



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 24 – July 15, 2016

Police Department

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

Stolen Vehicle: The unknown subjects pictured below were seen in and around a stolen 1997 Honda Civic that was located in the 1300 block of McNary Circle. Anyone with information on the identity of these subjects is urged to contact the investigating Officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us or to call Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Subjects wanted in connection with a stolen vehicle

Shooting: On July 11, Officers were sent to Doctors Hospital of Manteca regarding a gunshot victim in the emergency room. The victim told the Officers he had been shot in the 1300 block of Pajaro Avenue after checking his mail and walking back to his home. The victim stated he heard what sounded like fireworks and then pain to his right leg. He then realized he had been shot. The victim then had a relative drive him to the hospital. Detectives are still investigating this incident.

Theft Suspect: The suspect pictured below is wanted in connection with a theft of jeans that occurred at JC Penney. When contacted outside by loss prevention agents, the suspect claimed to be armed with a gun. Anyone with information on her identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at dskrimager@ci.manteca.ca.us or to call Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted for theft

Hate Crime: On July 11, Officers were dispatched to McDonald's in the 1300 block of East Yosemite Avenue for a homeless subject threatening to burn the business down and burn an employee's vehicle. The victim reported that she went out to adjust the large flag in front of the business when the suspect, later identified as 56-year-old Robert Schuknect, began calling her ethnically derogatory names. He then threatened to burn the business down and burn her car as well as the flag. Schuknect was arrested for terrorist threats and for committing a hate crime. He was transported to the county jail for booking.

Robbery: On July 11, an armed robbery was reported at Circle K located at 419 South Main Street. According to witnesses, two suspects entered the store, both armed with handguns and demanding money. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken from the register. The suspects were described as black males wearing dark clothing. One of them was wearing a blue bandana. The suspects fled from the store, but their direction of travel was not seen.

Trespassing Suspect: The subject pictured below is wanted for trespassing at the Mosque located in the 1000 block of South Union Road. The subject gained entry to two sheds on the north side of the property, but nothing was found missing. Anyone with information on his identity is urged to contact the investigating Officer at jplascencia@ci.manteca.ca.us.



Suspect wanted for trespassing

Pet Adoption: This week's featured pet is a domestic short-haired kitten we have been calling "Rascal." Rascal is a very friendly kitten who seems to be good with children. He is about 3 months old and weighs just 2.5 pounds. Rascal is available for adoption now. To see this animal 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

Illegal Fireworks: The Manteca Fire Department increased enforcement for illegal fireworks use over the 4th of July holiday weekend, which resulted in approximately 20 administrative citations issued. In many cases the involved parties may not be aware of the citation until it is received in the mail. Citation processing is being handled by Data Ticket, a third-party vendor who also handles other City of Manteca citations.

4th of July Events:

The Fire Department participated in many 4th of July events throughout the City which included several entries in the parade from our SAFE Members, CERT Members, Fire Reserves, and Engine Companies. It was a very active day for our department, which ended with Fire Prevention personnel monitoring the City's fireworks display later that evening.



Fire Department Parade Entries

Highlights of Incidents:

- *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*

Firefighters responded to a vehicle accident on eastbound Highway 120 west of Highway 99 Tuesday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found a big rig upright and down an embankment. Firefighters blocked traffic to establish a safe working area to conduct a hazardous materials assessment and begin patient assessment. No injuries were reported and firefighters were released from the scene by CHP.



Vehicle Accident – Highway 120

- *Vehicle Fire – Perimeter Drive*

Firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle fire on Perimeter Drive early Tuesday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters found a passenger van fully involved. Firefighters pulled a booster hose to quickly extinguish the fire. The vehicle was a complete loss and two patients were transported to local hospital for smoke inhalation.



Vehicle Fire – Perimeter Drive

- *Fence Fire – Pine Street*

Firefighters responded to a fence fire on Pine Street late Monday night. Upon arrival, firefighters found a fence on a side yard fully involved and possibly threatening structures. Firefighters pulled an attack line and quickly extinguished the fire stopping it from reaching the eaves of the house. It was determined that fireworks disposed in a trash can caught fire and spread to the fence.

- *Grass Fires*

- 7/12 W. Louise Avenue at N. Airport Way
- 7/12 Northgate Drive
- 7/07 Correia Place
- 7/04 Highway 99 at Austin Road
- 7/04 N. Airport Way
- 7/04 W. Yosemite Avenue
- 7/04 Norman Drive
- 7/02 W. Louise Avenue at N. Airport Way
- 7/02 Highway 99 at French Camp Road

Public Works

The Wastewater Division and Rodents: The City of Manteca

Public Works Wastewater Division operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administered by the State of California. Under the NPDES permit, the State dictates what the Wastewater Division can and cannot do with the City's treated wastewater.

One of the requirements of the NPDES permit is to keep the secondary treated wastewater, used for irrigation of 180 acres of agricultural fields, on City property and away from waterways such as the South San Joaquin Irrigation District's (SSJID) French Camp Outlet Canal (FCOC). This can be a challenge when burrowing animals like ground squirrels and gophers create tunnels from the Ag fields down into the

FCOC. These tunnels are perfect for conveying water from the fields to the Canal in violation of the NPDES permit and can result in fines incurred by the City.

To prevent rodents from digging tunnels, the Wastewater Division needs to control the rodents in a targeted, environmentally friendly, and humane way. The Division recently purchased a new device that creates carbon monoxide and pumps it into the tunnels. The rodents go to “sleep” and the carbon monoxide dissipates leaving no residual trace like poisoned baits.

