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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MAY 13, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

The meeting will begin with a Police Week proclamation, a presentation of a joint award to the City and Olsson Associates and a presentation by Mr. Ron Pollard on off highway vehicles. After the consent agenda will be three presentations: (1) on drainage fees, (2) a parks and recreation update and (3) regarding my annual performance evaluation process.

TID BITS:

- Met with GJEP to begin drafts of economic development materials for Fruita after the student interns took a stab at it.
- Wenke and Philippe are looking into drone footage for marketing their business park land.
- We are working with a lead on a business that came through the office of outdoor recreation to us.
- Staff created fliers and began visiting with downtown business owners about the proposed sign ordinance changes this week in preparation for Wednesday's meeting. (Attached below)
- The new pavilion over the Civic Center Park stage received a new canopy this week. It will be removed during the winter but provide better shelter than the tarps we used to use for our upcoming concerts ☺.
- Staff is weeding through a draft needs assessment study for the Wastewater Reclamation Facility that will be finalized and presented to Council in June and will serve as a basis in our budget process, a rate study for wastewater and our goals.
- We completed our Charter Communications Franchise agreement renewal negotiations and will have that to Council soon after the needed notices.
- High winds last week tore the roof of our shelter at the plant that houses the bio-solids and we are working with insurance on that.
- Above average snow pack has our reservoirs filled (first time reservoir 2 has been filled in 4 years) and we are already diverting water to Glade Park (quite a difference from restrictions this time last year).
- Unfortunately the dam on Reservoir 2 is showing some soil surface shuffling on the face of the dam that we had to meet the dam inspector on this week and

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will have to monitor if any further movement or stability issues that would have the potential to rebuilding the dam.

- Waterfest is Monday and Tuesday and our crews will be at CMU educating elementary students on water conservation and sucking up some gold balls with the Vactor truck.
- We are releasing a call for bids on a new street sweeper Monday.
- We were contacted by the Attorney General's office representing the Department of Health that Fruita Development will be covering and capping asbestos that has surfaced at the old oil refinery near the Wastewater plant and a .04 acre strip on our land needs to be covered as well. Fruita Development is going to pay for the work on our strip to and we will keep it vegetated after they seed it.
- We received 4 proposals for Downtown Phase 2 and the Gateway designs that we are evaluating.
- The bridge deck on the Little Salt Wash Trail was poured this week and concrete is in from the state park to the Railroad crossing.
- Court Clerk position opening deadline ends Monday and we have temporary coverage covered in coordination with Judge Robinson during the hiring process.
- The Mayor and I met with Judge Robinson and our City Clerk and City Attorney will be working on the proper steps to change the ordinance related to the reporting structure of the Court Clerk that will come to Council in June.
- Next week is Police week and our department will be defending their title Wednesday in the Bear Cat Pool race they won last year against Grand Valley departments. We have really awesome Police officers!
- Chief Macy's son will be receiving the National BLM Law Enforcement Ranger of the year award in Washington DC!
- School swim is going on at the FCC and the outdoor pool will open May 21.
- Fruita had over 2,000 runners in the Girls on the Run event last Saturday. Fruita was packed and it was awesome! We had great feedback and they plan to come again next year. Pics below.
- Mike the Headless Chicken Festival is right around the corner. Pic below to get you ready for the games.
- We kicked off the budget process this week.
- We checked with USA Trucking who we lease space for the banners on the grain elevator and we can hang up a replacement banner but cannot have advertising of other businesses or non-profits, etc on it. FHW generously offered to help but we are unable to do it.
- We should have an updated quote from Bud Signs next week. Other groups we checked with could not do the work.
- We have a lot going on development as covered last week, but still so excited for our new businesses: Gears, Rhema in their new location and new gym, Jules opened last weekend, Happy Trails opened last Friday, Kannah Creek, Dairy Queen, O'Reilly Auto, Quiznos, Crossfit Singletrack, a hot yoga studio, a wine and tappas bar, and I better stop since I am bound to leave some off unintentionally.
- We also have applications in for two subdivisions: Adobe View North and one at Aspen and Pine.
- Last week May 4-6, 3 Fruita Area chamber of Commerce staff, Executive Director Frank Ladd, Marketing/Events Specialist Janet Brazfield and Intern Michael Bernard attended the annual

