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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: APRIL 22, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Workshop

Tuesday night we will provide Council with an update on the recent Drainage District bills the City received, discuss next steps and feedback regarding the proposed sign ordinance, view a CIRSA liability video for elected officials and provide updated City Council handbooks and cover some orientation training. There is also an "Other" agenda item that will allow for quick follow-up on board and commission appointments and any other quick updates.

Big Weekend

Tonight is the Community Input Gathering at Reed Park beginning at 7 pm followed by a movie in the park at dusk. Tomorrow and Sunday is the Gear Up Festival downtown. Two blocks on Aspen will be closed with vendors of outdoor gear and apparel selling products, live music, beer and live demos, Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday from 10-3. At 7 pm Saturday is Telluride Mountain Film in the Community Center. Also this weekend are the Rumble at 18 Road races. Tomorrow, Ken, Ture and I will be providing the Riverfront Commission a tour of the trail developments in Fruita.

TID BITS:

- We received another grant award this week--\$5,000 from AGNC to match our \$5,000 in the budget to fund a redevelopment plan for the old sewer lagoon property.
- Staff is working on a request for proposals and quotes for design of the City's gateway and also phase two of the downtown project (S. Mesa and W. Aspen). We plan to work with one firm on both projects that are partially grant funded.
- The J 2/10 Rd. project progressed this week with milling and paving that will continue into next week.
- More concrete is in on the Little Salt Wash Trail from the south to Greenway Drive.
- Engineering is still working on the testing with Brandon Estates of the vault with a few items to finish up soon, but irrigation water is available in the subdivision.

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- A new bike corral and racks were installed on the corner of Aspen and Peach across from Copper Club.
- A third rack was installed in the corral near Aspen Street coffee.
- I will also be meeting with vendors at Gear Up Festival to learn about their companies and inform them of the business opportunities in Fruita.
- The Riverfront Foundation released the three riverfront concerts for this year: June 15—March Fourth Marching Band; July 20—The Subdudes; Aug. 4—Buckwheat Zydeco.
- The Police Department with the help of social media was able to catch and charge the person who had burglarized Morning Mission Coffee after hours.
- Auditors will be here next week working with staff.
- Staff completed the final walk through with FCI on the City Shops project and are moving into new offices beginning today.
- Our due diligence with the state on our 25 cfs out of the Colorado River was filed.
- Friday, the state sent out the storm water permit that goes into effect July 1st that affects Fruita by requiring our own MS4 process. This has been planned for and why we are involved with the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority as the trigger was going over 10,000 in population which occurred years ago.
- The new vector truck has been received after a long wait period since we ordered last year.
- Vehicle replacements in this year's budget have all been ordered.
- The baggage cart being placed by the Lower Valley Fire Department as a Historic Preservation project will be moved by staff next week and placed on a pad recently poured so that it can be properly secured.
- Happy Earth Day! Fruita recycled 48 tons of aluminum, cardboard, paper, scrap metal, plastics and glass during the month of March. This equates to 429 mature trees. See the full report below.
- The Chamber is working with all businesses in Fruita to allow them, whether a Chamber member or not, to have their information on the site. This will create a true business directory that we can even link to so people can go to one site and see all the businesses in Fruita.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (or related news to the area):

- Fruita's Reed Park seeks public input TV spot:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fruitas-Reed-Park-seeks-public-input-376641931.html>
- Fruita solicits ideas for Reed Park: <http://www.gisentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-solicits-ideas-for-reed-park>
- Grand Valley rallies to support 16 year-old BMX rider TV spot:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Benefit-for-local-BMX-racer-376007151.html>
- Students conduct mock caucus at Fruita Monument HS TV spot:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Students-conduct-mock-caucus-at-Fruita-Monument-HS--376634241.html>
- Kannah Creek to expand west to Fruita TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/kannah-creek-to-expand-west>
- New Kannah Creek location in Fruita: <http://kekbfm.com/new-kannah-creek-location-in-fruita/>

- Entertainment Calendar: April 22-28 in the Sentinel:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/entertainment-calendar-april-22ndash28>
- The Happiness of Hooking a Fish Runs through the Veins of many Highschoolers in the Grand Valley TV Spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/the-happiness-of-hooking-a-fish-runs-through-the-veins-of-many-highschoolers-in-the-grand-valley>
- Biz Buzz in GJ Sentinel about new businesses in Fruita:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/biz-buzz-april-21-2016>

UPCOMING EVENTS *(When an RSVP is required I will include the information. I also ask that you let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you.):*

- **Tonight, April 22** at 7 pm we will gather input from the public on how to improve the Reed Park, followed by a movie in the around 8pm.
- **Tomorrow, April 23** the Riverfront Commission's Annual Retreat is scheduled to begin at 8 am at the Grand Valley Transfer Station at 24 ¼ & Patterson where participants will board the bus, returning at 3 pm. Please bring a sack lunch to eat at Corn Lake. Cold beverages and a light snack will be provided. RSVP is required. Full invite below. Ture will provide the group a tour of the proposed Kokopelli section.
- **Tomorrow and Sunday, April 23-24** (10 am – 5pm Sat. with Mountain Film at the FCC at 7pm & 10 am – 3pm Sunday) is the Gear Up Festival in Downtown and Mountain Film at the FCC. More info at www.gearupfestival.com.
- **April 23-24** is Rumble at 18 Road. More info at <http://www.madracingcolorado.com/events/rumble-at-18-road-2015/>.
- **Monday, April 25**, the District 51 Foundation that I am a board member of is hosting a community meeting at Rim rock Elementary at 7pm on the transformation of the school district to educate the public on the process of priority based learning.
- **April 28-May 1** is the 21st annual Fat Tire Festival in Downtown. More info at <http://fruitafattirefestival.com/>
- **April 28** is the State Demographer Presentation at the City of Grand Junction Auditorium at 3 pm (Please let Deb know if you would like to come to this).
- **Saturday, April 30**, is the Police Department's Drug Takeback event where people can properly discard prescription drugs safely.
- **Saturday, April 30** is the Family Health West black tie event Rockin' Elegance featuring the Drifters at the Avalon Theatre in GJ from 5-10 pm.
- 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

WM Public Sector Solutions

March 2016 Recycling Benefits for the City of Fruita

In March 2016, we recycled 48 tons of aluminum, cardboard/paper, scrap metals, plastics, and glass.

These recycling efforts conserved the following resources:



429 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce
5,313,400 sheets of newspaper!

166 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste
disposal needs for 213 people!

81,670 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual
electricity needs of 7 homes!

Avoided 108 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

The recycling of these materials
prevented these GHG emissions!

227,420 Gallons of Water

Represents enough fresh water to meet the daily fresh
water needs of 3,032 people!

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, International Aluminum Institute, National Association for PET Container Resources, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Earth Works Group Recycler's Handbook, One Earth Recycle, Bring Recycling.org, National Recycling Coalition, US Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management. © Waste Management 2015



