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Weekly Info Update

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

City offices are closed Monday the 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

At Tuesday's meeting we have GJEP Executive Director Kelly Flenniken scheduled to brief you on GJEP's strategic plan and priority goals in relation to Fruita and the Grand Valley. This will be the only presentation as further review is necessary for ordinance amendments we had hoped to bring to Council at this meeting. On the consent agenda is a number of important items including: first reading to approve an ordinance and schedule the public hearing for a stormwater ordinance, amendments to the City's fee schedule, lease renewal for the Chamber, supplemental budget appropriations and transferring of funds, two GOCO grant requests, the January financial report, second reading regarding excavations in the right-of-way of City streets and changes to the 2015 fee schedule.

You're Invited to a Focus Group in Fruita at the FCC this Wednesday for the Grand Junction-Mesa County Economic Development Plan

The City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, Grand Junction Economic Partnership and the Business Incubator are collaborating with North Star Destination Strategies on a research-based project to help develop a stronger identity for promoting economic development in the region. You should have received an emailed survey a few weeks back. *****As part of this process they have scheduled a focus group this Wednesday from 12 pm – 2 pm mainly for City Council members and Chamber Board members to meet with North Star consultants. This is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Fruita Community Center. Please let Deb or I know if you will be participating.** This is a great opportunity to highlight Fruita in the valley-wide marketing effort. Lunch will be provided. We will place proper notice in case three or more of you can attend.

8th Annual Sweetheart Run & Expo

A great way to enjoy Valentine's Day is dressing up crazy with your sweetheart and running a 5k or 10k, or cheering the runners on and/or attending the Expo at the FCC and enjoying some healthy carrot soup provided by FHW. Race day registration is from 7:30 – 9:30 am; the race begins at 10 am; and the Expo is from 9 am – 1 pm. We already have over 500 pre-registered runners and lots of great swag to hand

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out to participants! Check out our first of many to come “quick and easy iPhone videos” we did on this event on the Parks & Rec Facebook page.

TID BITS:

- Working with staff and GJEP to research and draft proposed economic development incentive guidelines to bring to Council for consideration in the next two months.
- The next AGNC Board of Directors and Members meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, the 18th in Grand Junction from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm at the Hospitality Suite at Suplizio Field - 1307 North Ave. (Agenda and listing of future meeting locations and dates is attached).
- Planning Commission approved all three agenda items (2 vacation rentals by owners and the Mesa County Road and Bridge Shop) this week.
- Planning Commission also asked staff to research if vacation rental by owners must go through a conditional use permit as other communities may not require such.
- The Little League dugout project is moving forward with all the block walls up on field 3 and starting on field 4.
- Parks staff have been pruning the banks of Snooks Bottom to prepare for tree growth.
- January brought in 16,637 paid visitors to the Community Center which was less than last year but revenues are staying steady ---gotta be the phenomenal weather we are enjoying.
- The Parks & Recreation survey is now up on the website. It will be up through March and we are just beginning to advertise it (already 30+ completed with no advertising though).
- The School District no longer allows hard copy flyers to be sent home with students so we will no longer be able to send home our Activity Guides—to try something new, we have figured out a way to cover direct mailing them to all residents.
- We will send the new City Link to the printers Tuesday.
- Over 300 sixth graders toured the Waste Water Reclamation Facility this week, taking lots of tests, making lots of jokes and pinching their noses while learning about science behind the state of the art process our staff operates.
- Kidabaloo is coming to the Community Center Saturday **Feb. 28th** from 12 – 4 pm. Kidabaloo is advertised as “a fun-filled day all about play! It’s highly interactive and an explosion of fun, laughter, and excitement.” Special guest is Karan Brar - “Ravi” from the Disney Channel show “Jessie” who will appear to the public from 2pm – 4pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 14th** will be the annual Sweetheart 5k/10k Run & Expo from 9 am – 1 pm at the Fruita Community Center.
- **Feb. 18th from 12-2 pm** is the lunch focus meeting for City Council and Chamber Board to provide feedback to the Grand Junction-Mesa County Economic Development Plan (detailed above).
- The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours for February will be **Feb. 19th** hosted by grand West Hyundai at 5:30 pm.
- The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be Saturday, **February 21, 2015** from 5:30 – 10:00 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel. The event will include dinner, cocktails and a silent auction, as well as dressing up as your favorite movie character.
- The 10th annual Energy Forum & Expo CO will be **Feb. 27th** at Two Rivers Convention Center from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (www.energyexpoco.com)

- The **February** 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

CC: Department Directors



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AGENDA

February 18, 2015

AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBER MEETING

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Hospitality Suite- Suplizio Field

1307 North Ave. Grand Junction, Co.

9:00A.M1. Mike Samson, Chairman:

Call to order and introductions

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes

2. Martin Chazen; Financial report for December and January

3. **Project and Committee Reports:** Dinosaur Welcome Center, Cheryl McDonald; Government Relations, Dianna and Ted Orf; Area Agency on Aging, Dave Norman, Kelly Sloan; Communications, Mini Grant, Maria King

10:00-11:00 Melissa Lineberger- Center for Excellence

11:00- 12:00 Elizabeth Tice Janda, City of Grand Junction- Foreign Trade Zone

Lunch

4. **Other Business:**

John Kincaid- EPA's Proposed Carbon Dioxide Regulations

Bonnie Petersen- Severance Tax, Global Petroleum Show, Enterprise

Zone Committee, Economic Development, Club 20, By-Laws

5. New Business- Adjournment

Tentative 2015 AGNC Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, February 18 th .	Grand Junction	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, March 18 th .	Battlement Mesa	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, April 15 th .	Rifle	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, May 20 th .	Rangely	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, June 17 th .	Craig	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, July 15 th .	Fruita	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, August 19 th .	Hayden	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, September 16 th .	Palisade	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, October 21 st .	Parachute	9:00am-1:30pm
Wednesday, November 18 th .	Meeker	9:00am-1:30pm