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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 9, No. 30 – August 26, 2016

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Community Events

- Friday Night Bingo will be held at the Senior Center on September 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., with doors opening at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now; each \$10 ticket includes event entry and 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.
- Cosmic Wii Bowling was held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, August 23. Ten teams of four bowlers each enjoyed Wii bowling in a fun atmosphere with glow items and black lights. There were prizes for the highest-scoring team, lowest-scoring team, best costume, and most energetic team. Thanks to all who participated in this fun night!

Recreation Programs

- *“Kids’ Night Out” Party – Princess for an Evening* – Manteca Parks and Recreation invited Queen Elsa and her sister Princess Anna to the Senior Center to host a princess party for approximately 20 participants, who created magical wands and paper princess dolls and decorated cupcakes. The evening wrapped up with a coronation dance and certificate ceremony.



Kids’ Night Out Princess Party

- *Tiny Tots* – Tiny Tots Indoor Soccer for ages 3-6 began July 30 and is heading into its final Saturday at the Neil Hafley School gymnasium. There are more than 50 participants enrolled. Tiny Tots Flag Football is up next.
- *Youth Sports* – Youth Flag Football for ages 7-14 begins in September, followed by Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Clinics and Leagues. For information on registering for any of these programs, contact the Parks and Recreation office or register online at www.mantecagov.com/parks.

- *Adult Sports* – Adult Basketball began August 7 at the Neil Hafley School gymnasium. The Summer League runs on Sundays for six weeks and there are 18 teams participating.
- *Beginner Dog Obedience* – The current session of Dog Obedience classes ends August 30. The next session will begin September 6 and the registration deadline is September 1. The class runs four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and the fee is \$100 for Manteca residents or \$110 for non-residents. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.



Little People’s Creative Play and Mom/Dad 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, snacks, sharing and story time. Mom/Dad and Me is a stepping-stone to Creative Play and requires parent participation.



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 is available. There currently are 325 children enrolled. For specific information on program options and locations, contact the Parks and Recreation Department. The parent handbook and application materials are available on the Parks and Recreation website (www.mantecagov.com/parks), or may be picked up in the office, 252 Magnolia Ave.



Veritas Before-School program participants making gold medals, left, and watercolor painting.

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 and enjoy the many daily free and paid programs, such as chair volleyball, various exercise classes, tai chi, yoga, photography, and more! First-time visitors are given an informational tour of the Center and everything it has to offer. Call 456-8650 for more information.



Senior Center kitchen volunteers

- The Senior Center will host the monthly Potluck Dinner on Thursday, September 15, 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.

FUNDRAISERS PROVIDED BY YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tactical Tri-Tip Fund Raiser

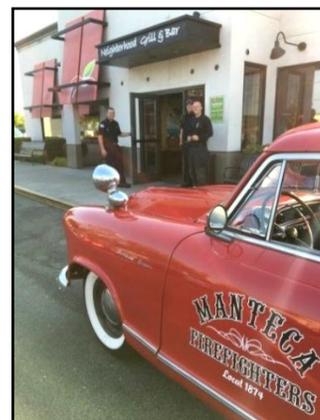
The Manteca-Ripon Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team will be holding its annual fundraiser on August 27 at the Senior Center. Proceeds from this event go to a number of local projects including a community Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas shopping for underprivileged children and local scholarships. Tickets are \$30 each and can be obtained from Officer Dave Bright at dbright@ci.manteca.ca.us or Sergeant Carmona at pcarmona@ci.manteca.ca.us



Manteca SWAT Officers, pictured with local children at a recent event

Tip-A-Firefighter Charitable Fundraiser

The 16th Annual “Tip a Firefighter” fundraiser held at Applebee’s Restaurant on Tuesday evening August 23rd was a very successful event, raising over \$1,700 for the “Give Every Child a Chance” program which provides tutoring services to local children.



