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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: AUGUST 28, 2015  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## **Tuesday Night's City Council Meeting**

Tuesday night's city council meeting has a few consent agenda items and an update from Public Works Director Ken Haley on the valley-wide drainage discussion since the last update following the "white paper" meeting in May. Although we have provided updates in this weekly update in the past, we want to make sure City Council is all on the same page regarding all the events that have occurred since.

## **The New Website is Live!**

Check out our new website that went live Wednesday at 9 a.m. at [www.fruita.org](http://www.fruita.org).

Our team of staff has worked very hard on this and will continue to work hard adding more content (text, videos, photos, features). We also invite businesses having events such as concerts open to the public to post their events on the community calendar. A new "Why Fruita" section answers this question in a variety of ways, including connecting to our Community YouTube channel to hear from locals answering this question in spur-of-the-moment interviews with me. These are simple iPhone videos I plan to continue to do when I naturally meet with people to help the outside world get to know our amazing community. The site is simple, fresh and easy to navigate.

## **TID BITS:**

- We met this week with our BLM office and Moab's office and TrailMix in Moab to learn how they get trails built. It was a very productive exchange that will enhance our efforts with our local office.
- We also met with BLM and Parks and Wildlife to discuss the future Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail. Both agencies are supportive partners of this trail and we have worked out ways to partner and enhance our grant applications.
- We received the completed survey work for engineering design for the Kokopelli Riverfront trail from Olsson & Associates completed by the drone earlier this year.
- The CDOT grant of \$160,000 to pay for the design of the Kokopelli Trail outside of what design we are doing in-house was approved this week.
- Working with CDOT's schedule, we plan to advertise for construction of the Little Salt Wash Trail next weekend.

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- Downtown construction continues towards completion by the Sept. 18 deadline. Curb and gutter has been poured in some sections; electrical work continues; masonry work continues on some of the seat walls and flat work in front of No Coast and Copper Club is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.
- Engineering staff is working with Mesa County staff to meet with property owners along J.2 Rd. to prepare for that project.
- We are still having odor issues with one of the lagoon ponds and staff is actively working to resolve this issue, including pumping river water in the pond.
- The circle striping is nearly completed with the future planned islands and parking stalls painted in. The shared lane identifiers for bikes and vehicles are still remaining to be completed. Public Works and Police are coordinating some public education efforts on these changes in addition to the article in the current City Link. There will not be a Planning Commission meeting in September.
- We have our City Shops Open House scheduled during Colorado Cities and Towns Week for September 15 from 3-6 pm. See Flyer below. (Also in City Link).
- The Fall City Link has reached households this week. You can find the digital copy at: <http://www.fruita.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/3825/fallcitylinkdraft6.pdf> with articles on our upcoming community engagement, City Shops Open House and more.
- Two news links below cover this, but what a good example of a “co-creator” with the little free library that recently showed up in Fruita.
- Tonight is the last Food Truck Friday for 2015.
- Have an awesome weekend!

#### **FRUITA IN THE NEWS:**

- Article on Teresa Coons taking new job and \$250,000 donation to help generate the fund raising for moving the Math & Science Center to Fruita: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/centers-driving-force-recruited-for-new-job> AND <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/two-donors-hope-their-gifts-lead-to-centers-eventu>
- Fruita Community Center may move opening times: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-community-center-may-move-opening-time-back>
- Little Free Library pops up in Fruita TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Little-Free-Library-pops-up-in-Fruita-323022821.html>
- Little Free Library original report with Free Press: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/17697984-113/fruita-little-free-library-pops-up-on-18>
- Tour of the Valley: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/17811181-113/tour-of-the-valley-returns-to-western-colorado>
- Monster Trucks Invade the Rimrock Adventure Arena in Fruita: <http://kekbfm.com/monster-trucks-invade-the-rimrock-adventure-arena-in-fruita-video/>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **This Saturday, August 29**, is our annual Bike Rodeo event at the Fruita Community Center from 9 am – noon and is free to the public.
- **Also this Saturday, August 29, the Tour of the Valley will ride through Fruita by a rest stop at the Chamber of Commerce.**
- The **August** 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

**Open House**



**COLORADO**  
Department of Local Affairs



The City of Fruita would like to invite the public  
to an Open House to tour the newly constructed addition  
to the  
Fruita City Shops Facility  
for the  
**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS DEPARTMENTS**

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Place: 900 Kiefer Avenue



Come discover the services provided by these two departments.  
Hot Dogs and Refreshments will be served.

Families Welcome ☺

