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Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MARCH 31, 2017
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

City Council meeting will begin with a general update from GJEP Executive Director Kristi Pollard, followed by two proclamations. In addition to the consent agenda, there are two public hearings—one related to the Village at Country Creek Filing #5 and one related to a CUP for a VRBO.

TID BITS:

- Check out this story on Fruita that was released on the choosecolorado.com site today: <http://choosecolorado.com/the-story-of-how-mountain-biking-saved-fruita/>
- Fruita residents recycled 42 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard in February (full report below).
- We are pleased to have two new employees who started this week at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility: Welcome Brian Flenniken and Matt Haifley!
- To learn a little bit more about all the people and functions in our awesome Public Works department, see the updated organizational chart below.
- Engineering is working on a grant request through AGNC for assistance with the trail maintenance improvements near Vista Valley that will cost more than budgeted this year.
- Door hangers will go out to impacted residents for the road overlays that will be going in April.
- Engineering hosted a City Open House Wednesday night on the Downtown Phase II design on South Mesa St.
- About 25 people attended the open house including the media. There were concerns about access to the Fruita Thrift Store that staff is and will be working with them on.
- US Tractor received their CO last Friday and is now open. They will host their

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formal Open House on April 8th.

- Road base is being laid on the Laura-Pabor alley project and should complete next week.
- Xcel Energy quit-claimed a small parcel near the lake in the business park that is on the agenda for Tuesday.
- Aspen Village is awaiting their stormwater permit from the state and anxious to get started.
- Public Works crews continue to work on the new path to Snook's Bottom and we are close to putting in road base and two culverts.
- The fire at Snook's actually has had a positive impact in many ways, clearing out weeds and opening up access to utilize a week of Conservation Corp labor to clear out much more Tamarisk!
- The lights on the billboard are not functioning properly and under warranty so staff is working on getting those fixed ASAP.
- The bar screen at the WWRF has been ordered.
- Public Works and Parks staff will attend CPR training next week.
- Staff completed the remodel of the old Chamber room—now the dance room in the Civic Center.
- Crews completed a number of re-striping parking lines in the downtown area.
- GVRTC Board has decided to meet every other month now.
- The irrigation canals will begin to fill next week and the City system in the core of the City will turn on April 10.
- The new trash cleaners have been installed on the Encanto irrigation line.
- Staff received training from the US Army Corps of Engineers this week.
- We continue to work with two solid business prospects and Planning has been busy with various permits, VRBOs, and housing developments.
- Today the Police Department conducted a promotional process for the vacant Corporal position.
- PD is also interviewing applicants for Police Officer.
- Our internal, cross-departmental Action Item Teams continue to meet and make progress.
- Margaret has been working hard on the annual Financial Statements and nearing completion.
- The indoor pool at the Community Center is completely open and the Kiddie pool slide is once again being fixed under warranty for one more try.
- We host the Chamber Business Expo next week at the Community Center Thursday from 4-7 pm.
- I was able to talk all about Fruita on KAFM Tuesday in the Community Affairs segment. Ture recently did so too and when we have access to the podcasts, we'll share them with you.
- I was also able to attend the Grand Valley Food Hub Forum and express Fruita's interest in being the location for the Food Hub.
- Great Outdoors Colorado is going to do a first and film the progress of the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail from start to finish.

- Next Friday is also the Golf Tournament to raise money for youth scholarships in Parks and Recreation.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (and regional news of impact to Fruita):

- New businesses and housing coming to Fruita: http://www.gjsentinel.com/special_sections/articles/new-businesses-and-housing-coming-to-fruita
- The Story of How Mountain Biking Saved Fruita: <http://choosecolorado.com/the-story-of-how-mountain-biking-saved-fruita/>
- Downtown Development Plans in Fruita TV spot; <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/downtown-development-plans-in-fruita/682792267>
- Click-it-or-Ticket enforcement is on again TV spot; <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Click-it-or-Ticket-enforcement-is-on-again--417247123.html>
- Prehistoric animals at Dinosaur Journey get spring cleaning TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/-at-Dinosaur-Journey-get-Spring-Cleaning-417238123.html>
- Kannah Creek donates to local volunteer fire departments TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/kannah-creek-donates-to-local-volunteer-fire-departments/681041732>
- Skinner Cabin restoration radio piece: [NCA radio segment](#).

