



The Week in Review

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Fire Department Community: Manteca Firefighters hosted the 2nd Annual Ray of Hope Softball Tournament on April 15 at Big League Dreams. Teams from fire departments throughout the valley and bay area participated in this event to raise funds for Ray of Hope. Participants this year included teams from Manteca, Tracy, Hayward, Daly City, Menlo Park, Marin, Stockton, San Francisco, San Mateo, Oakland, and Richmond. In addition to participating in the tournament play, each team donated a prize for the tournament raffle.

Emergency Incidents: We had a total of 85 incidents this week which included 3 that were fire related: 2-Structure Fires, and 1-Vehicle Fire. The remaining calls this week were: EMS-39, Vehicle Accidents-6, Service Calls-18, and Other Emergencies-19.

Significant Incidents:

- April 8 – Elevator rescue.
- Engine Company 242 responded to an assistance call for a stalled elevator at a senior facility to discover one of the female residents stuck in the elevator. The Engine Company stood on scene as a technician from the elevator service company returned the elevator to the second story releasing the occupant.
- April 12 – Koftinow Court
As an automatic aid response, Engine Company 241 responded to a reported structure fire in Koftinow Court to find smoke showing from the roof. Upon further investigation they found an attic fire and began fire operations. After extinguishment they remained on scene to assist Lathrop Manteca Fire District crews with salvage and overhaul operations.
- April 12 – Vehicle into a backyard.
- Engine Company 243 responded to a vehicle accident in the Chadwick Square area to find a vehicle had driven through a fence into the backyard of a residence on Nana Place. Witnesses reported that the

driver lost control of the vehicle near London and Genoa, crossing a vacant lot and eventually going through a fence into the backyard.

Fire Prevention: This week's Fire Prevention Activities included: Business Inspections-70, New Construction Inspections-12, Plan Checks-7, Fire System Checks-9, and Certificates of Occupancies-3.

Fire Department personnel are scheduled to participate in a Career Day at Golden West School on April 17. They will be giving an overview to students on careers in fire service.

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

Tagging Arrest: On April 9, the Street Crimes Gang Unit served a graffiti search warrant at 142 S. Washington Avenue. A 15-year-old male was arrested. The male had been tagging HPV, puppet and 13 around the Manteca High School area. The photos of the graffiti had been provided by the School Resource Officer. Evidence of the tagging was located at the suspect's house, as was a stolen semi-automatic shotgun. The shotgun had been reported stolen in Los Angeles in 1997. The father was interviewed and admitted to purchasing the shotgun on the streets in LA in late 1997 or early 1998. He paid \$60 for the shotgun, but had no idea it was stolen. The father was not arrested. The son was charged with vandalism and being a gang member. He was booked and cited to Juvenile Probation.

Robbery: On April 10, at 3:37 p.m., an armed subject robbed the Bank of the West at 150 Commerce Street. The suspect entered the front doors of the bank and displayed a gun to the teller. He received an undisclosed amount of money and ran from the bank. No vehicle was seen and it is possible the suspect rode a mountain bike away from the scene. The bank surveillance photos have been obtained and will be posted on the Department's web site.

Robbery Attempt: On April 13, at 2:50 a.m., Officers responded to a suspicious persons call at Quik Stop, 505 N. Main St. Officers located three juveniles (ages ranging from 12 to 15 years old) inside the store. While an Officer had the juveniles detained in a car, the store clerk advised him that he had found an unloaded gun inside the store where the juveniles had been standing. The juveniles were disguised, wearing beanies pulled low, sunglasses, hats and one was wearing a wig. Through questioning and further investigation, Officers determined the juveniles were planning to rob the Quik Stop with the gun that was located. The juveniles were all from Stockton, and had been driven to Manteca by another 15-year-old friend who had taken his father's car. The juveniles said that they were planning to rob a Chevron and then 7-11 on E. Yosemite Avenue, but decided not to because the stores were too busy. The mastermind of the plan was going to get all of the money, while the others got

as much candy as they were able to shove into their backpacks. The driver was going to get gas money.

When the get-away driver saw Officers contact his comrades, he quickly drove back home. In the meantime, that juvenile's father had noticed his car was gone and had reported it to Stockton PD. The father brought the juvenile to MPD where he was arrested.

