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Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: MIKE BENNETT

Date: May 5, 2017

Re: **EARLY WEEKLY INFO UPDATE**

TID BITS:

- This update is going out early as tomorrow I will be speaking at the Grand Valley Leadership Academy in the morning, supporting the Chamber Leadercast event most of the day before ending with meetings in GJ.
- Thanks Mayor Buck, Mayor Pro-tem Bonar and Councilman Karisny for joining me to engage with the Fruita Fat Tire Festival vendors last Friday.
- The grand opening of the new mountain bike trail Hawkeye last Friday drew a large crowd, including Councilman Karisny and City staff. The City's roll and partnerships with BLM, COPMOBA, GVTA, local businesses, and grants from agencies like REI were highlighted and the trail is amazing.
- Fat Tire Festival was a success, no issues, new companies involved, and the rain held off. Thanks to Over the Edge Sports for making that happen.
- Good luck to the Mayor and her team riding in the 18 Hours of Fruita race this weekend!
- Thanks to each you on the City Council for enduring two Council meetings this week. The meeting with the School District Board and staff was very productive and detailed info on how the upcoming bond and mill levy proposals will impact Fruita students and schools is forthcoming.
- I had the opportunity to give the morning announcements at Shelledy Elementary this week and thank the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week that was proclaimed by each of you Tuesday night.
- Saturday night the City was recognized by Family Health West with the prestigious Ruth B. Wyper Award "In recognition of outstanding contributions and collaboration with the Lower Valley Hospital Association". Mayor Buck, Councilmen Brackett and Kincaid and I were there to accept.

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

- New Fruita Walking Tour brochures are now available at the Civic Center and Community Center.
- This Saturday the City will be swarmed with over 2,500 visitors participating in the annual Girls on the Run race.
- Here are a couple updates from the Colorado National Monument:

The Half Tunnel project - work is progressing slightly ahead of schedule. The necessary rock scaling is complete, work on the culvert is underway, and next week the contractors will begin the final phases of the project.

Masonry wall work - The Masonry crew is continuing to repoint the wall just below Fruita Canyon overlook. Repointing is basically adding mortar to the joint spaces between the stones. Work should wrap up late next week. The crew will then move to the wall just above Fruita Canyon overlook.

Roadway shoulder work - today a crew will be working near Artist Point beginning to clear debris from the roadway shoulders. Work will involve moving silt and rocks that have come down into the drainage ditches beside the roadway.

Temporary traffic control will be in place for all three work sites with minimal delays - typically less than five minutes

- FYI, Rick Taggart is now the Grand Junction Mayor.
- Overlays complete, working on some seeding at Snooks Bottom.
- Engineering is very busy assisting HOAs with irrigation issues, designing multiple projects and assisting in residential development reviews and inspections.
- Aspen Village subdivision continues to work on sewer.
- Adobe View North subdivision is paved.
- The State Park began their portion of trail construction early that connects to the Little Salt Wash Trail and hope to be complete by middle of June. They may have the funding to extend the trail in the park this fall.
- We had an interesting conference call with a developing firm that focuses on public-private partnerships and will continue to investigate options.
- Congrats to March Employee of the Month Todd Patton!
- Congrats to April Employee of the Month Bill Wulff!
- Congrats to May Employee of the Month Tim Russell!
- Also congratulations to our two new Police Officers graduating from the Police Academy May 5th, Dillon Chilicote & Robert Hunt!
- Congrats to Matt Haifley, our newest Wastewater Operator, who already passed his Class D Test!
- We had 5 new residential dwelling units permitted in April and code enforcement is picking up. See full report below.
- Community Development is slammed with multiple project reviews!
- PD and the County are working together to address urban camping in areas near the river where it is not permitted.

