



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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 Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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Tuesday's City Council Workshop

We will be discussing the 2018 election in regards to possible items to consider for the ballot including our every six year request to be 'de-bruced' and lodging tax. We will also discuss sewer priorities and the upcoming Grand Valley Transit 10-year strategic planning process.

TID BITS:

IT'S BEEN A BUSY WEEK. EVEN WITH THE BOSS AWAY, EVERYONE HAS THEIR NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE!



- The PD is working on several (POP) Problem Oriented Policing projects. They are working with Adult Protection regarding some disturbances at a home with a disabled individual; officers have been assigned to problem-solve the homeless/vagrancy issues occurring around town; an officer is assigned to look into the recurring graffiti problem, especially in the underpass of the new trail and several officers working on the issues at Snooks.
- The 2 new police officers are progressing through field training and moved on to the 2nd of 3 training phases. Animal Control Officer/PST Stacy Nehm successfully completed her field training and is working solo beginning this week.
- The recent heat wave has been a blessing in many ways...since the first month of opening in 2011, the FCC has not had another 1,000 visit day - until this month. On June 21, the FCC had 1035 paid visits and June is shaping up to be an extraordinary month. As of June 21, the FCC has had 16,730 visits which compares to 15,019 (11% increase) during the same timeframe in 2016.

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

- Communities that Care had their Community Board Orientations this past week. 15 Community Board members and another 5 Key Leaders received more detailed training and developed a vision for the CTC process and what it is we are trying to accomplish. All in all, it was a good set of meetings.
- Get your fresh veggies at the Farmers Market which starts this Saturday
- Bike to Work Day is next Wednesday, June 28th. Ride your bike to Heritage Park or the Civic Center for a free breakfast in the morning.
- Don't forget – Ice Cream Social is on Thursday, June 29th in Civic Center Park.
- Public Works conducted interviews this week for the open Wastewater Operator position and are advertising for a full time Maintenance Worker position that closes on Monday.
- Public Works completed some paving operations on Mesa Street near Elmwood Heights subdivision this week.
- Kudos to Danald Nagle, Maintenance Worker in Public Works, who received notification this week that he passed his Wastewater Collections I license exam.
- Public Works submitted the annual water quality eligibility survey to the State this week that shows a need for over \$8 million in capital improvement for wastewater projects in the next 10 to 20 years. These surveys are used by the State to assist in determining level of funding for the State Revolving Fund and are required to be eligible for State financing. The City has not identified any projects that we will be seeking financing for in the near-term due to the amount of debt still owed on our existing plant. We will, however, be updating our sewer rate study in the coming months in order to further evaluate options on how to fund these projects over time.
- The City has a number of items currently posted for disposal through the online auction site: <http://www.govdeals.com/fruita> . If you are in need of any cinder blocks or cubicles, this may be a great opportunity! We will also be listing some more items in the next week, so keep an eye open.
- A pre-construction meeting occurred today for the I-70 forcemain project and M.A. Concrete is scheduled to start digging Monday. This sewer extension project was advanced to minimize future construction costs and is the first step in constructing improvements along the Kokopelli Riverfront Trail corridor.
- City Staff is scheduled to meet with CDOT this coming Wednesday to discuss possible intersection improvements being evaluated on Highway 6 at 20 Road. This intersection is being evaluated as part of a larger project that is evaluating safety improvements that also includes potential safety improvements to 22 Road and G Road intersections.
- Clearing and surveying is complete at Kokopelli Trail alignment through IIG property
- Utility Companies are planning to start utility construction Aug. 1 in the Aspen Alley with the thought of being dressed up for Fall Fest. Then City Contractor will come in to construct drainage and paving improvements.

- Subdivision Updates: Aspen Village is prepping for roadbase prior to concrete placement. Brandon Estates has revised their construction drawings to eliminate super shallow sewer services on the west end of the Elmont Ct. They will be prepping for roadbase and concrete after the regrading of the cul-de-sac. Adobe View North was getting their final 3 electric pedestals installed as of yesterday. They are close.
- The City received 4 proposals for conducting the Community Survey. The evaluation committee has evaluated the proposals and will award the contract early next week.
- Family Health West has submitted plans for expanding the hospital to the north. No public hearing is required and the Planning Clearance is being issued today.
- Staff is starting work on the 2018 Budget. The first meeting for staff review of the 5 year CIP was held this week and meetings are scheduled through the end of this month with the leadership team for review of the 2017 budget and to identify issues for the upcoming 2018 budget.
- We are working on the initial bond disclosure questionnaires for refunding of the 2009 FCC bonds.
- The City has signed up for BidNet – an online bid solicitation, purchasing and bidding services website. We will be amending our purchasing policies to incorporate this new tool for obtaining bids and managing solicitation for bid processes.

