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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: MARCH 6, 2015  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## Partners Operating in Fruita

Partners was at Fruita Municipal court, for the first time, Wednesday evening signing kids up for community service. They will continue to attend court the first Wednesday of each month. They plan to begin offering weekly work crews and quarterly Minor in Possession classes in Fruita beginning in April. Classes will be held at the Civic Center. They will begin advertising very soon.

## Disturbing Event & Positive Response

You all are aware of the attempted abduction earlier this week at one of our parks. I definitely hated hearing about it and feel for the family of this brave girl. While very disturbing, we are grateful it was a failed attempt and also that the community has been very helpful at providing information to the Police Department. PD is following up on all valid leads and continues to actively investigate. Parents, the schools and others have been great opening up the dialog with children about safety.

## TID BITS:

- We submitted this week a GOCO (Paths to Parks) grant application requesting \$1 million in assistance toward construction of the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail.
- We submitted this week a GOCO (Local Government Park, Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education) grant application requesting \$310,000 for the Reed Park renovations.
- We submitted this week a Colorado Water Conservation Board grant requesting \$15,000 for two weeks of Conservation Corps crews cleaning up Tamarisk and Russian Olive at Snooks Bottom.
- We submitted this week a Mesa County Federal Lease District grant application requesting \$200,000 toward construction of downtown improvements.
- We received our pro/con statement this week from DOLA on our \$225,000 grant application that did not include any cons and we will present to DOLA March 18.
- Keep your fingers crossed, maybe some toes, possibly some prayer, positive energy, etc.
- We had 2 residential dwelling units permitted in February, making 8 so far for the year. (Attached is the monthly Development & Code Enforcement Report).

*Honor the Past – Envision the Future* **FRUITA**

- Met with Waste Management this week and they will be soon be providing us costs to add pedestrian recycle bins they would service in our downtown near our existing trash reciprocals.
- We will hold a pre-bid meeting on our website redesign request for proposals that is out on Monday at 9 am to answer questions of those interested in submitting proposals.
- Although we have enjoyed the mild winter weather that has felt like spring, our FCC visits were down about 1,000 in February compared to last February; however, revenue is up over \$6,000 for the first two months compared to last year.
- The Kidabaloo event at the FCC last Saturday sold over 1,400 tickets and the center was packed with children and parents. While we were not the organizing agency of the event but leased the space, it definitely advertised the FCC and attracted some new member sign-ups.
- The roofing on the dugouts at Little Salt Wash Park began this week.
- Recreation staff is working on the summer activity guide. One new event being worked on will be a mountain bike skills class.
- Parks spent time interviewing seasonal employees this week and hired 3 year around part timers and 2 seasonal.
- We will begin advertising for Public Works seasonal jobs around March 15<sup>th</sup> in time to start in April.
- You will soon notice a new face at the Development counter--our new Planning Tech and Fruita resident Henry Hemphill starts March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Historic Preservation Board is planning a Historic Fair on the second floor of the Civic Center on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Our new City Engineer, Sam Atkins started Monday and is doing a great job in the transition.
- Ottley Avenue improvements begin next week. This means Ottley Ave. will be closed from Coulson St. to Amethyst Dr. until reopening by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Information has been sent out on social media, press release and is found on our website: <http://www.fruita.org/Ottley2015.htm> .
- Bid opening for the Columbine Drain project was last Friday and bids came in under budget. The project should start in the next two weeks and last about a month.
- PD will participate in the Battle of the Badges (Police versus Fire) March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm—so please come to the Police Department and donate blood specifying you are on the Police Team so we can beat our friends the firefighters.
- Police Department participated in lots of training this week including advanced forensic interviewing and firearms.
- Volunteers are needed to cover stations for the CCA and BLM'S McInnis Canyons NCA Scavenger Hunt for District 51 kids. The trip will be held May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bry Kuhlman and the Colorado Canyons Association at 263-7902 or [Bryanna@canyonsassociation.org](mailto:Bryanna@canyonsassociation.org).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- This Tuesday, **March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 – 8:30 am in the Fruita Business Incubator satellite office in the Civic Center is the next Fruita Business Toolbox discussion with the featured speaker being Councilman Joel Kinkaid on the subject of Social Media Marketing. These events are the second Tuesday every month, same time/place.
- The Grand Valley's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Walking and Biking Trails Summit is Friday, **March 13** from 8:30 – 4:00 at Two Rivers Convention Center (The City will have a booth and Fruita's very own Jen Zeuner from the Hot tomato is a featured speaker).

