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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: APRIL 15, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Grant Award News

We received notice from the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District that we were awarded 25,000 toward the design of the Downtown Phase 2 Project for South Mesa and West Aspen from the Circle. This project includes design for a much needed sewer line on South Mesa also.

We also received official word that we were invited to submit a full grant application from GOCO for the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail that is due Aug. 1.

Movie in the Park and Open House at Reed Park Postponed

The originally scheduled movie in the park and open house to gather input on future improvements to Reed Park is postponed due to weather forecasts until next Friday, April 22, at Reed Park beginning at 7 pm for gathering input and the movie beginning at dusk. We made the call yesterday to give people notice via web/social media and signs at the park.

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

The meeting will begin with the current (and outgoing) City Council members beginning the meeting and taking care of old Council business. At the beginning of the meeting we will also have a proclamation in memory of Holocaust victims and survivors and a special presentation on the Colorado Pro-Start Program. Also in Old Business is an item regarding the selection of a new municipal court judge. After old business there will be a recess to wish our outgoing members the best and celebrate their service with refreshments. After the break we will begin the second half of the meeting that will start with the swearing-in newly elected Council members and then attending to new business. Feel free to invite anyone you would like to be there for your swearing in. During new business, I will present an overview of current projects that we are working on in relation to our goals.

Entertainment District

While the City completed establishing the Entertainment District, the Promotional Association (made up of a handful of downtown businesses) decided not to complete an application process in time for the Gear Up Festival due to high insurance costs.

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

TID BITS:

- The 80 ft. bridge over Little Salt Wash near our Lagoon property was placed Wednesday for the trail as well as concrete is now being poured (Photos below).
- Presented to the AGNC Executive Board today regarding our \$5,000 request to help pay for a redevelopment plan for the lagoon property. Should hear back soon if we were awarded that grant.
- Irrigation is on throughout the City.
- Official elections results were declared Wednesday that did not change any outcomes.
- Staff continues to work on audit work and the Charter Franchise agreement renewal.
- The Golf Tournament made \$6,000 toward youth scholarships. Funds will be distributed among Fruita schools to award to students in need of a scholarship as well as funds through the Community Center to help with program scholarships. Special thanks to Family Health West who donated the food and participated in the tournament, to the Fruita Rotary Club who was our title sponsor donating \$2,000, the 81 golfers and congrats to Big Horn Engineering's team who won the tournament.
- Staff has been meeting and planning with Girls on the Run for the big May 7 race with 2,200 runners. It will be a busy weekend with lots of visitors.
- Ture Nycum presented the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail along with all 16 in 16 trails in Denver Monday receiving a favorable response. Presentations were made to the State Trails Council representing agencies such as CDOT, DOLA, DNR and GOCO.
- Archeological survey work for Mack Ridge has been completed, with bio and plant studies taking place soon.
- The Open House for the Kokopelli Section was Thursday and we had about 15-20 people stop in to discuss the trail with favorable support.
- Engineering will be testing the irrigation system in Brandon Estates on Tuesday (rescheduled from today due to weather).

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (or related news to the area):

- More trail users in Fruita, and they still all get along Denver Post Article: http://www.denverpost.com/travel/ci_29767596/more-trail-users-fruita-and-they-still-all?source=rss
- Fruita to Extend Riverfront Trail to Loma TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fruita-to-extend-riverfront-trail-to-loma>
- Fruita: Ranking in top 20 of 'Coolest Outdoor Towns' TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/375107151.html>
- Fruita Named Top 20 Coolest Outdoor Towns: <http://kekbfm.com/fruita-named-top-20-coolest-outdoor-towns/>
- Salida & Fruita in 20 coolest towns list in UDA Trip Advisor: https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowTopic-g28927-i252-k9424498-Salida_Fruita_in_20_coolest_towns_list_in_USA-Colorado.html
- Kannah Creek coming to Fruita TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Kannah-Creek-will-open-in-FruitaKK-375634921.html>