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

- Riverfront Trail inspires a new passion for grandmother
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/articles/riverfront-trail-inspires-a-new-passion-for-grandm>
- Early peaches being picked in Palisade
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Early-Peaches-being-Picked-in-Palisade-428938353.html>
- Summer Solstice Celebration
<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/summer-solstice-celebration/746063151>
- Why Fruita Colorado is a Mountain Biker's Paradise
<https://www.tetongravity.com/story/bike/locals-guide-to-fruita-colorado>
- Tour de Bloom – The Kokopelli Trail Done Right
<https://www.singletracks.com/blog/mtb-events/tour-de-bloom-kokopelli-trail-done-right/>
- Trash fire gets out of control in Fruita, man cited
<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Trash-fire-gets-out-of-control-in-Fruita-man-cited-429870513.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.):*

- **Tomorrow, June 24** begins the weekly Farmers Market series each Saturday in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **June 28** is Bike to Work Day with two breakfast locations (see flier below for details).
- **June 29** is the Thursday Night Concert with the Centennial Band at 7:30 pm. **This is the concert that City Council is serving ice-cream.**
- **June 29** is also a Riverfront Concert featuring the Fabulous Thunderbirds at the state park.
- **July 1** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **July 3** City of Fruita 3rd of July Annual Fireworks brought to you by Western Rockies Federal Credit Union beginning at dusk.
- **July 6** is the Thursday Night Concert featuring Threads at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **July 7** you are invited to meet the Colorado Tourism Office’s newly appointed Program Director from 10 am – 11:30 am at the Fruita Civic Center in the North Council Room for a presentation. Please RSVP to Deb if you plan to attend.
- **July 8** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **July 13** is the Thursday Night Concert featuring Flat Top Reed at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **July 15** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **July 20** is the Thursday Night Concert featuring Stray Grass at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **July 21** is the IGA Float Trip with our Riverfront Partners (see flier below).
- **July 22** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **July 24** is the Grand Valley Transit 1-10 Year Strategic Plan Work Session that Counselor Karisny and I will be attending.
- **July 27** is the Thursday Night Concert featuring Jack + Jill at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **July 29** is the 4th Annual Cops and Cars Car Show benefitting Special Olympics Colorado from 9 am – 3pm at Fruita Monument High School.
- **July 29** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **August 3** is the Thursday Night concert featuring Halden Wofford & the Hi Beams at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **August 5** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **August 10** is the Thursday Night Concert featuring The Williams Brothers Band at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **August 12** is the Fruita Farmer’s Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 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>

C: Department Directors

FREE Community Breakfast

June 28th 7-9 am

Two Locations:

Civic Center Park (325 E Aspen Ave),
sponsored by Colorado
Canyons Hospital and Medical
Center