Tip-A-Firefighter @ Manteca Applebee’s benefiting GECAC

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Week in Review August 15-18

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 191 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 84 people at the counter. The division issued 58 building permits, which included Residential Electrical Services, HVAC Replacements, Residential Plumbing, Patio Covers, Photovoltaic, Reroof, Custom Single-Family Dwelling, Single-Family Production Dwellings, Free/Pole Sign, Wall Signs, Swimming Pools, Commercial Tenant Infill, Water Heaters, and Water Softener. A total of 33 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 6 were issued immediately. A total of 27 submittals were held for plan check. They were: Addendum, Residential Addition, Residential Fire Sprinkler, Hood & Duct, Commercial Electrical, Residential Plumbing, Single-Family Dwellings, Wall Signs, and Swimming Pool.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Long Term Mutual Aid Response

The Manteca Fire Department Engine Company, which had been deployed to the Blue Cut Fire just north of San Bernardino were released on Friday morning. On their way back home to Manteca, they were re-assigned to the Cedar Fire in Kern County. The Strike Team lead by Captain Rob Grycel reported on Wednesday morning that they were assigned to structure protection. Engineer Jeff Barr, Firefighter Daniel Sawyer and Firefighter Jerry Garcia are also part of this Manteca Strike Team.



Strike Team 4814A at Cedar Fire

Highlights of Incidents

- *Fire – Highway 120*
Firefighters were dispatched to a grass fire on westbound Highway 120 east of Airport Way Thursday afternoon. Upon arrival, they found an extinguished grass fire on a construction site. Firefighters determined that construction workers at the site had successfully extinguished the fire and no damage was reported, but the cause was undetermined.
- *Fire – West Yosemite Avenue*
Firefighters responded to a report of a vehicle fire on West Yosemite Avenue Friday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters found a fully involved engine compartment fire at a car sales lot. Firefighters extended a hose line to extinguish the fire. The vehicle was determined to be a total loss and one other vehicle was damaged during this incident due to radiated heat from the fire.
- *Vehicle Accident – East Woodward Avenue*
Firefighters responded to the report of a vehicle accident on East Woodward Avenue near Buena Vista Drive Wednesday afternoon. Upon arrival, firefighters found two upright passenger vehicles

involved in the accident with one of them resting off the roadway in a planter with smoke coming from the underside of the vehicle. The source of the smoke was not from the vehicle but rather the bark of the planter area, and firefighters quickly extinguished the fire. One patient was transported to a local hospital.

- *Fire – Daniels Street*

Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire on Daniels Street early Thursday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters found a two story residential structure on fire with heavy smoke pouring from the garage eaves. Firefighters initiated a fire attack through the front door with a light haze of smoke inside the structure to the main door of the garage. Upon entry into the garage, firefighters encountered heavy thick smoke with little to no flames showing. Additional firefighters established the Rapid Intervention Crew for firefighter safety and secured the utilities while vertical ventilation operations on the roof were conducted. Mutual aid was received from Lathrop-Manteca Fire District and Ripon Fire Department to assist in the fire attack along with a full call back of our off-duty firefighters and reserves. Firefighters found major fire damage throughout the garage and heavy smoke damage throughout the remainder of the structure. Units were on scene for approximately 3 hours extinguishing the fire, conducting a fire investigation, and performing salvage and overhaul operations. Two occupants were transported to local hospitals for smoke inhalation.



Battalion Chief Canfield assumes command post.



Captain Scott and Captain Haas on scene while Captain Terpstra and Firefighter Keener perform roof ventilation operations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Repeat Auto Burglaries

Several weeks ago, the Police Department posted photos of a black vehicle wanted in connection with several vehicle burglaries at Black Bear Diner and Costco. Since that posting, the suspect has returned to Black Bear Diner and committed another auto burglary. The suspect is a black male adult and the vehicle is described as possibly a Kia or Ford with yellow plates. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect or the location of the vehicle is asked to contact the investigating officer at tjohnson@ci.manteca.ca.us or to contact Crimestoppers anonymously at 209-823-INFO.