- The next City sponsored event is the annual Talent Show that will be at the Fruita Middle School **March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm.
- The 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 3 pm at the Mesa County Court House, Training room B. You are all invited (Invitation attached).
- The next Night at the FCC will be held on Friday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- **April 1<sup>st</sup>** is the Fruita Easter Egg Scramble in the backyard at the FCC.
- The **March** 2015 City of Fruita Meeting Calendar is available on the website at:  
<http://www.fruita.org/documents/admin/mtgcal.pdf>.
- The **2015** Events Calendar is also available online at:  
[http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT\\_CALENDAR.pdf](http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf)

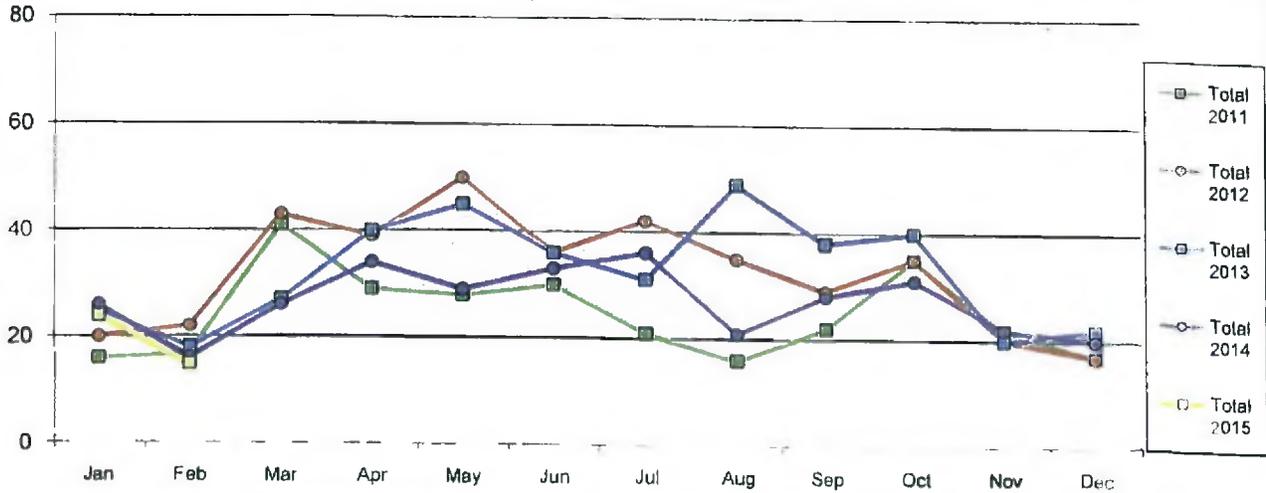
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**MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2015**

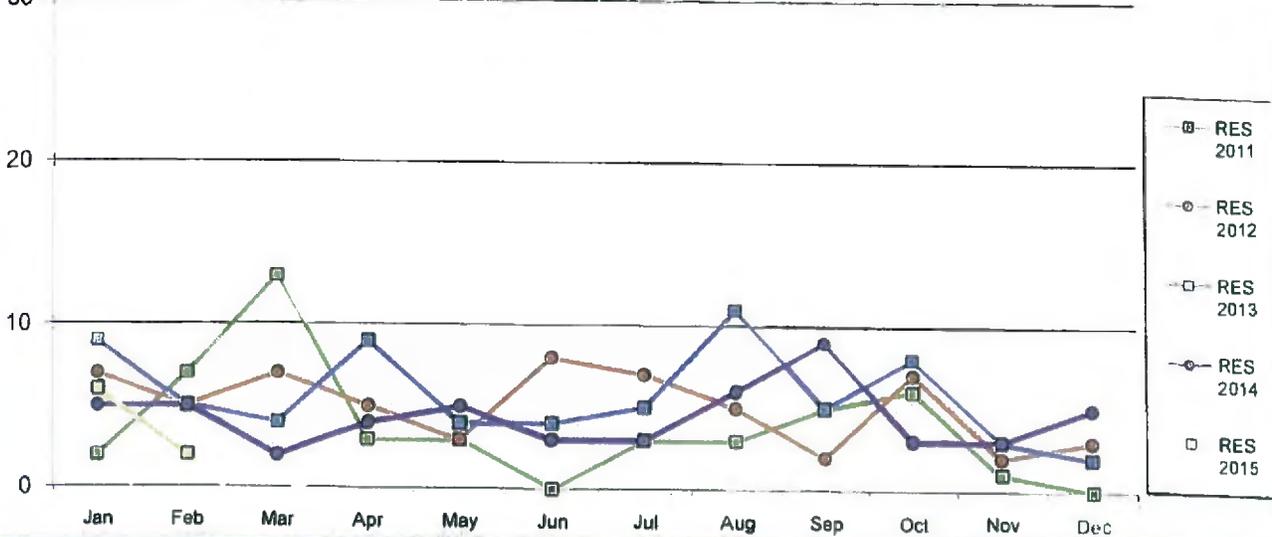
**RESIDENTIAL D/U's PERMITTED AND TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED**

