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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: NOVEMBER 13, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Tuesday night we will kick off the call for public hearing on the 2016 annual budget with a rundown of final budget changes resulting from the previous series of budget meetings we have had. Also on the agenda is short presentation and request to approve a DOLA grant application to partner with the Center for Priority Based Budgeting beginning in January of 2016. The letter to the County regarding the TDR program and an item to discuss Counselor Fuller's resignation is also on the agenda.

Fruita's Inaugural 0.038 Marathon & Rim Rock Marathon a Success

The Rim Rock Marathon finished at Circle Park in Fruita this year and feedback has been positive so we hope to grow this event for years to come. The marathon had 260 runners and our first 0.038 Marathon had 52 runners.

Little Salt Wash Trail Construction

Monday was the CDOT hearing on the low bidder's appeal of CDOT not concurring with their effort to meet the DBE goal for the project and CDOT did not grant the appeal. This means we must re-advertise for bids which begin this weekend for two weeks. We will have a pre-bid meeting on Dec. 1 and the bid opening on Dec. 8. On December 10, GOCO will hear and vote on our request for a grant extension. Assuming all goes well, construction would then begin in late February and end around the end of May.

Outdoor Coalition Event

We had a great showing from Fruita at the Outdoor Coalition event Thursday—with Mayor Buck, Counselor Bonar, all directors and myself and local businesses The Hot Tomato, Back Country Biker and Over the Edge. Fruita was complemented on our efforts in abundance by local businesses and Luis Benitez and Ken Gart.

TID BITS:

- We will be clearing some of the proposed Kokopelli Trailway to allow for surveying.
- The Mayor and staff met with local CDOT officials this week to cover hurdles the city has come across in trail building efforts.
- Staff is working with BLM and the Mesa County Graffiti program to remove graffiti found on BLM property.
- Due to the recent Mesa County-Grand Junction Wireless Master Plan, staff is working on proposed amendments to the land use code to incorporate this plan.

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- Staff is also working on an update to the sign ordinance to take to Planning Commission in December.
- I will be meeting with all city employees next week to cover the 2016 budget.
- The Police Department will be seeking funding for security cameras near the PD and Municipal Court from the Forfeiture Board.
- The FCC had 343 paid visitors in November and 147,302 for the year so far.
- Sales tax revenues were up 2.42% in October over 2014 putting us at -6.36 % for the year.
- We received \$1,461.86 in sales tax from vendors during Fall Festival.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Firm awarded for aerial survey work for City of Fruita: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/flying-high-firm-awarded-for-aerial-survey-in-fruita/>
- Vandalism tarnishes Fruita trailheads TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Vandalism-tarnishes-Fruita-trailheads-347291572.html>
- Fruita Monument HS football: <http://www.kjct8.com/sports/headlines/HS-football-Fruita-Monument-gears-up-for-their-rematch-with-ThunderRidge-346508182.html> AND <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/five-wildcats-sign-letters-of-intent>
- Fruita Parade of Lights: <http://www.931magic.com/#!fruita-parade-of-lights/emlki>
- Fruita chosen as Colorado's top large adventure town: https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://kool1079.com/fruita-chosen-as-colorados-top-large-adventure-town/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTY2NDg1OTM0ODcwMjAzOTcwNzMyGmNhZjcwY2ZkY2NjNDY5NjY6Y29tOmVuOIVT&usg=AFQjCNGwDueVZ-U4k0Rdj0SKQ_02_HQYfg
- Makers Space sparks teens' imaginations: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/makers-space-sparks-teens-imaginations>
- Former Fruita teacher enjoying life as an author: <http://trendwave.com/literature/former-fruita-teacher-enjoying-life-as-an-author---gjsentinel->
- Rim Rock Marathon: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/rim-rock-marathon-will-finish-in-downtown-fruita-t>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **November 22**, the City received an invitation to the Hymn Festival with Choir and Orchestra—a free event with Dr. Monte Atkinson, conductor and Dr. Martha Sanford-Heyns, guest organist of hymn arrangements from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir repertoire performed by the Hymn Festival Choir and Orchestra at 6pm at 2543 G Road in Grand Junction (free event).
- **November 28th** is Small business Saturday and businesses in Fruita will be hosting a scavenger hunt that day—clues will be found at CBB, Chow Down, Enstroms, Thrift Shop, Gene Taylor's, Rib City, Suds, Cowboy Mercantile, True Value and Vintage Common.
- **December 5th** at 6 pm will be the City Christmas party.
- Thursday **Dec. 10** from 4-7:30 pm is the 22nd Annual Holiday Open House at the Business Incubator Center.
- **December 12th** will be Fruita's Hometown Christmas. The light parade theme is Musical Madness and requires each entry to have some sort of musical aspect (i.e., live music, li-synching, etc.). The entry for the light parade is Nov. 27th.

- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at:
<http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

CC: Department Directors