



# FRUITA

## COLORADO

### Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: May 27, 2016  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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**City Offices Closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.**

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

Tuesday night we have our 5:30 pm special meeting to kick-off our goal-setting process. Food will be provided.

#### **TID BITS:**

- Staff continues to survey Reservoir 2.
- US Fish and Wildlife stocked the Fruita reservoirs this week with fish.
- Negotiating contracts with Ciavonne Roberts & Associates and Rolland

Consulting Engineers for phase 2 design of downtown and the gateway enhancement design.

- J.2 Rd is complete.
- Staff conducted walk through with SGM on the Kokopelli section of the

Riverfront Trail design this week and the environmental work is complete and they will begin surveying next.

- Staff also conducted a walk through on the construction of the Lower Little Salt Wash Trail this week and the only remaining items are minor finishes and then

the vegetation/fencing.

- We met with an appraiser at the business park lake that the owners hired to appraise so they can gift it to the City. Photos below.

• PD and P&R are working with the County for June Bike Month so officers can randomly give youth in the community FCC day passes and Enstroms ice-cream certificates who are riding bikes safely wearing a helmet.

• PD is also working with the Fruita Thrift Store on how to reduce the amount of waste people drop off.

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

- The Parks crew has been working hard to correct irrigation issues at LSW park this week.
- Siding is scheduled to be replaced at the FCC in the latter part of June.
- The FCC is busy!
- We heard from some residents recently that the N-S alleyway north of McCune Ave between Peach and Mulberry had some potholes and the Street crew took care of quickly.
- Crews have been repairing the road at Oak and Meadow and ran into more issues than planned so the work has taken a bit longer to fully address.
- Crews will be touching up the downtown area prior to Mike the Headless Chicken Festival next weekend.
- Chip sealing will begin June 6. We are partnering with the County on their time schedule. They will begin with local streets, then work on Kingsview Rd. The parking lots at the FCC and Little Salt Wash Park will also be chip sealed this year.
- Judge Robinson, Odette and Margaret conducted interviews for Court Clerk this week and are narrowing down the finalists.
- PD is going to cover the vacant bailiff spot over the summer.
- We continue to work with Mesa Grand on virtual buildings, business recruitment and potential build-to-suit opportunities.
- The Business Incubator is also conducting a feasibility study of a business accelerator in Fruita.

### **Invites and Press Releases for City Council's Attention**

- Colorado Canyons Association's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crazy About Canyons Wine Dinner @ Carlson's invite below—event is on June 11 from 5:30-8pm.
- Please the invitation from Commissioner Scott McInnis on the refurbished state-line marker dedication for June 25 below.
- Also below is a notice from Mesa County Elections regarding unaffiliated Voters deadline to switch affiliation to participate in Primary Elections.

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

- Blog spot on Fruita visit from Live Outside and Play (Blue Ridge Outdoors/Elevation Outdoors) who have been in Fruita this week. <http://blueridgeoutdoors.com/loap/westward/>
- CO, AZ and UT Among Three Must-Ride Mountain Bike Destinations This Spring (Fruita, not Moab): <http://www.broadwayworld.com/bwwfitness/article/CO-AZ-and-UT-Among-Three-Must-Ride-Mountain-Bike-Destinations-This-Spring-20160419>
- Piling trash creates piling bills for local Thrift Shop TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/piling-trash-creates-piling-bills-for-local-thrift-shop>
- Players love getting in a Pickle(ball): <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/players-love-getting-in-a-pickleball>

- Fruita coach named coach of the year TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fruita-coach-named-coach-of-the-year>
- Third Kannah Creek location to open Wednesday in Fruita TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/380690931.html>
- Fruita dentist makes list of top professionals: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/fruita-dentist-makes-list-of-top-professionals/>
- Group: Stop here and skip Utah: <http://www.gisentinel.com/news/articles/group-stop-here-and-skip-utah>
- Kannah Creek opens today TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/kannah-creek-west-opens-today>
- Fruita to host a summer full of free outdoor concerts: <http://kool1079.com/fruita-to-host-a-summer-full-of-free-outdoor-concerts/>
- Authorities warn of hazards in the Colorado River near Fruita: <http://kekbfm.com/hazards-colorado-river/>