- Sergeant Coughran is taking a class at CMU where he wrote a short story that was published in the CMU Literary Review and he received an award for it as well—Congrats!
- Mark and Dave’s daughters perform with Express All Stars and recently ranked 9th in the world!
- Proposals responding to our request for Bond Writers are in. Request for proposals for Bond Counsel has been issued and due next week.
- Our new auditing firm and staff have been busy in office all week.
- We released a joint RFP for services to complete a community survey for the City, Family Health West and Communities that Care. The timeline is aggressive to have a report to Council in August (data ready for budget time).
- The Community Center remains busy with 338 paid visitors over 2016 thru April, totaling 62,519 for the year.
- Outdoor pool is scheduled to open May 27 and is currently being prepped for end of school group parties.
- Parks crews are busy, busy, busy!
- We continue to work on the grant requirements and steps to close on purchasing the property next to Little Salt Wash Park.

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

- DMV wait creates long lines, headaches TV spot:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/421236223.html>
- D51 discusses school repairs, upgrades in Fruita TV spot:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/421086324.html>
- District 51 pitches school ballot measure in Fruita;
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/district-51-pitches-school-ballot-measure-in-fruit>
- FMHS students work to stomp the stigma of mental illness TV spot:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/420950134.html>
- Mountain bikers’ dream of Copper City Trails coming true (notice the picture in article0:
http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/outdoors/mountain-bikers-dream-of-copper-city-trails-coming-true/article_78cf8317-4818-57dc-a418-3df0177f7c9b.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 5** is the Leadercast event hosted by the Fruita Chamber and streamed in to the Fruita Community Center from 9:00 am – 3:30 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 7** is the Rose Hill Rally cycling through the valley and Fruita.
- **May 11** is the open house and ribbon cutting event celebrating Family Health West’s Outpatient Procedure and relocation of physician practices from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at 40 Kokopelli Blvd Unit 1 in Fruita.

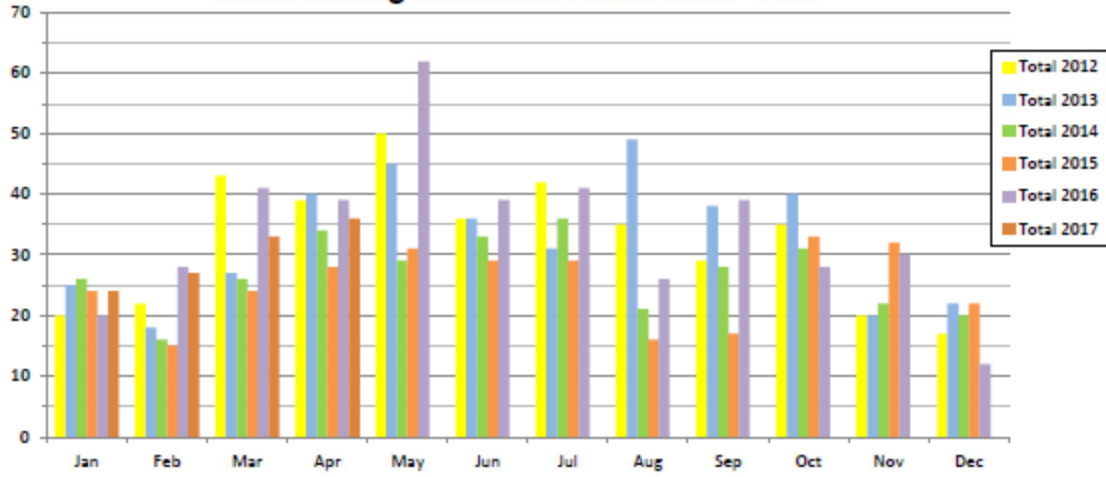
- **May 13** is the annual Fruita History Fair and Then & Now Photo Exhibit from 8 am – 2 pm at the Cavalcade (poster below).
- **May 16-18** is the bicycle Retailer (BRAIN) Dealer Tour in the Grand Valley. Wednesday they will be riding into and around Fruita to visit with businesses. The Mayor, Ture and I will be riding with them as they have limited space for the ride. They are setting their own agenda and will be at lunch at Hot Tomato.
- **May 18** is the BRAIN Tour closing reception at MRP in GJ.
- **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. Agenda Below.
- **May 24** is the Chamber of Commerce Member appreciation lunch on the Chamber lawn.
- **May 25** is the Colorado Riverfront Concert featuring Tinsley Ellis with “Blues are Dead” at the state park.
- **June 2-3** is Mike the Headless Chicken Festival in downtown Fruita.
- **June 6** is the 2017 Western Colorado Economic Summit [resented by GJEP at CMU: <http://www.gjep.org/western-colorado-economic-summit/>].
- **June 7** is the Fruita Chamber of Commerce Legislative Forum with state, county and City officials speaking at the Lower Valley Fire Department at 7:30 pm.
- **June 8** begins the Thursday night concert series in Civic Center Park each week.
- **June 8** is a Riverfront Concert featuring Big Sam’s Funky Nation at the state park.
- **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.
- **June 29** is a Riverfront Concert featuring the Fabulous Thunderbirds at the state 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