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.*):

- **April 1-2** is a VOC Crew Leader Training, a two-day workshop to learn crew leading skills and trail construction techniques. More info at <http://www.voc.org/project/osi-grand-junction-crew-leadership-trails-training>.
- **April 5-8** People for Bikes will be conducting surveys regarding electric mountain bikes at local trailheads. Saturday and Sunday from 8-6 at Rabbit Valley Trailhead will be free demos of e-mtn bikes with Haibike. See flier below.
- **April 6** is the first Western Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit from 9am – 3:30 pm at Springhill Suites in GJ. I will be attending.
- **April 6** is the annual Business Expo in the Community Center from 4 – 7 pm. New this year is the “Frankly Speaking” portion from 4-5 with a variety of speakers, including myself, giving 5 minute talks.
- **April 7** is the Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at 9am at Adobe Creek Golf Course—registration at the Community Center & all proceeds support the FCC scholarship program.
- **April 8** is the open house for US Tractor from 9am – 3pm with lunch from 11:30 -1:30.
- **April 12** is the Easter Egg Scramble at 4pm (lasts about 5 minutes ☺) at the Community Center.
- **April 14** City offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday.
- **April 19** is the Arbor Day Celebration—time and location TBD.
- **April 27 – 29** is the 22nd annual Fat Tire Festival in downtown Fruita.
- **April 29** is the Family Health West Red Baron Ball at the Avalon Theatre.

- **May 1** is a special Council Workshop with representatives from the School District and School Board at 7 pm.
- **May 5-6** is 18 Hours of Fruita Mountain Bike Race at Highline State Park (sold out).
- **May 6** is the Girls on the Run 5k race in Fruita.
- **May 13** is the annual Fruita History Fair and Then & Now Photo Exhibit from 8 am – 2 pm at the Cavalcade.
- **May 20** is the first annual Beer, Gear and Grub festival in the Southside Marketplace.
- **May 20** you are invited to the inauguration of the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex where Governor Hickenlooper will fire the “First Shot” using a custom rifle provided by a GJ manufacturer. Time TBD.
- **June 2-3** is Mike the headless Chicken Festival in downtown Fruita.
- **June 8** begins the Thursday Night Concert Series in Civic Center Park each week.
- **June 21** is the first annual Summer Solstice Harvest dinner (community dinner in downtown).
- **June 24** begins the Farmers Market series each Saturday in Civic Center Park.
- The Business Incubator class schedule is below.
- 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>

CC: Department Directors



February 2017 Recycling Benefits for the City of Fruita

In February 2017, we recycled 42 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard.

Recycling these materials will save the following resources:

449 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 5,561,000 sheets of printing and copy paper!

146 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 187 people!

66,148 kWh of Electricity

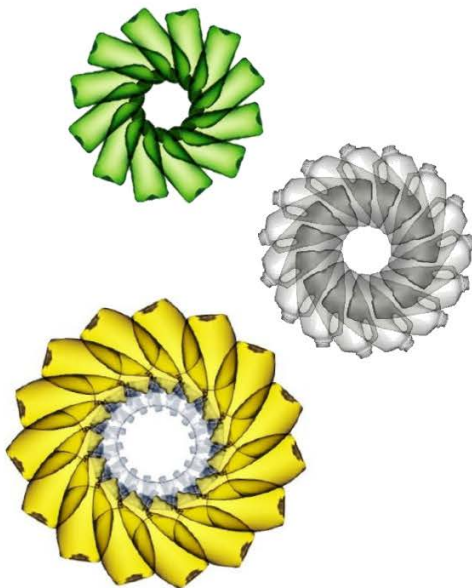
Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 6 homes!

Avoided 108 Metric Tons of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Recycling these materials helps create cleaner air!

227,566 Gallons of Water

Represents enough fresh water to meet the daily needs of 3,034 people!

