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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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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.

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.
- 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.

Recreation Programs

- *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.

Field Rentals

- *Boys Baseball* – The Manteca Heat Boys Baseball Fall League is running through November at Morezone Ballfield and Northgate Softball Complex.

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Safety Week in Review August 22-26

The Building Safety Division conducted a total of 325 inspections during the week, and the Community Development Department assisted a total of 116 people at the counter. The division issued 84 building permits, which included Residential Addition, Residential Electrical Services, Fire Alarm, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Hood & Duct, HVAC Replacements, Residential Plumbing, Patio Cover, Photovoltaic, Residential Reroof, Single-Family Dwellings, Swimming Pool/Spa, Commercial Tenant Infill, and Water Heaters. A total of 48 new project applications were accepted and, of those, 10 were issued immediately. A total of 38 submittals were held for plan check. They are: Addendum, Commercial Fire Sprinkler, Single-Family Dwellings, Temporary Power Pole, and Commercial Tenant Infill.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Retirement

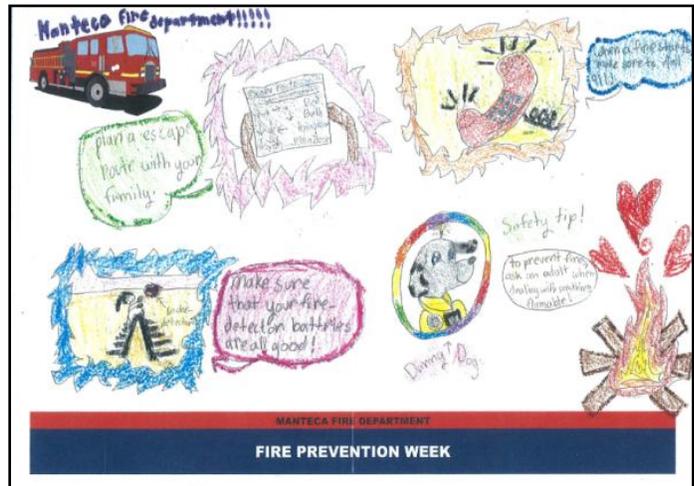
The Manteca Fire Department is honored to announce the retirement of Engineer Stephen Burrows. Born and raised in Manteca, Engineer Burrows is known around the fire department as 'Burly'. We are grateful for his 33 years of service to our community and wish him well in his retirement!

Thank you Engineer Stephen Burrows!



Fire Safety Contest:

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, and our Fire Awareness in the Schools “FAITS” Program, the Fire Prevention Division will hold its sixth Annual Fire Safety Poster Contest for second grade students in our community. The winning poster will be featured on a Fire Safety banner, and the winning student’s class will win a pizza party with the firefighters. Entries will focus on this year’s Fire Prevention Theme - “Don’t Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”.



Winner of our 2015 Safety Poster Contest - Drawn by Matthew Mululu

Highlights of Incidents

- *Fire – West Louise Avenue*

Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire on West Louise Avenue near Airport Way early Friday morning. Upon arrival, firefighters found light smoke coming from a single story modular unit. Firefighters checked the interior of the structure for smoke finding none and assigned the ladder truck to check the roof of the structure. Once on the roof it was determined that the source of the smoke was a cooling unit which was experiencing an electrical problem. Firefighters shut the power down to the unit and reported the problem to the facility management team for repair.

Truck Company 24 investigating cooling unit on roof



- *Fire – Highway 99*



Firefighters were dispatched to an outdoor fire on northbound Highway 99 south of Austin Road Monday afternoon. Upon arrival firefighters found approximately 400 feet of oleanders on fire on the shoulder of the highway. Before beginning their fire attack firefighters geared up with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) which is not typical of a grass fire but a MUST when oleanders burn due to the toxic fumes they release. Firefighters initiated a mobile attack from the south flank accessing from the frontage road. Mutual aid was received from Ripon Fire Department and the fire was quickly extinguished and mop-up complete within 2 hours.

Captain Jeff Dennis at Oleander Fire on Highway 99

- *Vehicle Accident – Highway 120*

Firefighters responded to the report of a vehicle accident on westbound Highway 120 east of Union Road late Saturday night. Upon arrival, firefighters found a single passenger vehicle rolled over in the quadrant. One patient was transported to a local hospital as a result of this incident.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Armed Robbery

On August 24, Officers responded to Manteca Food and Liquor, 890 North Main Street, regarding an armed robbery. The area was checked but the suspects were not located. An investigation revealed that two suspects entered the store, one armed with a shotgun. They approached the counter and placed the clerk at gunpoint. The unarmed second suspect opened the register and removed all the currency. They then fled the store together and were last seen running towards Jason Street. Suspect #1 (armed) was described as a male adult, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans and a mask and sunglasses covering his face. Suspect #2 was described as a male adult, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans and was wearing a mask and dark sunglasses to disguise his face. According to investigators, the robbery appears to be similar to the Quik Stop robbery documented under Case #16-28234. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Bonetti at jbonetti@ci.manteca.ca.us or Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.