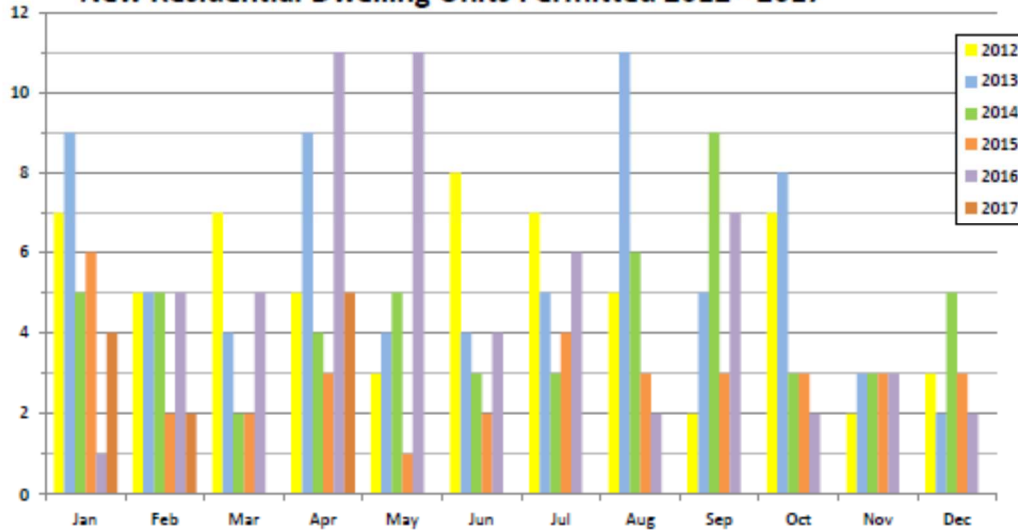
MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2017

RESIDENTIAL DU's PERMITTED AND TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED															
	Total 2011	RES 2011	Total 2012	RES 2012	Total 2013	RES 2013	Total 2014	RES 2014	Total 2015	RES 2015	Total 2016	RES 2016	Total 2017	RES 2017	RES AVER
Jan	16	2	20	7	25	9	26	5	24	6	20	1	24	4	5
Feb	17	7	22	5	18	5	18	5	15	2	28	5	27	2	4
Mar	41	13	43	7	27	4	26	2	24	2	41	5	33	0	5
Apr	29	3	39	5	40	9	34	4	28	3	39	11	36	5	6
May	28	3	50	3	45	4	29	5	31	1	62	11			5
Jun	30	0	36	8	36	4	33	3	29	2	39	4			4
Jul	21	3	42	7	31	5	36	3	29	4	41	6			5
Aug	16	3	35	5	49	11	21	6	16	3	26	2			5
Sep	22	5	29	2	38	5	28	9	17	3	39	7			5
Oct	35	6	35	7	40	8	31	3	33	3	28	2			5
Nov	22	1	20	2	20	3	22	3	32	3	30	3			3
Dec	17	0	17	3	22	2	20	5	22	3	12	2			3
	294	46	388	61	391	69	322	53	300	35	405	59	120	11	48

