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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JUNE 12, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Aside from a couple of proclamations and the consent agenda, Tuesday night we will have a presentation on the recent recommendations regarding valley-wide drainage and stormwater. On the consent agenda, we have the GJEP Board appointment again to appoint Mayor Buck instead of Counselor Fuller, due to the meetings conflicting with AGNC Board meetings.

Ride the Rockies this Sunday

2,000 cyclists and up to 750 support members will be coming through Fruita Downtown Sunday morning for a great event filled with vendors, a bike coral, massages, live music and fun from about 9 am to 2 pm Sunday. We also have many (including some of you) who are volunteering at a booth either Saturday at CMU to highlight our event to the cyclists or at an information booth downtown in Civic Center Park on Sunday.

TID BITS:

- We kicked off our web design and training with Aha Consultants this week and it went better than expected! More to come on this in the upcoming months.
- The grant we joined with Grand Junction to apply for to fund body worn cameras did not come through. We will continue our pilot program for the time being.
- The Thursday Night Concert series is going well, even with rain. The Riverfront concert was a big hit last night with Young Dubliners.
- Bike to Work Day is June 24th. Come to the Civic Center to ride with a huge crowd to the Community Center at 7 am.
- The Ottley project is complete in the main areas with finishing touches left that will not impact traffic flow.
- The bids for the downtown streetscape project came in Tuesday and the low bid was \$51,000 over budget. Staff has met with the low bidder and is working on ways to tweak the project to lower costs with little impact to the project. We will review these options when we receive them next week and update you at the June workshop. We will be able to proceed in our normal time frame, however.
- We received a suggestion form a citizen to address bollards at a few bike path locations. We have looked into them and will remove those along the Little Salt Wash Trail thru Creekside and replace the others.
- We received the CO for City Shops! Staff will begin the move-in process shortly and they are just a slight bit excited.

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

- We continue to meet with BLM regarding our partnership and will soon meet with the Town of Eagle and City of Moab and their BLM field offices to study their partnerships.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- ‘Jurassic’ Web Writer Lecture in Fruita: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/jurassic-web-writers-lecture-in-fruita-postponed-b>
- CO Native with tie to Fruita nominated for Tony award: <http://www.westernsloopenow.com/story/d/story/entertainment-broadway-fruita/19532/DLUswUCfc0Canyrn2k4SVA>
- Dogs at the Concert Series: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/16562121-113/fruita-to-try-to-allow-leashed-dogs-at>
- Feast of Skulls tickets on sale: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/entertainment-briefs-june-1218>
- Rafting safety: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/After-recent-river-accidents-experts-remind-everyone-to-stay-safe-in-the-water-307058431.html>
- DA’s ruling in Fruita shooting: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/articles/fatal-fruita-shooting-in-april-was-justified-da-says>
- Bike to Work Day: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/16634313-113/colorados-grand-valley-celebrates-bike-to-work-day>
- Fruita events: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Free-events-Thursday--Sunday-306960171.html>
- Ride the Rockies: <http://www.summitdaily.com/news/16743031-113/annual-ride-the-rockies-stage-race-kicks-off> AND <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/16725416-113/ride-the-rockies-returns-to-colorados-grand-valley>
- Mayor’s Plant a Tree in Fruita article: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/16652243-113/opinion-please-plant-a-tree-in-fruita-colorado>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, **June 14th** the big Ride the Rockies event in downtown Fruita will be from 9 am – 2 pm with 2,000 cyclists and 500-750 support people stopping in town for breakfast/lunch and live music.
- **June 24th** is Bike to Work Day with a free breakfast at the FCC provided by Colorado Canyons. We will get more details out soon about a group ride from the Civic Center to the FCC.
- The **June** 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