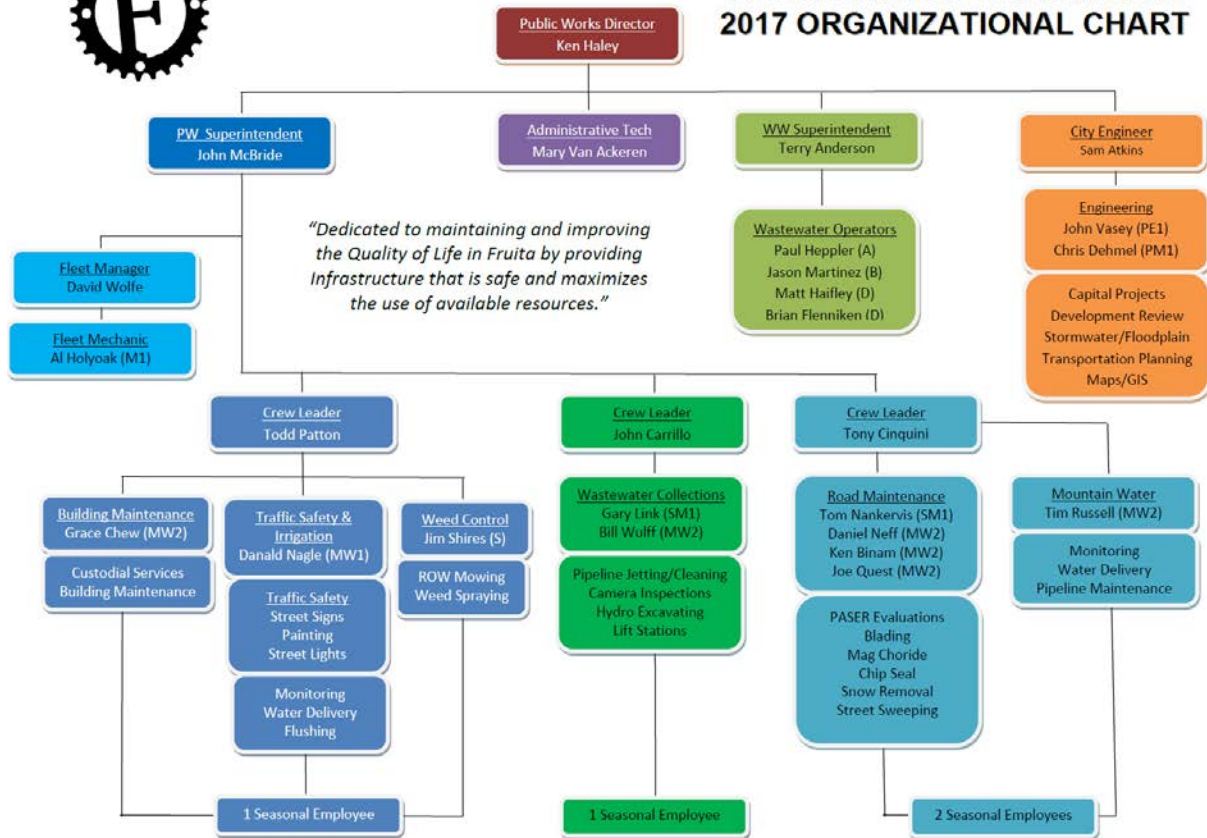


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Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, International Aluminum Institute, National Association for PET Container Resources, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Earth Works Group Recycler's Handbook, One Earth Recycle, Bring Recycling.org, National Recycling Coalition, US Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management. © Waste Management 2016



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2017 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DEMO AN ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN BIKE AT RABBIT VALLEY

Enjoy an eMTB ride on scenic singletrack.

Sunday, April 9
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

FREE

LOCATION: Rabbit Valley Trailhead

DIRECTIONS: From Fruita, take I-70 west for 17 miles. Get off at Exit 2, Rabbit Valley. Turn left on Rabbit Valley Road. The demo will be on the south side of I-70.

Rabbit Valley is a motorized trail system that winds along the rim of the Colorado River, and offers short and long trail experiences that range from easy to moderate in difficulty.

QUESTIONS?

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