**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.):*

- All summer events listed below.
- **May 31** is a Special Council Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Civic Center dedicated to goal-setting.
- **June 1** is the 2016 Economic Summit and GJEP Annual Awards Meeting at CMU. : <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! Full schedule found: <http://www.miketheheadlesschicken.org/mike/page/2016-schedule>
- **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 (More info below).
- **June 10** is the Council Staff Leadership Retreat beginning at Rim Rock Adventures at 7:45 am and returning by 4:30 pm.
- **June 11** is Dinosaur Day at Dinosaur Journey from 9am – 5pm.
- **June 15** at 7pm is the first Riverfront concert with March Fourth Marching Band at the state park.
- 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



## 2016 Summer Events and Activities in Fruita

June 3-4	Mike the Headless Chicken Festival		Downtown Fruita
June 9	Thursday Night Concert – Jack and Jill	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 11	Dinosaur Day	9am - 5pm	Dinosaur Journey Museum
June 15	Colorado Riverfront Concert – March Forth	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
June 16	Thursday Night Concert – The Navigators	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 22	Bike to Work Day Breakfast by FHW (Flash Ride from Dinosaur Journey To Community Center 6:30 am)	7:30-9am	Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
June 23	Thursday Night Concert – Bicycle Annie	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 24	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 25	Fruita Farmers Market Starts (each Saturday)	8:30 am – 12:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 30	Thursday Night Concert – Centennial Band (City Council Ice Cream Social)	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 3	Fruita Fireworks Display (Fireworks Set-off at Dusk from Snooks Bottom)	Dusk	Viewing Throughout Fruita
July 3	Fruita Family Fun Fair	5 – 9 pm	South Side Market Place
July 7	Thursday Night Concert – Stonefed	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 14	Thursday Night Concert – Flat Top Reed	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 20	Little Salt Wash Trail Dedication (Ride, Run, Walk from Fruita Community Center to State Park. Dedication Prior to Concert.)		James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 20	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Subdudes	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 21	Thursday Night Concert – Sleep Junkys	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 22	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 28	Thursday Night Concert – Retrospectacle	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Thursday Night Concert – Zolopht	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Buckwheat Zydeco	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
Aug 6	Cops and Cars for Special Olympics		Fruita Monument High School
Aug 11	Thursday Night Concert – Williams Brothers Band	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 13	Bike Rodeo		Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
Aug 13	Tour of the Valley – Bicycle Tour		Fruita Area Roads
Aug 26	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Sep 10	Dog Daze at the Outdoor Pool		Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
Sep 17	Final Farmer's Market	8:30am – 12:30pm	Downtown Fruita
Sep 23-25	Fruita Fall Festival		Downtown Fruita
Sep 30	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park

\*Also don't forget the Tuesday night Rodeos at Rim Rock during the summer.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Make your reservation now - only 100 seats



**COLORADO CANYONS  
ASSOCIATION**

**3 R D A N N U A L  
C R A Z Y A B O U T C A N Y O N S  
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@ C A R L S O N ' S**

Amazing picnic buffet featuring local and organic Roan Creek Ranch bratwursts by 'Ganic Grub with choice of Tuscan, German or American varieties, local produce from Pharmacy Farms, homemade sides & desserts, plus select Carlson Vineyards wines.

- "Gunnison Gorge NCA: From presidents and dino tracks to world class fishery" program by Edd Franz, BLM.
- Silent Auction: Bid on wines, adventures & more to support CCA.
- Commemorative wine glass and wine tours with the experts at Carlson Vineyards.

