



The Week in Review

A Report from the City Manager – Vol. 2, No. 16 – April 23, 2009

Police Department

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

Explorer Competition: Ten members of Manteca Police Explorers Post 805 participated in the Sebastopol Police Explorer Competition this past weekend. Dozens of agencies were represented. Our Explorers did very well, including Explorer Amy Smith, won first place in the written examination. Our Explorers were complimented several times on their appearance, knowledge and attitudes. The Department is very proud of the way they represented themselves, their post, and Manteca Police Department. In June, the Explorers will be attending a competition in Oxnard. The Manteca Police Explorers are youth between 15 and 20 years old. The officers who train and advise the Explorers volunteer their time to help prepare these young people for careers in law enforcement. A number of our current officers, including the Police Chief, Lieutenant, and several Sergeants, began their careers as Explorers.

Grant Update: The Police Department has been notified that it will be receiving \$147,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. All of the police agencies in the County have entered into a fund-sharing agreement that increased our original entitlement by \$27,000. The Department will be presenting a spending plan for this grant to Council for its approval on May 5. The department has also applied for several other grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to augment and support the General Fund's ability to cover personnel costs in the Police Department.

Dependant Adult Abuse: On March 3, the Manteca Police Department, based on a complaint, initiated an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse against an adult dependent adult. Detectives conducted an extensive investigation into the allegations. With the help of San Joaquin County Adult Protective Services and the San Joaquin County Child Advocacy Center, evidence was gained showing that there were multiple episodes of sexual abuse from 2007 to 2009. On April 15, Detectives interviewed the suspect, Sid Reams, at the Manteca Police Department. After the interview, Reams was

taken into custody for molest of a dependant adult and penetration with a foreign object. Reams is currently in custody at the San Joaquin County Jail, with bail set at \$150,000.

Fire Department The Manteca Firefighters Association will be hosting its 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast on May 9 from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Fire Station #1. The proceeds from this breakfast will go to the Robbie Taberna Memorial Scholarship Foundation, which funds scholarships to local high school students who are interested in a career in firefighting.

New Ladder Truck: The new aerial ladder truck officially went on line on April 20, improving the level of fire service provided to our citizens. The personnel assigned to this unit were included in the Measure M Expenditure Plan. The ladder truck is housed at Fire Station #2, located at 1154 S. Union Road, and is available to incidents throughout the City.

Emergency Incidents: We had a total of 105 incidents this week, which included 5 that were fire related: 3-Structure Fires, 1-Vehicle Fire, and 1-Brush Fire. Dollar loss for the week was estimated at \$5,800. The remaining calls this week were: EMS-51, Vehicle Accidents-1, Service Calls-18, and Other Emergencies-30.

Significant Incidents:

- April 15: Structure Fire – Engine Company 241 responded to the report of a structure fire at 747 E. Yosemite Ave. and found a small fire in the attic area of the residence, which was quickly brought under control. Upon investigation, firefighters found that old wiring had been overloaded, due to the use of a portable heater, which ignited the insulation.
- April 17: Unusual Occurrence – Engine Company 243 responded to the report of a structure fire on Frank Avenue on Friday evening, finding nothing showing. Noticing a glow coming from the bottom of the garage door crack, firefighters investigated for potential fire activity. Upon entry to the garage, they found a marijuana garden. The glow was from a light source being used for this garden. Manteca Police Department arrived on scene shortly thereafter to take over command.

Fire Prevention: This week's Fire Prevention Activities included: Business Inspections-73, New Construction Inspections-8, Plan Checks-5, Fire System Checks-5, and Certificates of Occupancies-1.

The Fire Prevention Safety Trailer visited two school sites this week – Stella Brockman and Joshua Cowell – providing second graders with demonstrations on fire safety and interactive fire simulations.

Attached to this week's report is the Fire Department's Monthly Report for March 2009. This monthly report will be included with your weekly report, as it is available.

Public Works

Economic Stimulus Grant: As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Manteca will receive \$586,200 in Federal grant money to be used toward energy-efficiency and conservation projects. Unlike many federal grants, there is no matching-fund requirement for these monies, which means the City does not have to spend a certain amount to receive the full \$586,200. Public Works is evaluating a variety of energy-efficiency and conservation projects to maximize the use of the Federal grant funds, and plans to provide recommendations to Council at its May 19 meeting.

