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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: DECEMBER 18, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

TID BITS:

- We had a productive meeting with our BLM and COPMOBA partners and also local businesses to determine next steps at getting new trails and re-routes accomplished at the Kokopelli Trails. COPMOBA and BLM will evaluate the bids for survey work and ultimately select a contractor. COPMOBA is also putting in \$5,000 and will match up to an additional \$5,000 toward this project if businesses give, which they have committed to.

- Mayor Buck and I represented Fruita at the Jump Start Colorado press conference today at CMU to announce and celebrate the County and three municipalities all opting into Jump Start and CMU submitting the application to the state.

- You may see some media to come about Charter adding services to the area and highlighting our partnership with Provelocity and Spectrum to bring fiber to the PD and Civic Center. It is working well at the PD and we look forward to the upgrade at the Civic Center.

- We will be hosting the Chamber's Business After Hours on Feb. 18th at the Community Center.

- We received qualification submittals from 3 separate contractors for Phase 2 of City Shops and the selection committee chose FCI Constructors, Inc. today and will begin contract negotiations.

- Community Development staff continue to monitor the valley-wide wireless master plan study. If you are interested in the last joint meeting, the presentation is found at <http://www.gjcity.org/WMP/>. There is also a survey that you have been invited to take at:

http://grandjunction.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b1so9KXVSOLCUND

- CD staff also continues to participate in the Grand Valley Needs Assessment and there is a public meeting to educate and solicit feedback on Jan. 6 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm at Grand Junction City Hall.

- The Chamber hosted a great Parade of Lights and downtown was packed with people. City crews provided much support for traffic control, etc.

- Parks & Recreation hosted two events this past week—the Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday and Cookies with Santa Wednesday—both reaching the limit of vendors and participants.

- We collaborated with Palisade and Grand Junction to submit a follow-up questionnaire to the state regarding our submittal of the Riverfront Trail (including our Kokopelli section) for the Governor's Colorado the Beautiful 16 Trails in 2016 initiative.

- RFP is out for consultants for geotechnical investigation for the entire length of the proposed Kokopelli Trail—due Dec. 24 at 12:00 pm.
- CDOT concurred with the low bid for Little Salt Wash Trail. We anticipate a start date for construction of Feb. 1 and a 75-working day contract time frame.
- We received 3 responses this week to our call for qualifications for Phase 2 of the City shops to be completed with DOLA grant funds in 2016.
- The Colorado Canyons Association's annual newsletter detailing the work they accomplished in 2015 is available at <http://www.coloradocanyonsassociation.org/annual-report>.
- We are still awaiting the University Technical Assistance Program's initial report on the 90+ Greenway design responses we received. Holidays and finals set them back, but the students are working over the break so we should have some info in early Jan.
- J.2 Rd: Mesa County is still working on the last property acquisition and Grand Valley Power gave an updated schedule to start the boring of conduits to begin after Jan. 1.
- Mulberry Sewer: Last manhole was installed this week. Sorter is beginning to start connecting west side services through next week. Clean up will occur before Christmas. Paving in the Spring.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS: *Light news week* 😊

- Fruita girls win after long trip to tourney—CONGRATS!
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/fruita-girls-win-after-long-trip-to-tourney>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Dec. 25**, Merry Christmas and City offices will be closed.
- **Jan. 6th** is a Public Meeting regarding the Grand Valley Housing Needs Assessment at Grand Junction City Hall from 1:30 – 3:00 pm.
- **Jan. 21st** is the Love Where You Live Book Chat at 7pm at Lithic Bookstore and Gallery.
- 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