While in custody, two of the juveniles were placed together in an interview room with an officer watching them via the video surveillance. The officer heard one of the juveniles was trying to talk the other into ambushing the first officer to come in to the room. The plan was to turn off the lights in the room and wait. Once an officer walked into the room they would both punch and assault the officer to get his gun. They would then shoot other officers that tried to stop them. The monitoring Officer immediately confronted the juvenile that was formulating this plan.

The juveniles were booked for attempted robbery, conspiracy, possession of a concealed weapon, and burglary. They were transported to Juvenile Hall.

Shooting/SWAT Call out: At 11:23p.m., April 14, officers responded to a report of shots fired at 386 Marsala Court. Reports had indicated that several large caliber rounds, possibly from a rifle, had been fired from both inside and outside of the residence. The first officers arriving on the scene heard additional shots from the residence. Officers established a perimeter around the residence and used night observation equipment to scan the area. A subject was seen in a prone position in the back yard of the residence armed with a laser-sighted weapon. He appeared to be waiting in ambush for responding officers. A command post was established and the area was secured. SWAT and Crisis Negotiations responded and took control of the incident. The San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department SWAT teams responded and relieved the Manteca SWAT officers so they could prepare for entry to the residence. Modesto Police Department SWAT officers responded with the Bearcat armored vehicle. Tracy Police Department tasked two patrol officers to Manteca to assist with patrol responsibilities until our off duty officer could be recalled to work. During this time the suspect retreated back into the residence. Crisis negotiations were established with the extremely intoxicated and uncooperative male subject in the residence. After several hours the negotiators were able to convince the female occupant and a four-year-old child to leave the residence, though the primary suspect continued to be unresponsive. At about 5:00 a.m. the subject cut off contact with the negotiators. SWAT officers approached the residence and deployed a flash diversionary device outside the front door. At that point the male suspect surrendered without further incident. Ryan Thomas Moberly was taken into custody. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the weapon Moberly

had been firing was actually a replica starter pistol that looked and sounded like a real firearm. No officers or suspects were injured in this incident.

Community Development

Significant progress has been made this past week on three major development projects currently being implemented by the Community Development Department.

Union Crossing Shopping Center: Staff met with the applicant processing the Union Crossing Shopping Center proposed along Highway 120/Union Road across from the Promenade complex to resolve an outstanding issue relative to the completion of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). We now expect the project to move forward with adoption of the EIR by the City Council in October 2009.

Austin Road Business Park: Staff and the applicant for the proposed Austin Road Business Park met to reach agreement on the results of a traffic phasing analysis that will enable us to move ahead on one of the major issues pending with the project. On April 16, staff and CenterPoint Properties met to interview the three firms selected as the finalists for performing the EIR work on the upcoming CenterPoint project involving initially, 4,000,000 sq. ft. of industrial warehouse space on Airport Way near Roth Road. We expect to bring a contract forward to City Council in May to begin this work.

Crivello Estates: At the April 12 Planning Commission meeting a study session was held regarding "Crivello Estates," which is a proposed subdivision located northeast of Springport Park. Crivello Estates proposes to construct 65 homes on 18.76 acres and the project requires annexation to the City. Approximately 25 residents attended the meeting and expressed concerns regarding: traffic circulation and safety, privacy impacts created by two-story homes, crime, and open space conversion. Additionally, the homeowners questioned the need for additional housing in the current economic environment. In response, staff has agreed to meet with neighborhood members in a community workshop prior to the public hearing at the May 12 Planning Commission meeting. Staff will also meet next week with the developer in advance of meeting with the community members.

Public Works

Union Road Widening: SR120 to Woodward: Pacific Gas and Electric is working towards moving the transmission line that is currently located in the middle of the roadway. Problems in securing an easement from a property owner were averted by redesign of the facilities. PG&E currently has a plan review before South San Joaquin Irrigation District regarding relocation of these

facilities. This process is expected to take a couple of weeks, and then construction will start to move the transmission line.

Solid Waste: City Council's approval last meeting of the purchase of one automated solid waste collection truck will complete the Division's conversion to fully automated residential collection. Until this truck and one other that is on order arrives, the City will rely on older semi-automated trucks to do some alley collection and to have spare trucks available when the primary trucks are unavailable due to maintenance problems or scheduled services.

The age and annual maintenance costs of our Solid Waste fleet are summarized below.