Earth Day Activities: The City's annual Earth Day event, sponsored by the Solid Waste Division at the City's corporation yard on Wetmore Street, was a huge success. Cars had lined up from the yard entrance all the way back to Main Street before the event started at 9 a.m. A total of 96 residents brought in electronic waste for disposal, 41 residents brought their own shovels and buckets to collect compost that was donated by Grover Landscaping, and 215 vehicles brought in papers for the Shred-It trucks. Staff originally scheduled two Shred-It trucks for the event, but added another due to the great response, and ended up with three that we filled to capacity. Residents brought in literally tons of papers to be shredded. The Solid Waste employees worked very hard unloading electronic waste and papers, then shredding the papers. The gate closed on schedule at 1 p.m., but it took the crews another hour to shred all of the backlogged papers. Even though some residents had to wait in line for the event, they said it was worth the wait. Events like this are included in our Solid Waste rates, and are a part of the service that our Solid Waste Division provides at a very competitive price.

Water Conservation: Since the first of the year, Public Works has issued rebates for seven low-flush toilets and for nine high-efficiency washing machines. In addition, a water conservation flyer was included in this month's utility bill to remind residents about the rebate programs, and the Manteca Bulletin also highlighted the City's rebate programs in an April 22 news article. With this recent public outreach, Public Works expects to see a jump in rebates in the coming weeks.

Emergency Sewer Pump: A new, trailer-mounted sewer pump was recently delivered to the Wastewater Quality Control Facility. In an emergency, such as

a pipe break or blockage, this pump will be towed to the site to bypass sewer flows around the trouble spot. Bypassing sewer flows will provide time for Public Works to remove the blockage or complete any pipe repairs while preventing sewer overflows. The new pump is driven by an 89-horsepower diesel Caterpillar engine, capable of pumping 2,425 gallons per minute of wastewater.

Parks and Rec

Senior Olympic Games: The Parks and Recreation Department is working closely with the Manteca Convention and Visitors Bureau in bringing the Senior Games to Manteca, April 25-3. Events that are scheduled to be offered are softball, BMX, martial arts, track & 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 Multipurpose Room. The public is encouraged to attend to honor local and visiting athletes competing in the Senior Games, and to support our community. The following is the Schedule of Events:

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

Swing for Youth Golf Tournament: Staff attended the Friends of Manteca Parks and Recreation Foundation meeting on April 16. The Foundation supports parks and recreation, and raises funds toward the Youth Scholarship Program. The Foundation is planning the Swing for Youth benefit golf tournament scheduled for July 24 at the Manteca Park Golf Course. The Foundation is seeking players and sponsors for this fundraiser tournament. For information on the Foundation or the tournament, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 239-8470.

Parks and Recreation Impact on City Budget: Joint administrative services between Parks and Recreation and Public Works has been the subject of much discussion and evaluation as the City faces reduced resources. Management staff continues to work on alternatives to streamline processes, focus on core services and improve efficiency and effectiveness in critical administrative services for both departments, including reception, clerical, analytical work and purchasing/budgeting.

Parks/Golf/Park Planning:

- Shasta Park – The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) recently reimbursed the City \$99,995. Funds were provided

from the Tire-Derived Product Grant Program for the purchase of playground safety surfacing installed with the new playground. The safety surfacing is made from diverting 20,000 California waste tires from the landfill.

On September 15, 2008, Council approved naming the playground in memory of Art Rocha. A dedication ceremony for the new playground is scheduled for May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

- Spreckels Recreation Park – The contractor’s maintenance period has concluded, and Parks staff has assumed maintenance responsibility for the park. The park is now open to the public; however, the BMX track will remain closed until all improvements have been completed. The Anderson 209 group is still in the process of completing the installation of improvements on the starting hill.
- Atherton Drive – Parks maintenance staff, in cooperation with Public Works maintenance staff, mowed, edged, leveled and removed debris in the turf strip on the south side of Atherton Drive across from Bass Pro Shops. Parks maintenance staff will continue to maintain this area until a contractor has been secured to renovate the area.
- Parks maintenance staff planted 18 new trees on the east side of Woodward Park. Funds to purchase the trees were provided by the department’s Memorial Tree Program.
- On April 23, maintenance staff will partner with the Manteca Garden Club to plant eight new trees on the west side of Woodward Park in observation of Arbor Day.

Program Activity Information:

- The Open Gym Program continues to provide a safe and secure place for the youth, teens and adults in our Community to play basketball. On April 11 and 12, the Open Gym program was closed for the Easter weekend. There were 21 participants on April 18. Friday’s Open Gym is now being offered again with two hours available to play basketball, and two hours available to play volleyball.
- Staff continues to monitor Independent Contractor classes and seek potential contractors to offer classes for the Parks and Recreation Department. By seeking additional contractors, the department can continue to generate additional revenue and offer classes to a broader range of the population. The Toddler Art Class has eight participants, Dance classes have 63 participants, Baton Class has four participants and Dog Obedience currently has 13 participants.