Vehicle wanted in connection with a string of auto burglaries

Residential Marijuana Grow

On August 19, Patrol Units located a possible residential marijuana grow operation on Pestana Avenue. Officers contacted the Street Crimes Unit (SCU) who responded to the scene. While at the front of the house, Detectives heard voices inside. The subjects were called outside and they confirmed there was a large grow inside. Upon entry, Detectives found the entire two story house had been converted for the grow operation. SCU located 1,681 marijuana plants and 6 pounds of processed marijuana ready for sale. More than \$8,000 in cash proceeds was also seized. Due to electrical hazards and numerous code violations, Code Enforcement was also notified. Detectives arrested a 30-year-old suspect and a 28-year-old suspect, both of San Francisco, for unlawful cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale and criminal conspiracy.

Update – Fraud Suspects

Several weeks ago, the Police Department posted photos of unknown fraud suspects at Home Depot. The Detective Unit followed up on the case and was able to identify the 33-year-old female suspect seen leaving the store. A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's residence and Detectives subsequently located stolen mail from well over 100 victims, including credit cards, bank statements, government forms, W-2 forms, California driver's licenses, and other items. They also located two homemade cluster-type mailbox keys, approximately one ounce of methamphetamine and property purchased fraudulently with stolen credit cards. The female suspect and a 27-year-old male accomplice were booked for possession of fraudulent identification, possession of stolen property, and possession of controlled substances among other violations.

Fraud

The suspect pictured here is wanted in connection with fraudulent purchases at Walmart on South Main Street. Anyone with information on his identity is asked to contact the investigating officer at rsmith@ci.manteca.ca.us or to contact Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Suspect wanted for fraud at Walmart

Package Theft

The subject pictured below took several packages from the porch of a residence on Toy Court. Anyone with information on his identity is asked to contact the investigating officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us or to contact Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.

Subject wanted for stealing packages



Suspicious Circumstance

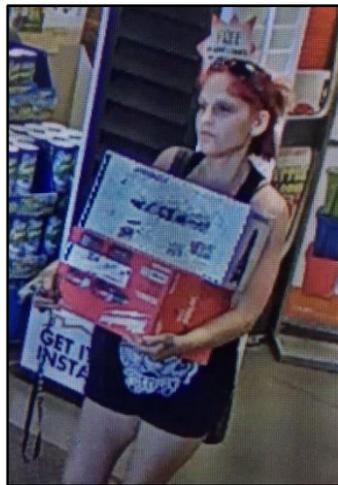
The subject pictured below was seen attempting to open a side gate at a residence in the 1800 block of Matterhorn Street. Officers would like to speak to the individual if he can be located. Anyone with information on the pictured subject is asked to email the investigating officer at mespinosa@ci.manteca.ca.us.

Suspicious subject seen at a residence on Matterhorn Street



Identification Needed

The subject pictured below is wanted in connection with a fraud that occurred at Home Depot. Anyone with information on her identity is asked to contact the investigating officer at llewis@ci.manteca.ca.us or to contact Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.



Identification needed in relation to a fraud

Pet of the Week

This week’s featured pet is “Diahara.” Diahara was surrendered to the City of Manteca Animal Shelter due to her owners being unable to keep her. Diahara is approximately 4 years old and weighs about 68 pounds. She is a very friendly dog that does well with other dogs and animals. She also loves playing with kids. Diahara is playful and easy-going. Her adoption fee is \$70. Please come visit our many available animals at the shelter located at Wetmore and Main.



One of the animals at the shelter waiting for a new home

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT

New Hires

The City of Manteca welcomed five new employees this month! They are:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Dept./Division</u>
Juan Bella	Utilities Mechanic	PW/WQCF
Travis Bonds	Firefighter	Fire
Tabitha Fraser	GIS Assistant	Admin/IT
William Glaser	Water System Maintenance Worker I	PW/Water
Robert Koehn	Water System Maintenance Worker I	PW/Water

Promotions

We also promoted the following employees this month:

Michael Kuesthardt	Water System Maintenance Worker I <i>(promoted from Meter Reader I)</i>
James Peeks	Water System Maintenance Worker I <i>(promoted from Meter Reader I)</i>

Please help us in welcoming the new members to our family and congratulating those promoted!

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Coming up Next Week

- City offices will be closed next Friday, September 2 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!