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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MARCH 27, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

\$225,000--Sweet!!!! Thank you DOLA!

Last week we presented to DOLA for our \$225,000 request to help pay for downtown improvements and this week we received official word we have been granted the funding! This means we can for sure construct improvements to at least two intersections and in between this summer. We also have a pending grant request with Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District for the same project, and if successful with that grant, we will complete all three intersections east of Circle Park. We have let MCFMLD know we received the DOLA grant. Next week we will submit our DOLA administrative grant request to DOLA for the gateway design project. We also have a pending grant application with GOCO for the Riverfront Trail Kokopelli connection.

Fruita Bike Park

Parks & Recreation & Police are planning a "fix up/clean up" and Grand Opening for the Fruita Bike Park on Saturday, April 18th. Presently, the plan is to do most of the clean up/fix up on Friday, April 17th in the late afternoon. There is an Eagle Scout coordinating this with us for his ES project and Mark Angelo is also coordinating with Partners for some volunteers. On Saturday, we wanted to recognize GOCO, CSU Extension, DRIP, and have a Grand Opening. Following the opening, we will host some kid races at the park, with prizes, etc.

TID BITS:

- We received 50 applications for our part-time records clerk at the Police Department this week.
- We conducted interviews for our seasonal Public Works positions this week.
- Parks has been installing new benches this week in the parks.
- The Seniors will be using can revenues to install a new bench at the FCC.
- Friday night we had 17 acts and about 80 in attendance at the annual Talent Show.
- Wednesday, April 1st at 4 pm sharp will be the Easter Egg Scramble on the Fruita Community Center lawn (in the back) for 0-3 and 3-6 year olds.
- Ture and John from Parks & Recreation testified in a Preliminary Hearing last week in regards to the pending lawsuit resulting from an injury at the

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Community Center on a diving board. The Judge will now make a decision as to whether or not the jury trial scheduled for June 1st will occur.

- The Ottley Ave. project is progressing. We increased police patrol on some of the nearby side streets due to calls of speeding on these detour streets. We have also placed the traffic trailer on Roberson.
- Staff met with Olsson and Associates to review the final draft of the downtown design work. We should have final documents next week.
- Irrigation will start in the canals April 1.
- City irrigation water will turn on April 6th and take through the week to reach everywhere.
- City Shops is nearing completion with at least 4 weeks left.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Check out the new Fruita stories from the Free Press:
- <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/fruita/15387000-113/fruita-to-australia-and-back-again-mountain-bikers-swap>
- <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/fruita/15619610-113/meet-your-neighbor-dustin-wells-a-fourth-generation-fruitan>
- <http://www.kjct8.com/home/headlines/One-hospitalized-after-truck-crashes-into-canal-in-Fruita-297136511.html>
- <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Body-found-in-Colorado-River-that-of-Fruita-man-297404121.html>
- <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fruita-Monument-High-School-senior-wins-Miss-Colorado-Teen-United-States-297464891.html>
- <http://kekbfm.com/fruita-principal-takes-pie-in-the-face-to-reward-students-video/>
- <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fruita-Monument-High-School-goes-after-their-first-national-dance-title-297109601.html>
- <http://www.topix.com/county/mesa-co/2015/03/150325KSPFJ>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **April 7th** is the rescheduled North Star Economic Development Focus Group from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm at the Civic Center.
- **April 8th** is the date for the rescheduled Grand Valley Transit West Transfer and Park-n-Ride Facility Grand Opening from 11 am – 12 pm (Flyer attached).
- 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

CC: Department Directors



Project Info

Total SF – 2,846

6 Bus Transfer Stations

49 Park-n-Ride Spaces

**Total Cost
\$3.4 million**

**2009-2010
FTA Funds
\$760,000**

Land Purchase

**2012
FTA Funds
\$1.2 million
Construction**

**2012
CDOT FASTER
Funds
\$800,000
Construction**

**GVRTC Local Funds
\$600,000**

JOIN US!

for the Grand Opening of the NEW Grand Valley Transit West Transfer and Park-n-Ride Facility

Date: April 8, 2015

Location: 612 24 1/2 Road
Grand Junction, CO

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Note: Parking is available off F 1/8 Road
in the new Park-n-Ride Facility



This project was made possible through the support and effort of the following Entities:

Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)