Colorado Chamber of Commerce Executives (CCCE) Spring conference in Parker CO. Speakers included: Richard Wobbekind, Ex. Dir. Business Research, Univ. CO. Boulder, Ian Scott, VP Communications and Networks, Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE), Brian Vogt, CEO Denver Botanical Gardens as well as other chamber related presenters. Frank has been a member of the CCCE Board of Directors for 3 years and was appointed to another 3-year term. He will serve as Board President for the 2016-2017 year. Frank was also awarded the President's Award by the outgoing Board President, Jack Llewellyn (Durango Co). This award is given out by the CCCE President at his/her discretion to the person/chamber they feel exemplifies excellence and support to CCCE during their term as President. #gofruita

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

- Flags fly high at Fruita Monument High School: <http://1077jamz.com/2016/05/13/flags-fly-high-at-fruita-monument-high-school/>
- Flags fly high at Fruita Monument High School TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/flags-fly-high-at-fruita-monument-high-school>
- District 51 high school backtracks on flag ban TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/379096171.html>
- District 51's habits of mind make for a lifelong learners TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/District-51s-Habits-of-Mind-make-for-lifelong-learners-379090031.html>

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.):*

- **May 15** will be the Governor's visit to the Valley. Following City Council's meeting with the Governor and bike ride will be a Happy hour with the Governor at the Avalon from 5:15 – 6:30 pm is scheduled and the invite is below. RSVPs have been completed already.
- **May 17** if you are able, please join us to test out the downtown area on wheelchairs from 10 am – 12 pm. Thanks to Councilman Karisny, he has located wheelchairs for us to ride and view our public walk areas from a different perspective as we tackle sign code amendments.
- **May 18** there is a Public Lands Day hike starting at Devil's Canyon Trailhead at 2:30 pm hosted by Conservation Colorado.
- **May 18** at Copper Club at 5:30 pm I will be speaking at the Colorado Public Lands Day Celebration Happy Hour. Invite below.
- **May 18** at Cavalcade at 7 pm we will host downtown businesses for a workshop to discuss proposed sign code language. We will be hand delivering next week invites and proposed language.
- **May 19** is the CML Spring Outreach meeting at the Grand Junction City Hall from 9-11 am. Details and RSVPs are available at <http://www.cml.org/outreach>. I will be in attendance.
- **May 21** is the annual Fruita History Fair presented by the Fruita Historic Preservation Board. The fair will be at the Civic Center on the second floor from 10 am – 3 pm. Full invite below.
- **May 31** is a Special Council Meeting at 5:30 pm dedicated to goal-setting.
- **June 1** is the 2016 Economic Summit and GJEP Annual Awards Meeting at CMU. Registration is required and costs \$100 for the day and \$45 for lunch only. Please let Deb know if you are

interested and she can register you. I plan to attend. For more info, click here:
<http://gjep.org/wp-content/uploads/Economic-Summit-Agenda-4.20.2016-1.pdf>

- **June 3-5** is Mike the Headless Chicken Festival in downtown!
- **June 9** is our first summer concert at 7:30 pm but prior to that is a Broadband Community Outreach Meeting at the Civic Center from 6-7 pm.
- **June 10** is the Council Staff Leadership Retreat beginning at Rim Rock Adventures at 7:45 am and returning by 4:30 pm.
- 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









OUTDOOR RECREATION HAPPY HOUR WITH GOV. HICKENLOOPER


Join us as we celebrate the strength of the outdoor recreation industry in Mesa County and its growing influence on our economy. Learn how you too can become part of the legion of supporters shaping the industry today.

Sunday, May 15, 2016
5:15-6:30 p.m.

The Avalon
645 Main Street, Grand Junction

Please RSVP by May 11 to:
terri@gjep.org



 **GRAND JUNCTION** economic
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The Fruita Historic Preservation Board presents

A Fruita History Fair.



Saturday, May 21

Fruita Civic Center

325 E. Aspen Ave.

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Photos, Artifacts, Music.

*Bring Your Historic Photos &
Artifacts for Identification.*

Public Lands Hike

Wed, May 18 | 2:30 PM
Devil's Canyon Trailhead

Colorado Public Lands Day

Join the celebrations!

Happy Hour

Wed, May 18 | 5:30 PM
Copper Club Brewery



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