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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: JUNE 19, 2015  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## **Tuesday's City Council Workshop**

On the agenda for the upcoming workshop are discussions about how the trial of a dog friendly area at the concerts has been, and the possibility of limited vendors at the concerts. I will also provide a brief overview of Jumpstart Colorado (SB 282), and Public Works Director Ken Haley will discuss the upcoming Downtown Streetscape Project.

## **Ride the Rockies**

The 2,000 cyclists and up to 750 support members that came through Fruita on Sunday seemed blown away by our community and its awesome volunteers. I want to thank our staff who worked so hard on this, the Chamber and their amazing efforts, our local businesses that accommodated the crowds so well while rearranging their hours and donating time and resources and all those who came out to volunteer and truly welcome these cyclists to Fruita!

## **TID BITS:**

- The Fruita CO-op had a successful Grand Opening of its new additions this past Saturday for its \$4.5 million expansion of 12,800 square feet.
- Country Jam is bringing their wastewater to Fruita! In true last minute fashion, the sanitation company for the Country Jam event contacted staff on the first day of the event to explore whether they could dump the wastewater from the roughly 400 portable toilets at the City's Wastewater Plant. Fortunately, staff was able to work with them to figure out logistics of treating this quantity and type of wastewater. These services will require some additional expenses on the City's part, but they have agreed upon a price to cover these services.
- City Staff has received a CO on the new City Shop facility and plans to start moving into the new portion of the building next week. Once we are moved in, we plan on having an open house with tours of the new facility. Details to come!
- Speaking of open houses, the City will be hosting an open house on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to gather public input on the proposed J.2 Road Improvements project.

## FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Body Camera Grant not awarded to Cities of Grand Junction and Fruita TV spot:  
[http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/grant-body-cameras-police/39168/v\\_Hdb6gVs0KRKZNUL2acXw](http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/grant-body-cameras-police/39168/v_Hdb6gVs0KRKZNUL2acXw) **AND**  
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/funding-8232rejected-8232for-police8232-bodycams>
- Ride the Rockies: <http://www.kjct8.com/home/headlines/307320691.html> **AND**  
<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Ride-The-Rockies-celebrates-a-milestone-year-by-kicking-off-in-Grand-Junction-307320401.html>
- Fruita CO-op Grand Opening: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-coop-holds-official-grand-opening> **AND**  
<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Families-gather-in-Fruita-for-a-fun-filled-farm-day--307277761.html>
- Fruita News Briefs: <http://www.gifreepress.com/news/16758129-113/fruita-news-briefs-bike-to-work-day-farmers>
- Travel Channel's Dinosaur Museum Recognition:  
<http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/dinosaur-journey-museum-considered-the-best/30650/xNbHX3be2UOJNzcqrUYg> **AND**  
[http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/travel-channel-recognizes-dinosaur-journey/53649/DgMJOPPWgEqvR\\_Fu4-YHZw](http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/travel-channel-recognizes-dinosaur-journey/53649/DgMJOPPWgEqvR_Fu4-YHZw)
- Colorado's Grand Valley Farmers Markets Open for Season:  
<http://www.gifreepress.com/news/16740523-113/colorados-grand-valley-farmers-markets-open-for-season>
- DA ruling with Fruita fatal shooting:  
<http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2015/06/13/da-man-justified-in-fatal-shooting-outside-fruita-home/71168676/> **AND**  
[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28304891/fatal-shooting-fruita-was-justified-mesa-county-da](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28304891/fatal-shooting-fruita-was-justified-mesa-county-da)
- Over the Edge opens new store in South Lake Tahoe:  
<http://www.tahoedailytribune.com/news/16727751-113/new-bike-shop-aims-to-head-over-the>
- Music this week: <http://www.gifreepress.com/news/16740585-113/music-this-week-country-jam-paper-bird-genesis>

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **June 18 – 21<sup>st</sup>** Country Jam – Four Full Days of Country Music in Mack, CO
- This Saturday, **June 20<sup>th</sup>** kicks off the weekly Fruita Farmer's Markets and I hear this will be the best ever.
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 2 – 4 pm is the Partnership for Food Safety Celebration to be held at the Mesa County Workforce Center, Room D at 512 29 ½ Road in Grand Junction. This will

be a recognition presentation of the program implemented in 2013 followed by cake and refreshments.

- **June 24<sup>th</sup>** is Bike to Work Day with a free breakfast at the FCC provided by Colorado Canyons. If you can, please join us for a fun group ride starting from the Civic Center, going around town and ending at the Community Center for breakfast, leaving at 7 am.
- **June 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm – midnight at the Fruita 8/9 School is the Fruita Relay for Life. More details at [www.RelayForLife.org/FruitaCO](http://www.RelayForLife.org/FruitaCO).
- **June 25<sup>th</sup>** from 3 – 6 pm: The Grand River Mosquito Control District is holding an Open House to celebrate the completion of their new operations facility at 531 Maldonado St., Grand Junction. For more details: <http://www.celebrations.com/rgx5p2kx4jn7mtjqp>
- **June 26<sup>th</sup>** is Fruita Fourth Friday/Food Truck Friday. This month's theme is chalk art. Bring your chalk down to the sidewalks of Fruita and decorate to your heart's desire. All ages and skill levels are invited to participate. Take a picture of your completed artwork and post it on Fruita Fourth Friday's Facebook page to enter their chalk art contest!
- **June 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>** Loudwire Music Festival – Three Full Days of Rock Music in Mack, CO
- **June 29<sup>th</sup>** from 4 – 7 pm at the Grand Junction City Hall, the results of the North Star and Chabin Concepts study and report will be presented to all boards and interested parties.
- 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](http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf)

CC: Department Directors