



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 22 – June 23, 2016

Police Department

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

Theft Suspect: The suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with a theft of beer from Walgreens. Anyone with information on his identity is asked to contact the investigating Officer at wwalmer@ci.manteca.ca.us or to call Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted in connection with a theft

Shooting: On June 17, Officers responded to a shooting that occurred in the 200 block of Acacia Avenue. The victim told Officers he went to pick up his children who were in the area. When he arrived, he was informed by his children that their bicycle had been stolen. The victim drove around in the area, looking for the bike. He observed a subject in the 200 block of Acacia Avenue riding the distinctive bicycle so he pulled alongside of the suspect and asked him where he got the bike. The suspect jumped off the bike and said he bought it. The suspect then produced a firearm and fired several rounds through the back window of the victim's vehicle. The victim drove away from the scene and was fortunate to be uninjured. The suspect was described as being a Hispanic male with bushy hair, 5'6" to 5'8", 180-185 pounds.

Theft: The suspects pictured below are wanted in connection with a theft that occurred at Kmart. The suspects took numerous items from a display case. Anyone with information on their identities is asked to contact the investigating Officer at jmassey@ci.manteca.ca.us.



Suspects wanted for theft at Kmart

DUI: On June 18, Officers were conducting a DUI saturation patrol when they observed a white van travelling in the 1000 block of East Yosemite Avenue with its high beams on. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Anthony Ledda, failed to dim the lights as he went by the Officers. The Officers attempted to stop the vehicle but it did not yield. The vehicle continued at a slow rate of speed, failing to yield to the Police vehicle, until it reached the 500 block of Lehr Place. When the vehicle stopped on Lehr Place, Ledda was taken into custody without incident. During the subsequent investigation, it was determined Ledda was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was later transported to the Police Department and booked for DUI and failure to obey an Officer.

Pursuit: On June 19, a Patrol Officer attempted to stop a stolen Plymouth Neon that was travelling in the area of 500 West Alameda Street. The driver of the Neon accelerated away from the Officer as it turned eastbound onto North Street. The Officer then initiated a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit continued to the intersection of North Street and Mylnar Avenue where the suspect vehicle collided with a fence. Three suspects ran from the vehicle. Two of the suspects were located and taken into custody after being bitten by a Police canine. The third suspect was located by an Officer making area checks and he was taken into custody without incident. The suspects were identified as Eric Sutherland, Leonardo Alamar and Jesse Ayraud. All three were charged with possessing a stolen vehicle and resisting arrest, among others violations.

Shooting: On June 19, Officers were in the area of the 600 block of West Center Street when several gunshots were heard. The Officers began checking the area and were flagged down by a subject who said a person had been shot near Locust Avenue and West Yosemite. Officers found the victim in the roadway on West Yosemite Avenue. He told Officers he had been shot by a subject wearing all black clothing, near a vehicle on Locust Avenue. The victim had one gunshot wound to his left chest and one to his buttocks. He was transported to San Joaquin County Hospital for treatment. The wounds were not considered life threatening, and the motive for the shooting is unclear at this time.

Theft Suspects: The suspects pictured below are wanted in connection a theft of several car stereo components from a business. They were seen driving the pictured blue Dodge pick-up. Anyone with information on their identities is asked to contact the investigator at llewis@ci.manteca or to call Crimestoppers at 823-INFO.



*Theft suspects
and vehicle*



Pursuit: On June 22, Detectives with the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) were driving on Hacienda Avenue when they observed a black, import style motorcycle run the stop sign at Hacienda and Alameda. As they followed the motorcycle, it also ran a red light at Center Street. The Detectives attempted to stop the motorcycle, but it failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued off-and-on for several miles until Detectives eventually lost sight of the motorcycle in an orchard off Southland Road. The rider was described as a thin white male with dark clothing, a helmet and wearing a backpack.

Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is an Australian Shepherd mix we have been calling "Jules." Jules is a very friendly and active dog. He is about 8 months old and weighs 28 pounds. Jules is available for adoption now. To see this dog or any of the other potential pets in our care, visit us at the Animal Services facility at Wetmore and Main.



One of the many animals available at our shelter

Fire Department

"Safe and Sane" Fireworks Sales: All fireworks stands throughout the City should be cleared to begin selling fireworks at noon on Tuesday, June 28, and will continue selling through midnight on Monday, July 4. All fireworks stands will be inspected by Fire Prevention Staff and SAFE "Seniors Assisting Fire Effort" daily. The non-profit organizations with fireworks stands this year are listed below, with their locations.

