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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JULY 31, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Tuesday's City Council meeting will be a light agenda with only a consent agenda. Mayor Buck and I will not be present as we will be recruiting outdoor retailers at the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City in partnership with GJEP. Included on the consent agenda are a couple of liquor licenses, two letters of support (Housing Resources and the Sports Commission) and the change to timing of development impact fees.

TID BITS:

- The downtown streetscape project continues to progress. Next week they will be completing the underground utilities at Peach and beginning the work on Mulberry. Still on schedule.
- Portions of Aspen Street and Ottley Avenue are in the chip seal process with loose gravel that won't remain that way long—next week they will sweep up loose chips and lay the fog coating and final sealer. The new striping will include the one lane around Circle Park, shared bike and car sign for the circle and bike lanes on the other stretches.
- The stop signs that were on Pabor at the intersection of Pabor and Peach were switched and are now on Peach at the same intersection. The change was put in during the last two weeks with the new signs covered until Monday when the new signs went into effect with flags on them to draw attention to the change. Staff evaluated this in light of recent concerns expressed in a City Council meeting of pedestrian safety and due to higher traffic at peak hours on Pabor. We wanted the change implemented before school began. This change was identified in the City's traffic calming study years ago and will complement the new bike lanes that will be striped on Pabor.
- Although we have received lots of rain this spring and summer, we still have limited water on our mountain property due to the downstream call on the water this year. Glade Park, who is served by our water for irrigation is still on water restrictions and this week we completely drained Reservoir #3. We will start drawing water out of Reservoirs #1 and #2.
- Speaking of our mountain property, people have definitely been enjoying the camping there. We normally have to empty the trash up there once a week and this summer we have had to service it twice a week.
- School is back in session next week and we have been testing the school zone lights and Police will have added officers during those peak hours.
- The GVRTC Monday supported Fruita receiving the \$160,000 CDOT TAP grant to use toward the design of the Kokopelli Riverfront Trail extension.

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- CDOT also confirmed we can release our call for bids on the Little Salt Wash Trail September 1st. Our plan is for that to be constructed October- December.
- We have a local resident who also helps teach skateboard classes and has volunteered to help organize maintenance at the Bike Park—thanks Chip Reiber!
- Parks & Recreation Staff attended a GOCO meeting in Montrose this week regarding a new grant initiative GOCO is rolling out called “Inspire Initiative” to connect youth to the outdoors. This is right up our alley as staff have been planning potential programs with partner agencies. We will be looking into these opportunities closely in the near future.
- We also met with BLM this week and plan to bring a Memorandum of Agreement to formalize the City and BLM Office partnership to City Council at your August 18 meeting.
- Rim Rock Marathon will be November 7th this year and they are interested in completing the run in downtown Fruita with an event. We are working with the organizers on the detail and hope to have a fun event.
- Staff continued to meet with the Drainage District committees this week and also met with Interim Manager Tim Ryan who shared that the District is evaluating the level of fee for drainage to residents and to non-profits. If we were to be charged as a City organization, it could be as high as \$24,000 per year. Staff is gathering the information on the City’s value of drainage assets and annual operational costs.
- Road overlays are complete—just finishing the chip sealing.
- We have received some complaints about rowdiness at Snooks Bottom on occasion and have added supervision and enforcement sporadically without any issues or concerns.
- The Riverfront Concert with Robert Earl Keen on Wednesday had a huge showing with around 2,000 people and perfect weather.
- Have a great weekend!

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Music Events: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/17365546-113/music-this-week-facing-west-hazel-miller-band>
- Cops and Car Show in Fruita: <http://www.kjct8.com/home/headlines/Cops-and-Cars-Show-to-raise-funds-for-Special-Olympics-319871831.html?ref=831>
- Colorado River Cleanup Effort: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/17292097-113/water-club-organizing-colorado-river-cleanup-saturday>
- T-Rex returns to Dinosaur Journey Museum in Summer 2016: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/t-rex-returns-to-dinosaur-journey-museum-in-summer/86907/NU3oPSXTK0ukp91QS-uNkg>
- Fruita Bull Rider Tyler Smith in National Finals Rodeo: <http://lasvegassun.com/news/2015/jul/28/national-finals-rodeo-remain-thomas-mack-center/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Saturday, August 1** is the 2nd Annual Cops and Cars Show at Fruita Monument High School from 9 am – 3pm—a fundraiser for the Special Olympics.
- **August 6** at 7:30 is the Thursday Night Concert in the Park with Desert Moon.
- **August 15** is the Math & Science Center annual fundraiser at 7 pm at the CMU University Ballroom.
- Dinosaur Journey’s annual fundraiser, the Feast of Skulls will be **August 22** from 6:30 – 10 pm following Dinosaur Day.

- The **July** 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