- Staff continues to coordinate appointments for girls who are in financial need of formal dresses for upcoming proms, formals and 8th-grade graduations. Girls who are in need of dresses are required to fill out an application and must meet certain criteria. The program offers a chance for all teens to have the opportunity to attend a school event and help them build self esteem. Information packets were distributed this week to schools that have participated in previous years.
- The Little People’s program continues to offer preschool-aged children a “playgroup” environment, as well as an opportunity to learn, play and socialize with other preschoolers. The program provides a safe place to play, teaches vital life skills and gives preschoolers their first “real school experience.” The program currently has 45 participants registered. The new session will began on March 30. The preschool had spring picture day on April 14 and 15.
- Staff coordinated and attended the Manteca Youth Advisory Commission’s special meeting on April 16. There were eight Commissioners and one alternate present. Agenda items included the teen dance scheduled for April 17, California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 5 Teenapalooza Youth Forum on April 21 in Oakdale and the Fishing Derby on May 9.
- Staff is preparing for the CPRS District 5 Teenapalooza Youth Forum on April 21. The event will include discussions presented by the Youth Advisory Commissions of the following cities: Manteca, Riverbank, Oakdale, Patterson, Ceres, Turlock, Tracy, Modesto and Lathrop. Each commission will assist in facilitating a topic. Manteca’s topic is “Program Marketing.” The roundtable event will also include icebreaker activities, a guest speaker, commission updates, breakout sessions, dinner, bingo and a raffle.
- The Manteca Youth Advisory Commission hosted a Teen Dance on April 17 at the Community Gym, located next to Golden West School. There were 376 participants in attendance.
- Staff is working with Kiwanis in planning for the upcoming Kiwanis Fishing Derby on May 9 at the Long’s parking lot on North Main Street. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Manteca Youth Advisory Commission co-sponsor this event.

Finance

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update: Staff continues to work with CIPPlanner – the contractor selected to provide

CIP Planning Software – to integrate project information from the City’s financial platform to the contractor’s software system, CIPAce. City staff has provided CIPPlanner current CIP project information to begin the integration process and customize the software to match the City’s processes and required report writing needs. Once complete, project information will be downloaded weekly from the City’s financial system, enabling departments to manage their entire capital program from planning and implementation to completion.

City Manager's Office

Meeting with BIA on Sewer Connection Fees: In preparation for the continued public hearing on May 5 on the revised sewer connection fees, staff met on April 22 with representatives of the Building Industry Association (BIA) to explain the methodology used to come up with the final fee being recommended to the Council. This hearing had been continued twice – once last year to allow time to bid the final Schedule C improvements, and one other time to allow time for staff and the BIA to analyze the final connection fee costs.

Moffat Boulevard Billboards: The Assistant City Manager and I had a conference call on April 23 with our special legal counsel working with the City on the relocation of the billboards along Moffat Boulevard. On January 28, staff notified CBS Outdoor that it continues to unlawfully maintain the billboards, since the City notified CBS on May 1, 2007 that it was terminating CBS’ lease of the City’s property on which the billboards are located. That notice provided CBS with a 30-day written notice of cancellation of the lease, which meant the termination became effective May 31, 2007. The City has also returned lease payments submitted by CBS. CBS failed to remove the signboards and ignored the City’s termination of the lease. In an effort to work cooperatively with CBS, City staff and special legal counsel met with CBS representatives in May 2008 regarding the billboards and the City’s cancellation of the lease. The City confirmed at that time that CBS was required to move the signboards from the City’s property. City staff also informed CBS that the City’s Municipal Code currently does not permit such signboards in any residential-zoned, general commercial-zoned or redevelopment areas in the City. The City’s special legal counsel is preparing a letter to CBS Outdoor establishing a deadline for physical removal of the billboards.

Meeting with Labor Groups re: City Budget: The Administrative Services Director and I began meeting with the various labor groups this week to discuss the status of the City’s budget and the potential for revisiting the existing labor contracts. We plan to update the Council on these discussions at your closed session on May 5. Staff has had some discussions with labor representatives over the past several months, but we are now pursuing more formal discussions, as also recommended by the Council-appointed Budget

Advisory Committee. Those discussions will continue with more of the labor groups next week.

