a welder from the garage of a residence. Anyone with information on their identities is asked to contact the investigating Officer at mcoleman@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



Suspects and vehicle wanted for theft

Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is a Corgi mix we have named "Scooter." Scooter is about 8 years old and he is already micro-chipped. He is very sociable and good with other small dogs and people. He is available now 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

Theft Suspects: The three suspects pictured below are wanted in connection with a shoplift that occurred at Burlington Coat Factory. Anyone with information on the identities of the suspects is asked to contact the investigating Officer at gmorrison@ci.manteca.ca.us or by calling Crimestoppers 209-823-INFO.



Suspects wanted in connection with a theft at Burlington Coat Factory

Public Works

Wastewater Quality Control Facility: The City of Manteca WQCF is in the process of preparing select fields for the Annual planting of Sudan grass, which is similar in appearance to corn but can be harvested several times a season. These Sudan fields are not planted in alfalfa, a 5 year crop, as are the remainder of WQCF's agricultural fields. This is due to future projects like the Family Entertainment Zone (FEZ) and its associated infrastructure as well as the Solar Array which will soon be constructed on these fields. Sudan grass is a less expensive short term crop compared to alfalfa. The Ag fields help to manage seasonal food processing wastewater flows from Eckerts Cold Storage, which is blended with Manteca's secondary treated effluent before applying it to the fields which is allowed under Title 22 and 27 regulations. Food processing wastewater flows directly into an aerated industrial holding pond from a dedicated line where it is stored until blended with Manteca's treated wastewater and applied to WQCF's Ag fields. Eckerts Cold Storage processes cabbage and various peppers from June through October, which coincides with Manteca's irrigation season. By directly applying Eckerts food processing wastewater, Manteca keeps their high strength wastewater out of the treatment plant thereby gaining capacity in the plant and preventing plant upsets. Blending in Eckerts wastewater with Manteca's secondary treated effluent also provides additional nutrients to non-fodder crops like alfalfa and Sudan which alleviates the need for chemical fertilizers. This program allows Manteca to reuse treated secondary and food processing wastewaters to provide a beneficial end product (alfalfa and Sudan) which can feed livestock without having to use valuable surface or groundwater.



Preparing fields for Sudan grass

Water Conservation – Public Outreach: Manteca’s Public Works Engineering Department conducted another successful public outreach water conservation presentation. The conservation team presented to about 30 seniors at Almond Blossom Estates about unlawful water use, new enforcement rules and about rebates that encourage conservation. It was fantastic to see the comradery in these 55+ community residents coming together, recognizing the importance of water use, and learning and sharing knowledge around water conservation! Manteca’s 55+ communities are appreciating that water conservation is a way of life in Manteca.

The Department spoke directly about water restrictions, rebate options, and other saving methods specific to the City of Manteca. They also presented information about Rising Sun. The Rising Sun partnership with PG&E and the City promotes NO-COST home energy and water conservation services. Rising Sun replace light bulbs with energy efficient types, install aerators on faucets and showerheads, and pick up e-waste.

The residents of Almond Blossom Estates were thrilled to receive numerous conservation measures like buckets, showerheads, shower timers, aerators, and reusable sport bottles from the Engineering Department to promote water conservation!



Water Conservation Presentation

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 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.

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 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.

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review May 16-20: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 247 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 91 people at the counter. The division issued 100 building permits, which included 1 Antenna, 6 Electrical Services, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler, 1 HVAC, 16 HVAC Replacements, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 1 Residential Electrical, 1 Commercial Plumbing, 1 Residential Plumbing, 6 Patio Covers, 19 Photovoltaic, 1 Residential Remodel, 5 Residential Reroof, 1 Retaining Wall/CMU, 4 Single-Family Detached Models, 24 Single-Family Production Homes, 2 Wall Signs, 2 Swimming Pool/Spa, 1 Swimming Pool Demolition, 2 Commercial Tenant Infill, 2 Water Heaters, and 1 Water Softener. A total of 29 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 9 were issued immediately. A total of 20 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 4 Addendum, 1 Residential Fire Sprinkler, 4 Master Plans, 1 Patio Enclosure, 1 Single-Family Custom Home, 4 Single-Family Production Homes, 1 Free/Pole Sign, 2 Wall Signs, 1 Swimming Pool/Spa, and 1 Swimming Pool Solar.

Human Resources/

Risk Management New Employees: The City of Manteca welcomed five new employees in May. Joining the City's team this month are:

- Jacob Austin, Wastewater Maintenance Worker I, PW/WQCF
- Sammy Bailey, Street Maintenance Equipment Operator I, PW/Streets
- Maureen McKinley, Public Safety Dispatcher I, Police Department
- Melissa Perez, GIS Specialist I, IT/Administration
- Jonathan Soliday, Animal Control Officer, Police Department

Welcome to our newest employees!!!

City Manager's Office

- City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Have a great weekend!