Narcotics Investigation and Arrest

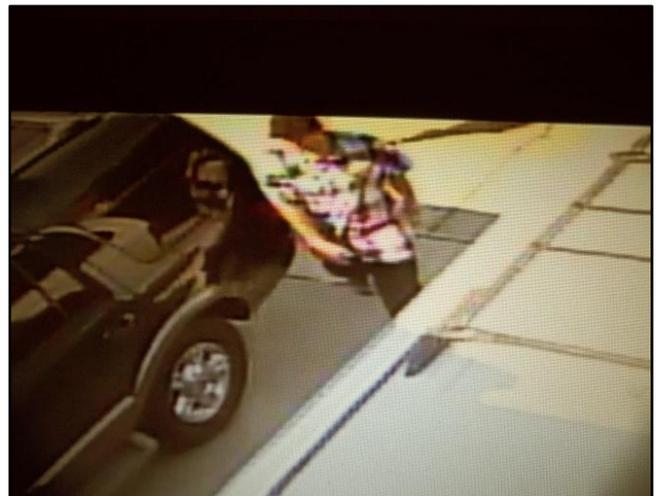
On August 24, Dispatch received numerous 911 calls from citizens hearing the sound of an explosion and seeing smoke in the area of the 700 block of Virginia Street. Officers and Firefighters responded to the scene.

An investigation revealed an illegal “Honey Oil Lab” was being conducted inside just prior to the explosion. The use of highly flammable butane to process the “honey oil” out of marijuana during the process was believed to have caused the explosion. The kitchen inside the residence suffered major damage, as did other areas within the residence. Code Enforcement responded to the scene and declared the residence uninhabitable. The adjoining residence also suffered minor damage, however was still inhabitable. No other damage to any surrounding residences was noted. The tenant was arrested and booked into the county jail.

Identification Needed

On August 28, the suspect depicted in the attached photo punched two locks on two vehicles parked in the 500 block of Pestana Avenue. The suspect arrived at the location in a white four-door Ford f-150 truck. The license plate appeared to be a California issued plate. Please contact Officer T. Johnson with any information on this theft. He can be reached at tjohnson@ci.manteca.ca.us. You can also contact Crimestoppers at 209-823-INFO.

Theft Suspect



Commercial Burglary, Two Arrested

On August 28, Officers responded to 1377 East Yosemite Avenue to the report of a possible commercial burglary in progress. Fire personnel were requested and responded. The Sheriff’s Office was also requested and sent an additional unit to assist with maintaining the perimeter.

Officers made contact with one of the suspects who had emerged from inside the building. This suspect was taken into custody without incident. Despite a K-9 announcement, the remaining suspect inside the business remained hidden and did not respond to commands to surrender or to make himself known. A second suspect was found hiding. He complied with commands and was taken into custody without incident. The suspects were identified as a 49-year-old male transient and a 39 year old male transient, both from Sacramento. Both suspects were later booked into the San Joaquin County Jail.

Strong Arm Robbery

On August 29, our Officer responded to Raley’s Pharmacy, 1280 West Lathrop Road regarding a robbery with force. The suspect grabbed several bottles of codeine cough syrup and fled the store on foot. According to the witnesses, the suspect was in the store approximately fifteen minutes prior to the robbery and was denied a request to fill a codeine syrup prescription. The suspect was described as a Hispanic Male adult, 25-years-old, 5’8” tall, stocky build, with short dark hair. He was wearing a green soccer style shirt and dark shorts. A red sedan was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed but we have not confirmed this as the suspect vehicle.



Robbery Suspect

Pet of the Week

This week’s featured pet is “Nova.” She is a spayed female, gray and black Tabby cat. Nova is a Domestic Medium Hair kitten, approximately eight months old. She is very sweet and has a good temperament with other cats and people. She will make a great lap cat. Her adoption fee is \$80.00 and she is ready to go to her new home.



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

PUBLIC WORKS

WQCF Digester & Digester Control Building Improvement Project

Public Works received construction bids for the WQCF Digester & Digester Control Building Improvement Project.

The WQCF Digester & Digester Control Building Improvement Project (Project) was approved to Advertise at the July 5, 2016, City Council meeting and the Bid package was advertised beginning on July 11. The bid opening occurred on August 17, 2016. The City received six qualified bids from responsive bidders. The lowest apparent bidder was Western Water Constructors, Inc. Public Works is currently reviewing and verifying that the documents submitted are in conformance with all the bid requirements. Following the bid opening, there is a 120-day period to award the contract. The Project is tentatively scheduled to go to City Council for award on or before December 6, 2016.

In the interim period, the City has submitted initial application packages seeking additional grant funding for the Waste-to-Fuel program. The City recently applied for a Community-Scale and Commercial-Scale Advanced Biofuels Production Facilities Grant (GFO-15-606) through the California Energy Commission (CEC). This grant would provide additional funding of at least \$3M to help support development of renewable biomethane production facilities that are necessary to implement the Waste-to-Fuel program.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Coming up Next Week

- The next City Council meeting will be held on September 6, 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 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!