Total Planning Clearances Issued 2012 - 2017



New Residential Dwelling Units Permitted 2012 - 2017



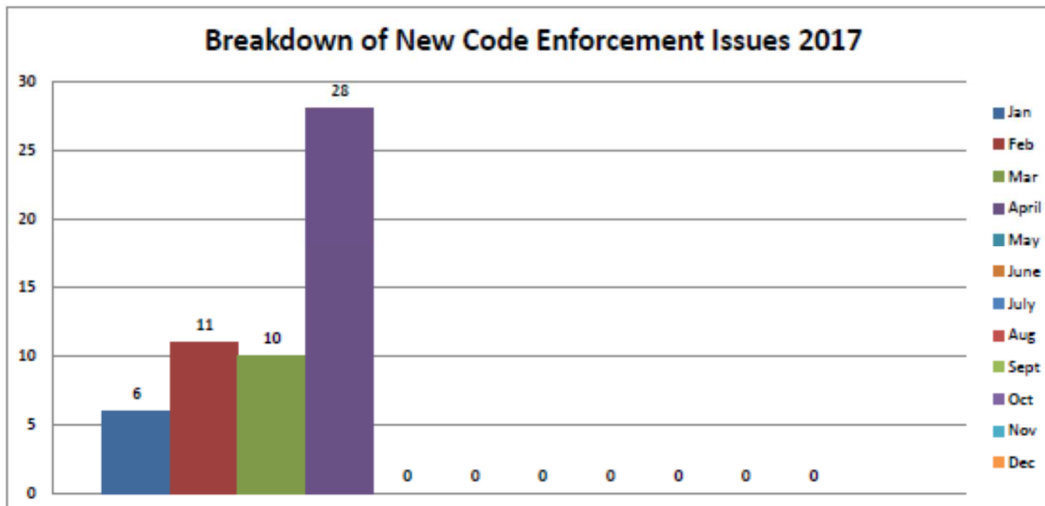
Break Down of other Development Permits Issued 2017

	Fence	Com	Remodel	Res Remodel	Upgrade	Roof	ge/C arpo	Addtn	Sign	Shed	Demo	Mobile	Porch/Patio	Misc.	Total
Jan	4	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	9	24
Feb	1	0	3	4	5	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	5	27
Mar	7	0	2	2	8	3	0	1	1	4	0	1	1	3	33
April	4	1	2	2	11	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	8	36
May															0
June															0
July															0
Aug															0
Sept															0
Oct															0
Nov															0
Dec															0
YTD	16	1	9	9	28	10	2	2	4	8	2	1	6	25	120

Break Down of New Code Enforcement Issues 2017

	Weeds	Trash	Junk Vehicles	Permits	Business	Snow	Obstructions	Trailer	Signs	Tires	Trees	Other	Total
Jan	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Feb	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	11
Mar	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	10
April	7	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	28
May													0
June													0
July													0
Aug													0
Sept													0
Oct													0
Nov													0
Dec													0
YTD	8	19	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	0	4	10	55

Breakdown of New Code Enforcement Issues 2017



The Fruita Historic Preservation Board presents

A Fruita History Fair.



Saturday, May 13

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cavalcade

201 E. Aspen Ave.

Then & Now Photo Display.

Books, Artifacts, Period Music.

Bring Your Photos & Artifacts



Pumping up the Dream Starting a Business in Western Colorado

This class covers the most commonly asked questions including how to do a trade name search, choosing the right legal structure, registering with the state, local licensing requirements, the business planning process, and options for financing your business.