	Total 2009	RES 2009	Total 2010	RES 2010	Total 2011	RES 2011	Total 2012	RES 2012	Total 2013	RES 2013	Total 2014	RES 2014	Total 2015	RES 2015	RES AVER
Jan	8	2	16	10	16	2	20	7	25	9	26	5	24	6	6
Feb	22	1	16	5	17	7	22	5	18	5	16	5	15	2	4
Mar	50	4	38	2	41	13	43	7	27	4	26	2			5
Apr	30	6	45	19	29	3	39	5	40	9	34	4			7
May	49	6	41	6	28	3	50	3	45	4	29	5			4
Jun	43	8	36	5	30	0	36	8	36	4	33	3			4
Jul	46	7	29	9	21	3	42	7	31	5	36	3			5
Aug	39	9	27	4	16	3	35	5	49	11	21	6			5
Sep	32	6	23	2	22	5	29	2	38	5	28	9			4
Oct	35	6	33	5	35	6	35	7	40	8	31	3			5
Nov	26	2	26	4	22	1	20	2	20	3	22	3			2
Dec	27	1	19	3	17	0	17	3	22	2	20	5			2
	<b>407</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>53</b>

**Total Planning Clearances Issued 2011 - 2015**



**Total Residential Dwelling Units Permitted 2011 - 2015**



**Residential Comparatives**      2009    3    2014    10    2015    8

**Break Down of other Development Permits Issued 2015**

	Fence	Com	Com Remodel	Res Remodel	Utility Upgrade	Roof	Garage/ Carport	Addtn	Sign	Shed	Demo	Mobile	Porch/ Patio	Misc.	Total
Jan	4			2	6	1	2		2	1					18
Feb	8		1		1	1			1				1		13
Mar															0
April															0
May															0
June															0
July															0
Aug															0
Sept															0
Oct															0
Nov															0
Dec															0
YTD	12	0	1	2	7	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	31

**Break Down of New Code Enforcement Issues 2015**

	Weeds	Trash	Junk Vehicles	Permits	Business	Snow	Obstru ctions	Trailer	Signs	Tires	Trees	Appliances	Other	Total
Jan		1				1							5	7
Feb	3	4			6			1			1		1	16
Mar														0
April														0
May														0
June														0
July														0
Aug														0
Sept														0
Oct														0
Nov														0
Dec														0
YTD	3	5	0	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	23



**Friday, March 13, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Two Rivers Convention Center**  
**Grand Junction, CO**

Join us to visualize and work toward a more livable community through active transportation.

**Keynote: Ralph Becker, Mayor of Salt Lake City | National League of Cities President**

Panel Discussions:

**Making the Business Case for Walkable & Bikeable Communities**



**Exercise is Medicine**



**There's More Than One Way to Get to School**



**Taking it to the Streets**



Early registration: \$10 adults / \$5 students (must bring student ID) / lunch & breakfast included

To register go to:

[HealthyMesaCounty.org/wb-summit](http://HealthyMesaCounty.org/wb-summit)



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WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE  
**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015**



# Annual Meeting

The 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board of Directors would like to invite State and Federal elected officials and their representatives to our **Annual Meeting on Wednesday,**

**March 18, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Mesa County Court House, Training Room B, Grand Junction, Colorado.**

In June, 2004, the municipalities of Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction, Town of Palisade, City of Fruita, the Grand Valley Drainage District joined together to form the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority. On February 1, 2010 the State MS-4 permits which were held individually by Mesa County, City of Grand Junction, Grand Valley Drainage District, and Town of Palisade were merged into a single permit held by the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority. The Authority's focus is to provide a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional approach to stormwater management across the Grand Valley. Services include State and Federally mandated water quality compliance programs in addition to regional flood control planning.

Discussion topics will include election of officers, current 5-2-1 financial and project planning and stormwater from federal lands.

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