In addition to rodent control, staff also discs the setback areas between the Ag fields and the FCOC to collapse any existing tunnels prior to irrigating. Staff also inspects the Ag fields prior to, during, and after irrigation to ensure that the secondary treated irrigation wastewater stays on the City’s property. Operating in this manner, Wastewater Division staff are being proactive and taking prudent measures to operate in accordance with the NPDES permit requirements, minimizing the potential for fines, and protecting the environment.



Pictured above is WQCF’s new rodent control device being tested for the first time

The Solid Waste Division has been very busy servicing construction throughout the City. Solid Waste currently services eight subdivisions with ongoing residential construction. Solid Waste has 20, 30 and 40-yard drop boxes at each of these sites, along with many additional six cubic yard bins that need to be emptied and returned two-to-three times each week.



Solid Waste Division Drop Boxes

Solid Waste has also been busy helping the Manteca Police Department picking up debris from homeless encampments along the Tidewater Bike Path, State Route 120, Yosemite Ave, and in alleys. It has been a very busy summer so far.



Homeless Encampments

Parks and Rec

Community Events: Tickets are on sale now for the Senior Center's next Friday Night Bingo event, to be held August 5 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.

Benefit Golf Tournament:

- The 14th Annual Jim Brown Memorial Swing for Youth Golf Tournament takes place Friday, July 15, at Manteca Golf Course. More than 120 golfers have signed up, which is a record for this event. This event is put on by the Friends of Manteca Parks and Recreation Foundation and proceeds benefit the Parks and Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund.

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. Registration is now open for the next session, beginning July 18. All classes are subject to space availability. Swim lessons fill quickly, so don't delay registering.
- Discover Scuba – Registration is now open for another Discover Scuba class which will be held July 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Learn the basics of scuba diving and participate in underwater activities like swimming through hoops and playing with sinkable dive toys. The class is open to those ages 10 and older and the fee is \$10 for Manteca residents or \$20 for non-residents. Contact the Parks and Recreation office for more information, 456-8600.
- Guard Start – The Guard Start Junior Lifeguard Clinic (for ages 10 through 14) will be held at Lincoln Pool July 16-17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Participants will learn water safety and practice real lifesaving techniques used by actual lifeguards. This is certain to be a fast-paced, fun-filled weekend! Register now at the Parks and Recreation office.
- Water Aerobics – Water Aerobics is offered at Lincoln Pool every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Participants work on range-of-motion, strengthening, and light endurance exercises. Tone and sculpt your body with no impact to your joints. The class is open to those ages 17 and older. Pre-registration is not required; there is a \$5 drop-in fee per class, which can be paid upon entry.

Recreation Programs:

- Youth Baseball - Youth Baseball for ages 7-14 began June 14 and runs 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:

- Lance Oliver with All Star Tournaments will be hosting a girls' softball tournament this weekend, July 16-17 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 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, along with a snack, sharing and story time. Mom/Dad and Me is a stepping-stone to Creative Play and requires parent participation.

Little People's Creative Play participants and their artwork



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 closed for the summer; contact the Parks and Recreation Department for information on programs offered for the coming school year.

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 or five days each week. There are weekly themes, camp visitors, swim days, 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 "Where the Wild Things Are" and campers enjoyed a field trip to the AMC Theatres, where they saw "The Secret Life of Pets." 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.



Camp activities included a reptile presentation, left, and learning CPR basics



Summer Camp friends!

Community Development

Building Safety Week in Review June 27-July 1: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 250 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 128 people at the counter. The division issued 98 building permits, which included Residential Addition, Residential Electrical Services, Fire Alarm, Residential Fire Repairs, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Garage, Hood & Duct, HVAC Replacement, Commercial Miscellaneous Building, Commercial Electrical, Commercial Mechanical, Residential Plumbing, Patio Covers, Photovoltaic, Residential Remodel, Reroof, Single-Family Dwellings, Wall Signs, Swimming Pool/Spa, Temporary Power Pole, Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel, and Water Heater. A total of 52 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 28 were issued immediately. A total of 24 submittals were held for plan check. They are: Addendum, Residential Addition, Fire Alarm, Residential Fire Repair, Commercial Fire Sprinklers, Residential Fire Sprinkler, Landscape, Commercial Plumbing, Patio Covers, Photovoltaic Master Plans, Single-Family Dwelling, Swimming Pool/Spa, and Commercial Tenant Infill/Remodel.

Building Safety Week in Review July 5-7: The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 136 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 83 people at the counter. The division issued 63 building permits, which included Residential Electrical Service, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Residential Fire Sprinkler, HVAC Replacements, Residential Electrical, Commercial Plumbing, Residential Plumbing, Miscellaneous Residential, Patio Covers, Patio Enclosure, Photovoltaic, Reroof, Single-Family Dwellings, Free/Pole Signs, Wall Sign, Swimming Pools, and Commercial Tenant Infill. A total of 14 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 11 were issued immediately. A total of 3 submittals were held for plan check. They are: Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Commercial Miscellaneous Building, and Swimming Pool.

City Manager's Office

Coming up Next Week:

- The next City Council meeting will be held on July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The complete agenda, along with agenda reports and attachments, are available to the public on the City Clerk's website at <http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/CityClerk/CouncilVideos.aspx>
- City offices will be closed on Friday, July 22 as part of the 9/80 flex work schedule. Offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Have a great weekend!