\$50
Class Fee

Upcoming Class Dates

Tues 5/16/17 1-4 PM (Fruita Location)
Tues 5/30/17 9-Noon
Fri 6/9/17 9-Noon
Tues 6/20/17 1-4PM (At FACTORY)

Fast Trac Business Basics

MUST PRE-REGISTER CALL 970-243-5242
Classes are offered from 12-1 PM

Must take Starting a Business Class First

Market Research Learn to use market research tools to generate more business	5/4/17 6/8/17 (At FACTORY)
Business Planning Write a plan to help ensure the success of your business	5/18/17 6/22/17 (IN Fruita)
Internet Strategies Learn how to be accessible through the internet	5/25/17 6/29/17
Licensing License your business online	5/11/17 (Fruita) 6/15/17
Cash Flows Learn how to do a cash flow budget using Excel	4/27/17 6/1/17



How to list, sell, and prosper on Amazon.com

We will address the ins and outs of selling on Amazon.com including how to list your products, ship items to Amazon or directly to customers, and how much it costs. We will address everything from getting started to wholesaling to Amazon.

A powerpoint presentation with lots of detail and a lengthy Q & A to follow.

June 26 1PM-3PM
2017 Cost \$35

Do what works for you, take one class for \$50 or both classes for \$75.

Call 243-5242 to Register or visit us at
gjincubator.org

All Date & Events Are Subject to Change

Events in Fruita will be held at our Fruita Location
325 East Aspen Street
Fruita, Colorado



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3rd Fri
of every month
11-Noon

Open Coffee Club
GRAND VALLEY E-SERIES

The Business
Incubator Center
2591 Legacy Way
Grand Junction, CO



We will be introducing our new format! Come join us as we talk entrepreneurship, startups, and the Grand Valley lifestyle over coffee. Check gjincubator.org for monthly speakers.

BUSINESS VALUATION

May 26th
10-11:30

What would be a fair listing price for a business and how is it determined? Will a lender finance the acquisition? Does selling a business within the industry provide opportunity to command a premium price? Join us in learning about the roles of market analysis and business evaluation in developing a realistic business worth assessment. Cost: \$35

1st. Thurs
of every month
5-7 PM

GV Food Hub Meetup

Who we are - a group of farmers, ranchers, food producers, and consumers with a strong belief that buying locally creates a community with enhanced economic, health, and social benefits. Our goal is to have a study performed to determine the feasibility of creating a Food Hub in the Grand Valley. The 1st Thursday of each month, from 5-7 p.m. - we'll supply beverages.

LOOKING TO FRANCHISE?

June.
13
1-4 PM

Learn how to evaluate a franchise opportunity in a way that will answer all your questions, and address all your concerns. We will discuss a 7 step process for analyzing a franchise opportunity. Learn how to compare several franchise opportunities to determine which presents the best opportunity. Will discuss proprietary tools that allow you to match your personal attributes to companies where people just like you are being highly successful. Assess your readiness to go into business. Cost: \$35



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Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

Northwest Regional Office
711 Independent Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Cameo Shooting and Education Complex Governor 'First Shot' Ceremony

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Agenda

- 8:30 am Arrive, meet and greet
Coffee and light breakfast served
- 9:30 Welcome - Town of Palisade
Mayor Roger Granat
City Manager Rich Sales
- 9:45 Introductions - Opening Remarks
JT Romatzke, CPW Area Wildlife Manager
- 10:00 Governor John Hickenlooper
- 10:15 Bob Randall, DNR Executive Director
- 10:25 Bob Broscheid, Director Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- 10:35 Safety briefing
- 10:45 'First Shot' Governor John Hickenlooper
- 12:00 Closing remarks - JT Romatzke

Directions: The complex is located 4 miles east of the Town of Palisade. Take Exit 46 from eastbound or westbound Interstate 70. From there you will be directed to the site of the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex 'First Shot' Ceremony.