Truck Type	Average Age	Oldest	Newest	Manteca Average Annual Maint. Cost	Industry Average Annual Maint. Cost
Automated (11 ea)	5.45 years	8 years (3 ea)	1 year	\$14,317	\$40,056
Semi-automated (3 ea)	13.66 years	21 years	9 years	\$7,494	\$15,295
Front Loaders (7 ea)	7.57 years	19 years	4 years	\$10,902	N/A
Drop Box (4 ea)	2.75 years	5 years	1 year	\$7,447	N/A
Rear Loader (1 ea)	18 years	18 years	18 years	\$3,062	\$7,857

The industry average annual maintenance cost data in the table is taken from a benchmark study released in December 2008 by the Solid Waste Association of North America. This data clearly shows that the City of Manteca's annual maintenance cost is significantly lower than the industry average.

Despite the lower maintenance cost of the semi-automated trucks, these trucks are more expensive to operate because the automated trucks collect many more containers per shift. With the recent order of a new automated truck, the City of Manteca will retire our last three semi-automated trucks, which are 9, 11, and 21 years old. These trucks have been primarily used as spare trucks in recent years to cover routes when automated trucks require maintenance or repair. Because of the difficult operating conditions, solid waste trucks do require frequent maintenance, so the industry standard is to maintain at least one spare truck for each 4 routes.

Fight Identity Theft and Enrich Your Garden: There will be a community "Shred It" event on April 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the City's corporation yard on East Wetmore Street. Free compost will also be available, first come-first served until we run out. This event is provided to our residents by the Solid Waste Division to allow residents to bring in papers that may contain personal information for shredding. We will have a large shredder truck on site and all papers will be shredded immediately. The compost is in bulk, so residents need to bring their own containers to take compost home.

Streets Division: The Street Division has been very visible this week as they continue sealing cracks along Union Road, Main Street, and many other City streets. Asphalt pavement contracts in cooler weather, which causes cracking. These cracks are not a problem unless the edges start to break off to form a pothole, but the cracks can lead to future pavement failure if moisture is allowed to saturate the roadbed. It is important that we seal these cracks to keep the roadway from deteriorating. This is labor-intensive work, especially since crews have to establish traffic control for safe working conditions, but this type of preventive maintenance work greatly extends the life of our streets, so it saves money in the long term.

Wells 24 and 25 Arsenic Reduction Systems Brought Online: The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently approved an amendment to the City's Water Permit to allow the operation of the arsenic reduction filtration systems at Wells 24 and 25. The permit amendment represents the culmination of several years of testing, coordination and reporting that was required to bring online a safe and effective arsenic reduction filtration system for the City's potable water system.

Several years ago, the City pilot tested an arsenic reduction filtration system, known as SORB 33, to demonstrate its effectiveness in removing arsenic from Manteca's water. Upon completion of the Manteca pilot test, as well as other pilot tests conducted throughout the State, CDPH approved the use of SORB 33 in California. Public Works then proceeded with constructing the Well 24/25 arsenic reduction project, which included installing SORB 33 systems at each well site. Before bringing the SORB 33 systems online, Public Works prepared and submitted a detailed plan to CDPH to demonstrate operational command of the system. CDPH recently approved the operational plan, and has since amended the City's Water Permit to formally authorize the City to operate the SORB 33 systems. Public Works continues to pilot test other arsenic reduction systems for cost competitiveness, as well as pursue other options for arsenic reduction such as blending with SSJID surface water.

Parks and Rec

Senior Olympic Games: The Parks and Recreation Department is working closely with the Manteca

Conventions and Visitors Bureau in bringing the Senior Games to Manteca, April 25-30, 2009. Events that are scheduled to be offered are softball, BMX, martial arts, track and field, and pickle ball events. A Welcome Reception for all the athletes is scheduled for April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Del Webb Community Multi-purpose Room. We encourage your attendance in honoring local and visiting athletes competing in the Senior Games and supporting our community.

Schedule of Events:

BMX	April 25	Noon	Atwater BMX Track
Martial Arts	April 25	10 a.m.	Manteca Boys & Girls Club
Pickle Ball	April 27 & 28	TBA	Union Road Tennis Courts
Softball	April 28 & 29	TBA	Big League Dreams
Track & Field	April 29	3:00PM	Sierra High School

Summer Jobs: Staff is collaborating with Work Net in generating part-time staffing to aid the Department with summer staff, as well as assisting Work Net in creating first-time jobs for high school students to develop a good work ethic and provide job training.