- Canyons a magnet for great crowds: <http://www.gisentinel.com/news/articles/canyons-a-magnet-for-great-crowds>
- Moon Farm adds nearly 2,000 Barbies to classic doll display TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Moon-Farms-adds-nearly-2000-Barbies-to-classic-doll--375151361.html>
- Special Tree Planting Part of Fruita Arbor Day Celebration: <http://kool1079.com/special-tree-planting-part-of-fruita-arbor-day-celebration/>
- Featured Ride: Kokopelli Loops Ridgeline Tour, Colorado: <http://dirtragemag.com/featured-ride-kokopelli-loops-ridgeline-tour-colorado/>
- FMHS soccer senior lands appointment to the US Naval Academy: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/sports/FMHS-soccer-senior-lands-appointment-to-the-US-Naval-Academy-375507921.html>
- Museums of Western Colorado receive a \$50,000 preservation grant TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/The-Museums-of-Western-Colorado-receive-a-50000-grant-to-help-pervations-of--375631531.html>
- Ten Fruita Monument High School athletes signed letters of intent: <http://www.gisentinel.com/sports/articles/signature-events>
- Ten Wildcats sign National Letters of Intent TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/sports/375637751.html>
- Do you recognize this intruder at Fruita coffee business: <http://kekbfm.com/do-you-recognize-this-intruder-at-fruita-coffee-business/>

UPCOMING EVENTS *(When an RSVP is required I will include the information. I also ask that you let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you.):*

- **Tomorrow, April 16** from 9 am – 1 pm is the annual Electronics Recycling Event in the Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot in partnership with Waste Management. All cords, cables, laptops and cell phones will be collected at no cost. All other electronics will have a nominal fee.
- **April 20** is the Arbor Day Celebration at 4pm at the Police Department.
- **April 21** you are invited by the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission and CMU for a special announcement regarding the Special Olympics Colorado Summer Games at 12 pm at CMU. Invite below.
- **April 21** is the Chamber's Business After Hours at Strive at the Botanical Gardens (641 Struthers Ave. in GJ) from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- **April 22** at 7 pm we will have a movie in the park at Reed Park and gather input from the public on how to improve the park. Input gathering will begin at 7 and the movie around 8.
- **April 23** the Riverfront Commission's Annual Retreat is scheduled to begin at 8 am at the Grand Valley Transfer Station at 24 ¼ & Patterson where participants will board the bus, returning at 3 pm. Please bring a sack lunch to eat at Corn Lake. Cold beverages and a light snack will be provided. RSVP is required. Full invite below. Ture will provide the group a tour of the proposed Kokopelli section.
- **April 23-34** is the Gear Up Festival in Downtown and Mountain Film at the FCC. More info at www.gearupfestival.com.
- **April 23-24** is Rumble at 18 Road. More info at <http://www.madracingcolorado.com/events/rumble-at-18-road-2015/>.
- **April 27** is the City Arbor Day Celebration. Location TBD.

- **April 28-May 1** is the 21st annual Fat Tire Festival in Downtown. More info at <http://fruitafattirefestival.com/>
- **April 28** is the State Demographer Presentation at the City of Grand Junction Auditorium at 3 pm.
- **Saturday, April 30** is the Family Health West black tie event Rockin' Elegance featuring the Drifters at the Avalon Theatre in GJ.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at: <http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

CC: Department Directors









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MEMORANDUM

April 12, 2016

TO: Riverfront Commission Members and Friends


FROM: Brad Taylor and Frank Watt, Co-Chairs

RE: Annual Retreat – April 23, 2016

The Riverfront Commission's Annual Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, April 23, 2016**. This year we will be taking a bus tour and visiting proposed trail areas and missing links along the Colorado River. This retreat will be in place of a regularly scheduled meeting for April 19th.

We will meet at **8:00am** at the west Grand Valley Transfer Station at 24 ¼ & Patterson where we will board the bus. The bus will leave **promptly** at **8:30am** and expect to return to the Grand Valley Transfer Station at approximately 3:00pm. **Please bring a sack lunch; we will be stopping at Corn Lake for lunch.** Cold beverages and a light snack will be provided.

To aid in planning for the bus and beverages, please **RSVP to Michele at 683-4333 or Michele.Rohrbach@mesacounty.us** by noon on Tuesday, April 19th, if you will be **attending**.



**The Colorado Riverfront Commission
cordially invites you, your spouse
or a guest to their
Social**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 23, 2016
at the Bookcliff Country Club
2730 G Road
Grand Junction, Colorado**

**RSVP :
By noon Monday,
April 18, 2016
970-683-4333**

**Light Appetizers
Cash Bar**

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