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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER

Date: November 22, 2016

Re: *early, short* WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Happy Thanksgiving! City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25.

Trail Partnership

In our efforts and partnership with BLM, COPMOBA and local businesses, we were able to find funding (CBB, Hot Tomato, COPMOBA) to cover the costs for environmental studies/surveys to get remaining 2004 BLM plans for trails at the Kokopelli system studied and COPMOBA is now leading a charge to raise funds for construction. Thanks to the Western Colorado Conservation Corps, the first section of the overall project consisting of 6.5 new miles of trail, a re-route of Wrangler, is complete. There will be a brief grand opening ceremony, Thursday, Dec. 1 at the small parking area just north of Rustlers trailhead at 1 pm, followed by a ride on the new trail for those who would like to come along.

TID BITS:

- I love the holidays! I especially enjoying seeing our Parks crew working so hard to dress up our city with decorations---great job, and new lights and banners (great design Mr. Kincaid) are adding a nice touch!
- Staff has reviewed and provided the designer draft comments to the Gateway design concepts that will be prepared and presented to City Council for feedback/discussion at your Dec. 6 meeting.
- Salty Treads was a great event in Fruita this past weekend—Cyclocross race at Little Salt Wash Park—thanks to organizer John Klish.
- The employee Christmas Party is right around the corner, Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 pm. Deb will be reaching out to you regarding RSVP and details.
- We had a resident report a sighting of a mountain lion at Little Salt Wash Park, but our Animal Control Officer and Division of Wildlife were not able to find any signs after a thorough inspection of the grounds.

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

Honor the Past – Envision the Future FRUITA

- Fruit residents voice ideas for lagoons' future: http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-residents-voice-ideas-for-lagoons-future
- A friendly gift, liver donation TV spot: http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/a-friendly-gift-liver-donation
- The gift of a life-saving friendship TV spot: http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Man-gets-gift-of-a-lifetime-from-friend-402192196.html
- Fruita man shows true friendship: http://kekbfm.com/fruita-man-shows-true-friendship/
- Fake cash found in Fruita TV spot: http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Counterfit-402378315.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.):

- Nov. 24-25 City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Nov. 26 is Small Business Saturday and we have more small businesses to frequent this year!
- **Dec. 1** is the grand opening of the Wrangler mountain bike trial re-route at 1 pm.
- **Dec. 1** is the Municipalities Dinner at Two Rivers Convention Center at 6 pm.
- Dec. 3 is the Employee Christmas Party at 6 pm.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: http://www.fruita.org/calendar.
- The 2016 Events Information is also available online at: http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events
- Here is a glimpse of the upcoming holiday events in Fruita:

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair	December 10th	10am-3pm	Fruita Community Center	Enjoy shopping over 50 vendors at this FREE show!	
Hometown Christmas and Parade of Lights	December 10th	Parade at Dusk	Downtown Fruita	Holiday cheer and beautiful lights and shopping.	
Cookies-n-Clause	December 21st	6pm	Fruita Community Center	Wear your PJ's and enjoy a short film, story and photos with Santa! Ages 10 and under	
Nuggets Skills Challenge	January 7th	9am-1pm	Fruita Community Center	Ages 6-13 years old compete in dribble, pass and shooting drills for a chance to advance to sectionals!	
Night at the FCC	January 13th	7pm-10pm	Fruita Community Center	For 5th, 6th and 7th graders come swim, dance or shoot hoops at the FCC \$10.00 entry includes pizza and drink	
Sweet Heart 5k/10k Run & Health Expo	February 18th	9am-1pm	Fruita Community Center	5k/10k race and Health Expo	
Evening of Art	March 11th	7pm-10pm	Fruita Community Center	Arts and Culture Board Hosts local artists, wineries, breweries and live music	
Night at the FCC	March 17th	7pm-10pm	Fruita Community Center	For 5th, 6th and 7th graders come swim, dance or shoot hoops at the FCC \$10.00 entry includes pizza and drink	
2nd Annual Youth Golf Scholarship Tournament	April 7th	9am	Adobe Creek Golf Course	Play a round of golf to support the youth of Fruita! All proceeds go directly to scholarships	
Easter Egg Scramble	April 12th	4pm-4:15 pm	Fruita Community Center	The Fruita Community Center backyard will be full of plastic eggs for kids 6 and under.	