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency
North Main Street (Near Rite Aid)

Calvary Community Church
West Lathrop Road (Calvary Community Church Parking Lot)

Crossroads Grace Community Church
Daniels Street (Near Taco Bell)

East Union Band Boosters
North Union Road (Near Save Mart)

Freedom Christian Center
South Main Street (Near Jack in the Box)

Love, Inc.
North Union Road (Near First Christian Church)

Manteca Jaguars Youth Football & Cheer
Spreckels Avenue (Near Food 4 Less)

Manteca Moose Lodge 1815
North Main Street (Manteca Moose Lodge Parking Lot)

Manteca Police Officers Association
West Yosemite Avenue at North Union Road (Near Jack's Pizza)

Manteca S.H.A.R.P.
South Main Street (Near WalMart)

Order of Eastern Star – Pentalpha 339
East Yosemite Avenue at Spreckels Avenue (Southwest Corner near Del Taco)

Not Forgotten, Inc.
East Yosemite Avenue (Near Wendy's)

Prayer Valley Family Worship Church Inc.
North Union Road at West Lathrop Road (Near Raley's)

Sequoia Heights Baptist Church
South Union Road (Sequoia Heights Baptist Church Parking Lot)

Walter Woodward Elementary PTC
Lifestyle Street (Near Bass Pro)

Weed Abatement Update: Our SAFE members volunteered many hours to our department over the past week conducting weed abatement re-inspections. SAFE members inspected over 1,200 properties throughout the City. Their assistance, and dedication, to this important fire prevention program is very much appreciated.

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Structure Fire – Wawona Street*
Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire on Wawona Street Thursday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a light smoke showing from the single-story residential structure. The occupant quickly made contact with firefighters and stated that a child was still inside the residence. Firefighters pulled an attack line to the front door and checked the structure for the missing child. The fire located in the kitchen was quickly extinguished, and the child was located in a nearby residence. The attic area was checked for fire extension, finding none. The structure was ventilated and damaged kitchen appliances were removed before the property was turned over to the occupants.
- *Vehicle Accident – Highway 99*
Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident on eastbound Highway 120 west of Highway 99 Sunday evening. Upon arrival, they found four vehicles involved in the accident with one blocking the No. 2 lane. Firefighters blocked the traffic to

establish a safe working area and began patient assessment. Two patients were transported to a local hospital.

- *Trailer Fire – Douglas Fir Drive*

Firefighters were dispatched to a trailer fire on Douglas Fir Drive very early Tuesday morning. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved 5th wheel trailer. Firefighters attacked the fire with two hose lines and extinguished the fire within 30 minutes. The trailer was a complete loss but, fortunately, the owner was able to remove the trailer from his truck hitch, which surely prevented additional loss. Firefighters remained on scene for mop-up and overhaul.



Trailer Fire on Douglas Fir Drive

Public Works

Water Division Offers Sprinkler Timer Programming

Assistance: To help residents comply with the watering days in the City’s Water Conservation Ordinance, Public Works offers assistance with programming residential sprinkler timers. As the hot weather arrived in the Central Valley this month, the Water Division has seen a sharp increase in demand to help with sprinkler timers. This is a free service the Water Division provides; call the Water Division at 456-8461 to schedule an appointment. When a qualified employee from Water Division arrives on site, he or she will review the existing irrigation schedule, confirm that landscape irrigation occurs on the correct days and during the allowable times, make recommendations on ways to irrigate more efficiently, and educate residents about their irrigation timer as well as their irrigation system.



Water Division’s Annette Saberniak assisting a resident with her sprinkler timer

The following is an excerpt from the *Manteca Municipal Code, Section 13.04.210, Unlawful Water Use:*

A. It is unlawful for any person to use, permit or allow the use of water in any of the following manners:

1. For washing of sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, aprons or other non-landscaped exterior ground areas, except as allowed by a city issued washing permit for the washing of driveways, parking lots, aprons and other non-landscaped areas of commercial and industrial properties for the purpose of maintaining the area in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.
2. All businesses proposing to water wash areas identified in subsection (A)(1) shall obtain a washing permit from the department of public works.

B. Watering of landscaping, washing of exterior buildings or filling of swimming pools:

1. At locations bearing a street address ending in an even number except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday;
2. At locations bearing a street address ending in an odd number except on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday;
3. At any location between the hours of twelve noon to six p.m. on any day;
4. At all locations watering of landscapes is prohibited on Monday.

Parks and Rec

Community Events: Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held July 1 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.

Senior Services:

- The Senior Center will host the next monthly Potluck Dinner on Thursday, July 21, at 5:00 p.m. Seniors ages 50 and older are asked to bring a dish (enough to feed eight people) and their own plates and flatware. Brookdale-Manteca will be providing the dessert. For more information, call the Senior Center at 456-8650.
- Tickets for the July 18 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.

Aquatics Programs:

Open Swim – Lincoln Pool, 245 S. Powers Ave., is open for the summer season. Come cool off during public swim hours Monday through Friday from 1:00-4:30 p.m., Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Pool entry

is free for children under age 4; \$2 for youth ages 4-17 and seniors ages 62 and older; and \$3 for adults ages 18-61. A family swim pass is available for \$60 and admits up to four family members at a time, with a maximum of two adults per admission. Family passes may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation office; they are not sold at the pool.