Program Activity Information:

- Tiny Tot Soccer starts April 18. Games will take place at Franciscan Park and we currently have about 125 participants signed up.
- Staff held a Life Guarding Class and Recertification Class, Spring Break week. Parks and Recreation staff certified 15 new lifeguards and recertified 11 returning staff. The class was held at Lincoln Pool, Manteca High School Pool, and the Manteca Senior Center.
- April 18 staff has another recertification class scheduled to certify returning lifeguards and swim instructors.
- Staff has been working with Manteca High School Staff to coordinate pool usage for the upcoming aquatic certification classes.
- Youth Coed Soccer has had three clinics and league games will be starting on April 25, games take place at Chadwick Park. We currently have over 60 participants signed up.
- Staff has been working on staffing, supplies and procedures for new upcoming summer park programs.
- A Spring Break Camp was offered the week of April 6-10 for children in Kindergarten through 7th grade. The Camp was held at Woodward School. Approximately 14 attended.

Kids Zone Program Activity Information: We offer nine after school programs, four before school programs and six KinderZone programs. These Kids Zone Programs operate on school days only. The Kids Zone Program has 338 participants enrolled. These participants utilize different programs throughout the day.

Legislative

Remodel of Administration: The remodel of the administration building is under way. Administrative Services is in its new location at 302 Cherry Lane, Suite 102, adjacent to the IT Division office. The vacated space is being remodeled by our Building Maintenance crew. A fresh coat of paint has brightened the walls, a new ADA compliant counter has been installed and new carpet is next. The City Clerk's Office will be moving into the west end of the administration building on April 20. Phase 1 is ahead of schedule thanks to the efforts of Building Maintenance staff. The project will then move into Phase 2, which will involve the demolition of a wall and installation of two new walls to create offices for the Assistant City Manager and the City Manager.

Administrative Services

The City of Manteca welcomed one new employee this week. Joining the City's team is:

- Michael Loomis, Fire Firefighter, hired on April 13.

Welcome to our newest employee!

City Manager's Office

On Monday, I attended the "One Voice" Briefing at COG with Councilmembers DeBrum, Harris and Moorhead. I was also at COG Friday with Councilmember DeBrum and Mark Houghton to get a detailed briefing on SB375 and the Blueprint process. SB375 will have a major impact on how we link land use to transportation planning and in how we address our Housing Element and our General Plan. I'm sure we'll be discussing this new law in great detail at many future City Council meetings. I also attended the COG Management and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday where the COG budget was discussed along with the final allocation of stimulus dollars. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and staff from the other cities, we are now recommending that this final allocation of stimulus funds go to local instead of regional projects.

Thursday was an extremely busy day as I was lucky enough to attend Golden West School's career day with Councilwoman Moorhead. I also had a brief meeting with Terry Nash, CenterPoint's project manager and a conference call with Bob Rogers of Poag & McEwen and Steve Craig of Craig Realty Group. The conference call was quite productive as we move towards complete build out of the Lifestyle Outlets at Manteca. Poag and Craig have architects working diligently to finalize plans for the remaining buildings and are modifying the

building between the Theater and J.C. Penney to fit better into the Outlet Center. They are expecting to begin work on the building directly east of the Theater very shortly, and Red Robin and Hampton Inn are about ready to break ground on their sites. The developers will be in Manteca April 28 to wrap up many of the details for completing the site.

On Thursday afternoon, Mark Nelson and I met with the executive team at B.R. Funsten. This wholesale distributor of flooring products on Industrial Drive is one of our largest employers and one of our largest sales tax producers. They are consolidating a number of their facilities and looking to expand somewhere within San Joaquin County. Staff is going to be putting together an incentive package for the company that will hopefully convince them to expand on their current site.

Coming up next week:

- Mark Houghton and I will be meeting with Councilmembers Moorhead, Harris and DeBrum to go over the projects that will be promoted on the “One Voice” trip.
- The Assistant City Manager, the City Clerk and I will be interviewing responders to the RFP for firms to represent the City’s interests in Washington D.C.
- The National B.I.A. Senior Economist will be speaking on Housing Issues at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers.
- Staff will be meeting with representatives of our local B.I.A. on Wednesday regarding sewer connection fees.

Have a Good Weekend!