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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: MAY 22, 2015  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## **Tuesday's Council Workshop**

Tuesday night I plan to provide an update on staff's efforts related to our City goals, show a couple "Why Fruita?" videos and discuss a few of our ideas in achieving our goals. We will also have a general discussion and field questions related to our rules and regs with dogs and other pets in the City. Police Chief Macy and our new Animal Control Officer will attend and Parks & Recreation Director will also be in attendance.

## **GOCO Grant Request Update**

Unfortunately, we received word from GOCO that we would not receive funding for either of our requests (each a different type of grant through GOCO) for Reed Park or the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail. This is not uncommon for a first round with GOCO in our experience and they only funded \$2 million of \$8 million in requests. We will move forward with surveying and designing the trail as those funds can still be used toward future match with GOCO and better our chances in the next cycle.

## **Mike the Headless Chicken Festival Results**

Although the weather scared the people away, those that came enjoyed a great event nevertheless. The entertainment was a huge hit this year, as were many varieties of chickens—150 chickens who got a lot of attention and didn't lose their heads. We had 240 participants in the race and the Mike Store brought in \$8,500 in sales. We appreciated the vendors sticking it out in the rain and later Friday night and most of the Saturday the weather held out for us. There was a never ending line of kids to ride the hover board, Mike was chased by kids all night long when he wasn't dancing, and the contests and games were well attended. Our Parks staff and Angie worked like crazy and pulled off a great event. They are already planning next year's.

## **TID BITS:**

- City Offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Municipalities Dinner last night was a success and well attended. Family Health West did a great job on the food!
- Fruita was dressed in purple downtown to kick-off Fruita's Relay for Life fundraising and event on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – midnight. They recently updated Council at a City Council Meeting.

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- We have established a partnership with Vintage Common to be a retailer of Mike Merchandise throughout the year in addition to our sales at the Community Center. It is a regular occurrence for people in downtown seeking Mike the Headless Chicken merchandise at the Vintage Common so it should be a great partnership.
- The trailer for the upcoming Trail Love series was released this week. This Pink Bike series includes their recent visit to Fruita. (Pink Bike is the largest mountain bike enthusiast community in the world) Here is the link: <http://www.pinkbike.com/news/official-trailer-for-the-traillove-series-2015.html>
- We have engaged a real estate attorney (same firm who drafted the original) to re-draft our lease with the Museum of Western Colorado after meeting with Peter Booth regarding the new lease agreement.
- I met with the directors of the Museum and Math & Science Center this week who have developed a MOU focused on working together to develop the Museum campus.
- The Math & Science Center has filled many of their summer camps in Fruita, but still have openings for the younger ages. They also are close to establishing the Youth Maker Space in the Fruita Business Incubator Space.
- We received the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan this week and will be bringing City Council a resolution to adopt the plan in June.
- We hosted 1500+ elementary kids for school swim over the last couple weeks.
- Outdoor pool is slated to open this Saturday.
- Fruita Fourth Friday and Food Truck Friday events are tonight beginning at 5 pm on Mulberry north and south of Aspen and throughout the downtown businesses. The Fourth Friday theme is vinyl and dancing. There will be six food trucks with a variety of food selections.
- The rain is helping Glade Park—it doesn't change the calls on the water, but allows us to delay the need to supply water later in the summer.
- We had a hydraulic hose break on our street sweeper this week leaving a black mark on the road through Wildwood subdivision. We did our best to soak the oils with sand and work to clean it up.
- Staff participated at the CMU water festival Monday and Tuesday, educating 2500+ 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the valley—they had a good time watching the vacor truck suck up golf balls.
- Contractor looking to pave Ottley first week in June.
- Still working with CDOT and on schedule to go to bid for LSW trail in September.
- Code Enforcement has been hard at work responding to weed complaints and cleaning up properties, including Alan Story's for three full days making a ton of progress.
- I thought I moved to the desert where it rarely rains?

#### **FRUITA IN THE NEWS:**

- Article on the Must Do's in Fruita: [http://www.gjsentinel.com/special\\_sections/articles/fruita1](http://www.gjsentinel.com/special_sections/articles/fruita1)
- Bald Eagle's nest in Fruita TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/local-eagles-nest/29424/yiHNxa-kI0OFWs5wWSJrhQ>
- Fruita Fall Festival: [http://www.gjsentinel.com/special\\_sections/articles/festivals-fruita-fall-festival](http://www.gjsentinel.com/special_sections/articles/festivals-fruita-fall-festival)
- Fruita Marine killed in Korea 65 years ago identified: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/at-rest-now-known/>
- Ride the Rockies coming to Fruita: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/16398520-113/ride-the-rockies-coming-to-grand-valley-in>

- Paint Fruita Purple for Relay for Life: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/fruita-dresses-up-in-purple/35815/UqMGVnwdikO7Vp5oZzXYVA>

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **May 28<sup>th</sup>** from 2-5 pm is the Drainage Summit. Counselor Fuller, Ken Haley and I will attend.
- The **May** 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)

CC: Department Directors