- Swim Lessons – Group and private swim lessons began June 6 and registration is now open for the next session, beginning July 5. All classes are subject to space availability; swim lessons fill quickly, so don't delay registering.
- Discover Scuba – Two-thirds of the world is under water; discover scuba-diving and open the door to the rest of the world! The professionals at Aquatic Discount Scuba are offering a two-hour clinic at the Manteca High pool this Sunday, June 26, where you can experience the sensation of breathing under water. The registration deadline is 5:30 p.m. on June 23 and the fee is \$10 for Manteca residents and \$20 for non-residents. Contact the Parks and Recreation office for more information, (209) 456-8600.

Recreation Programs:

- Tiny Tots Sports (ages 3-6) – Tiny Tots T-Ball began June 4 and runs for five weeks. The program is held on Saturdays at Stella Brockman School and there are more than 130 participants enrolled.
- Youth Baseball - Youth Baseball for ages 7-14 began June 14 and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks. The program is held at Northgate Softball Complex and there are more than 70 participants enrolled.

Field Rentals:

- All World Sports is hosting a boys' baseball tournament this weekend, June 25-26, at Northgate Softball Complex.

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. Kids' Zone programming is now closed for the summer; the application and handbook for the 2016-17 school year will be available in the Parks and Recreation office and online at www.mantecagov.com/parks, beginning in July.

Summer Day Camp: The Parks and Recreation Department offers 2016 Summer Day Camp, which runs weekly through July 29. Camp is held Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Neil Hafley Elementary School, 849 Northgate Drive. Parents may enroll their children for four days or five days each week. There are weekly themes, camp visitors, three swim days each week, outside play, good-natured competitions, arts-and-crafts projects, themed workshops focusing on music, dance, science, technology and more, plus a weekly field trip. This week's theme was "Camp Out Loud!" and campers enjoyed a field trip to Lost Worlds Adventures in Livermore on Wednesday. The Summer Camp brochure and application may be downloaded from the Parks and Recreation Website www.mantecagov.com/parks, or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office, 252 Magnolia Ave. Call the Parks and Recreation office at (209) 456-8600 for additional information.



Summer Camp Activities: Egg-Drop challenge, left, 3-D Star Wars designs, and a visit from Kylo Ren.

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review June 13-17: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 220 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 84 people at the counter. The division issued 87 building permits, which included 1 Residential Demolition, 6 Residential Electrical Services, 16 HVAC Replacements, 1 Commercial Miscellaneous Building, 1 Commercial Electrical, 8 Residential Electricals, 1 Commercial Plumbing, 1 Residential Plumbing, 1 Miscellaneous Residential, 7 Patio Covers, 1 Commercial Photovoltaic, 1 Master Planned Photovoltaic, 13 Residential Photovoltaics, 1 Residential Re-roof, 2 Retaining Walls/CMUs, 18 Single-Family Production Homes, 1 Residential Stucco/Siding, 2 Swimming Pools, 2 Commercial Tenant Infills/Remodels, 2 Water Heaters and 1 Water Softener. A total of 41 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 20 were issued immediately. A total of 21 submittals were held for plan check. They are: 2 Addenda, 1 Commercial Demolition, 1 Fence/Wall, 1 Commercial Fire Sprinkler, 1 Residential Fire Sprinkler, 1 Residential Plumbing, 9 Single-Family Production Homes, 2 Swimming Pools and 3 Commercial Tenant Infills/Remodels.

City Manager's Office

City Council Adopts 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget: On June 21, the City Council adopted the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Thanks to an improving economy, the City's budget includes a balance of funding for some increased staffing and public improvements that will provide overall community benefit, while making sure reserves are sufficient. The General Fund budget is up by 5.2% from last year, for a total of \$35.3 million. The overall Citywide budget is \$161.9 million, of which \$58 million is for capital improvement projects. The budget can be found on the City's website at <http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/Finance/Documents.aspx?b=2017>

Manteca Employees Paving the Trail to Success: Also at the June 21 Council meeting, the City Council received a presentation by a dedicated group of City employees, who have led an effort to establish the Vision Manteca program. Some 50 employees teamed up to develop and define core values for the City, as a way of demonstrating their commitment to each other as part of the City's team, as well as to the community. The five core values (TRAIL) are Teamwork, Respect, Accountability, Integrity and Leadership – Paving the Trail to Success! These values will not only be displayed throughout City facilities, but will be incorporated into all levels of employee performance. Thank you to all who worked so hard on this project!

City Selects New City Manager: The City Council also announced its selection of Elena Reyes as Manteca's new City Manager! A graduate of East Union High School, Elena comes to the City from San Joaquin County, where she currently serves as Senior Deputy County Administrator. Elena will begin her new position with the City on July 13. The current City Manager, Karen McLaughlin, is retiring and will continue to serve through July 21, providing for some transitional time. Congratulations, Elena, and welcome to team at The Family City!

Have a great weekend!