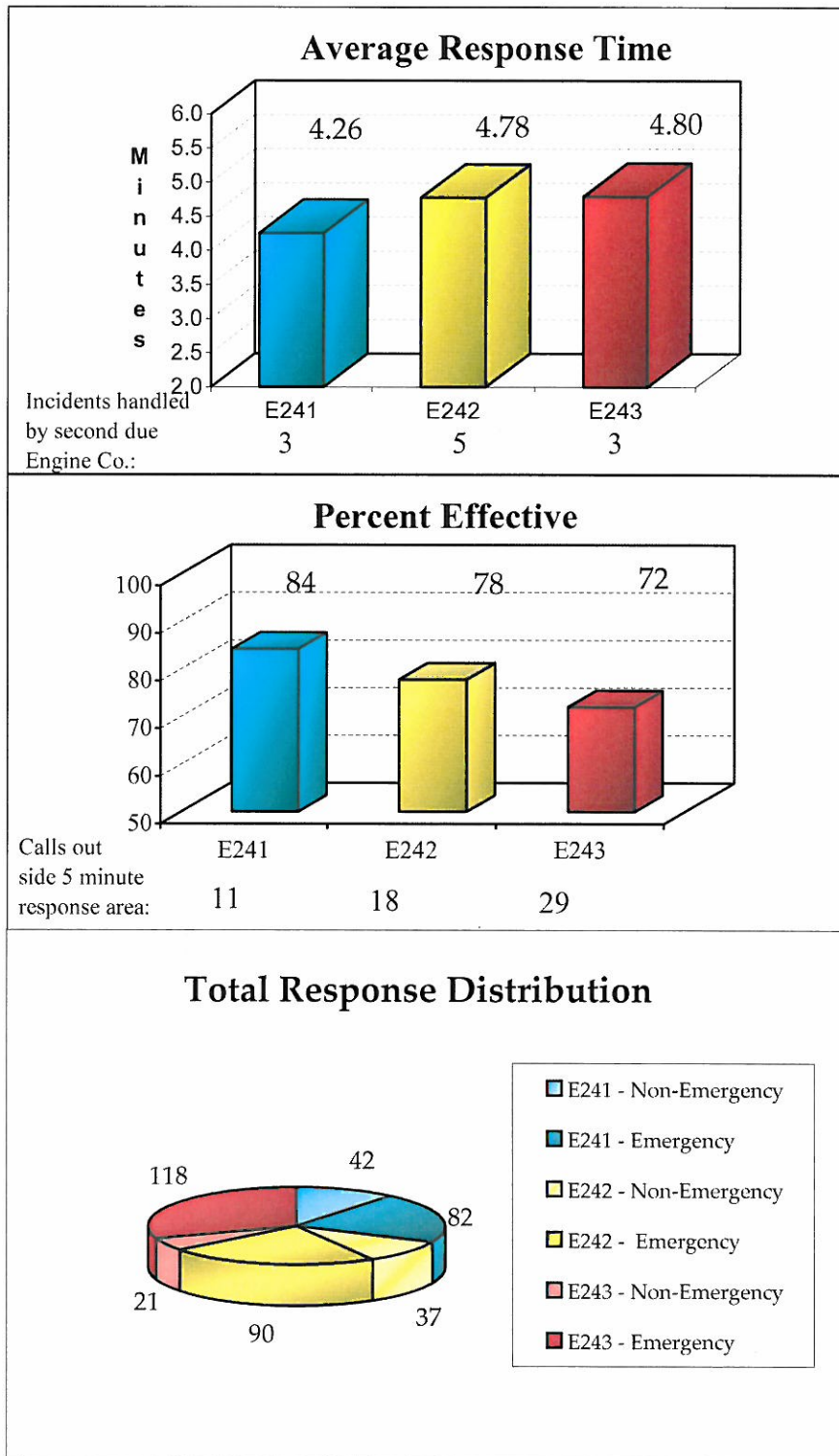
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Coming up next week:

- Mayor Pro Tempore DeBrum, and Councilmembers Harris and Moorhead will be attending the Council of Governments' One Voice Fly-in next week in Washington, D.C. They have an extremely busy schedule while there, meeting with several of our elected representatives and their staff members. They will update the Council and the public on those discussions, along with any progress in securing Federal funds for local projects, upon their return.
- Supervisor Bestolarides will be holding Manteca office hours on Wednesday, April 29 in Meeting Room No. 1. The Supervisor will be available to meet with his Manteca constituents during his visit. He has scheduled regular office hours in Manteca to reach out to Manteca residents.
- Please pardon the dust and noise. Last week's "The Week in Review" included an update on the remodel currently under way in the Administration building. With the relocation of the Administrative Services Division to 302 Cherry Lane, the Administration building is being remodeled to eventually accommodate several staff members from Community Development – a move that is needed to accommodate the construction of the One-Stop Permit Center. The new lobby in Administration will be much more practical, and will meet handicap requirements. In the meantime, we are asking for everyone's patience as our diligent Building Maintenance personnel construct these improvements.

Have a Good Weekend!

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CALLS OUTSIDE 5 MINUTES I.D. BY NEW STATION AREA
N/W = 39, S/E = 9, S/W = 10