\$65/pp in support of Colorado Canyons Association

**RSVP & Tickets: [coloradocanyonsassociation.org](http://coloradocanyonsassociation.org)  
or call Joe Neuhof at 970-263-7902 THANK YOU**



Colorado Canyons Association is committed to community stewardship of McInnis Canyons, Dominguez/Escalante and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Areas (NCAs). We are a non-partisan, non-profit, 501 (c)(3), volunteer organization fostering cooperation among all NCA user groups.

**Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 5:30 – 8:00 PM**  
**Carlson Vineyards, 461 35 Rd., Palisade, CO**



## NEWS RELEASE

Date: May 19, 2016

Contact: Veronica Daehn Harvey  
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### **Save the date: Refurbished state-line marker will be dedicated June 25**

#### **Historic marker will find new home along I-70**

Work is nearing completion on the restoration of a historical marker that was once celebrated at the state line between Colorado and Utah.

On June 25, the marker, which had become a canvas for graffiti, gunshots and other abuse, will be celebrated in its new home near the Colorado-Utah state line on the south, or eastbound, side of Interstate 70.

Members of the public are invited to celebrate the unveiling of the refurbished marker.

**What:** Ceremony celebrating the refurbished state-line marker

**When:** Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.

**Where:** Colorado-Utah state line, eastbound I-70

**How:** Grand Valley Transit will provide transportation from the Rabbit Valley parking lot in the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. To get there from Grand Junction, travel west on I-70 and take exit 2. Immediately turn left onto Rabbit Valley Road to reach the Rabbit Valley Trailhead. Attendees should arrive at the parking lot between 9:30-9:45 a.m.

Because the event will take place on the side of the Interstate, parking will be very limited on site. Organizers encourage attendees to utilize the GVT shuttle from Rabbit Valley.

"This is such an important piece of Mesa County history," said Commissioner Scott McInnis, who led the efforts to restore the marker. "We're really excited to see it properly restored."



## NEWS RELEASE

Date: May 19, 2016

Contact: Rick Corsi  
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### **Meetings set to gather feedback for broadband planning**

Mesa County is kicking off a series of meetings to gather input for county- and region-wide broadband planning. The goal is to develop a plan that fully leverages current broadband resources, while improving the availability of high-speed Internet throughout the region.

Officials are asking for input from all Internet users – business professionals, community and health services providers, educators, government officials and citizens – to ensure comprehensive Internet development. Primary goals are to maximize broadband availability and cost savings, while taking full advantage of available funding opportunities.

#### **Meetings will be held:**

- June 2, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., county-wide business and industry, 544 Rood Ave.
- June 2, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., community, 544 Rood Ave.
- June 8, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., community, De Beque Community Center, 381 Minter
- June 8, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., community, Collbran Fire House, 2004 Elm Ave.
- June 9, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., community, Fruita Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen Ave.

For more information, please call Rick Corsi at (970) 244-1796.





# MESA COUNTY ELECTIONS

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May 24, 2016  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sheila Reiner, Clerk and Recorder  
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## Notice of deadline to switch party affiliations

May 24, 2016 – Registered voters have until May 31, 2016 to change their affiliation from one political party to another to participate in the Primary Election this June. The deadline applies to those who are currently affiliated with a party and would like to switch to another party to receive a corresponding ballot. Affiliation changes can be done with our office at 200 S Spruce St in Grand Junction or online on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.co.us/voter](http://www.sos.state.co.us/voter).

Voters who are not affiliated with a party, but would like to affiliate and vote in the Primary have until Election Day, June 28. Unaffiliated voters can also change their affiliation at one of the Voter Service and Polling Centers during the times listed below.

- **Mesa County Central Services**  
Elections Department  
200 S. Spruce St. (West Entrance)  
Grand Junction, CO 81501
- **Goodwill**  
630 24 ½ Rd  
Grand Junction, CO 81505
- **Clifton Motor Vehicle**  
126 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
Clifton, CO 81520

- All locations are open Monday-Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. AND Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For additional information or questions, email us at [voter.info@mesacounty.us](mailto:voter.info@mesacounty.us) or call (970) 244-1662.



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