**Heritage Park (on Riverfront Trail behind
the Visitor's Center),** provided by
Tacorado & Bestslope Coffee

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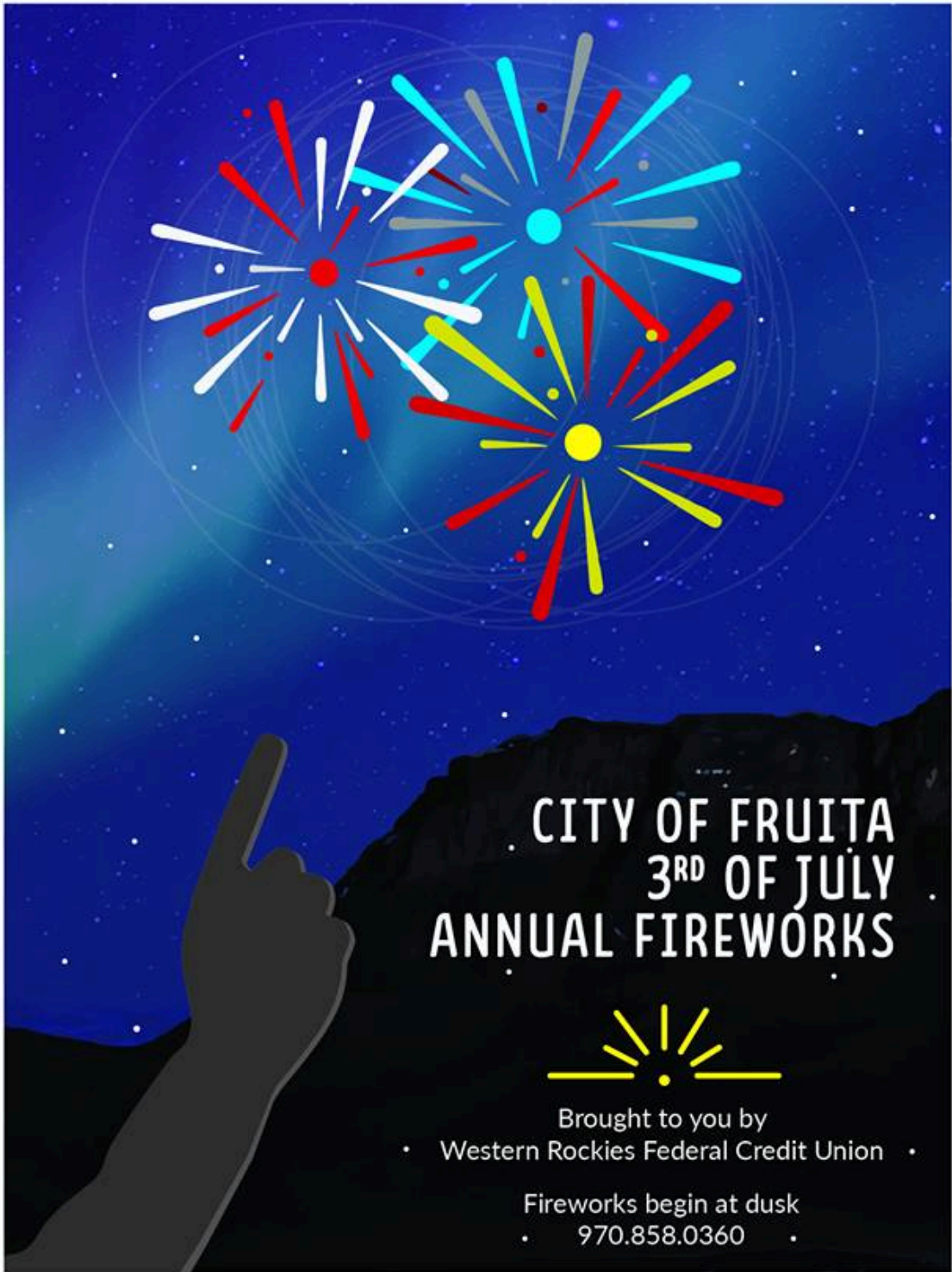


Don't drive alone to work, come ride with us!

Join us at 6:30 am at the Civic Center Park for a tour of the newest addition to our trail system & ride a loop from Civic Center Park through James Robb State Park to Heritage Park



Starting at 5pm, swing by Kannah Creek Brewing Company West with your bike helmet and receive a complimentary pint.



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ONE RIVERFRONT INVITES YOU ON A

RIVERFRONT FLOAT

July 21, 2017 ■ 8:00 AM
Blue Heron Boat Launch,
Grand Junction, CO



RSVP by July 13 to:

Michele: 683-4333;
michele.rohrbach@mesacounty.us

indicate life jacket needs and size



WHAT TO BRING:

Hat
Sunscreen
Sunglasses
River clothes
Water bottle



Lee Gelatt Photography

SPONSORS:

WHAT TO EXPECT:

A fun, easy float along the Colorado River from Blue Heron Boat Launch to Fruita. Shuttles and lunch will be provided, with an estimated completion time around 1 pm.



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WHY FRUITA? The City of Fruita focuses on three strategic outcomes built upon a base of providing quality core services.

Quality of Place (QP) The City of Fruita is a community where residents and visitors love where they are. The City strives to be a bike and pedestrian friendly community by providing a system of sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes that connect our parks, schools, neighborhoods, civic facilities, and commercial areas. We value safe neighborhoods, our geographic natural resources and landscapes, top tier education and healthcare, and we collaborate to provide quality essential infrastructure and services. We are an inclusive community of doers who enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.

Economic Health (EH) The City of Fruita strives to be financially sustainable by enabling a stable economy and supporting a diversity of businesses that offer well-paying jobs that attract educated employees. The City works to be fiscally responsible and continuously seeks ways to allocate resources to services and projects that have the highest impact on the City's priorities. We are the innovative leader for economic development in the Grand Valley.

Lifestyle (L) The City of Fruita fosters a fun and funky ambiance by celebrating the local arts, farm and ranching history, unique leisure opportunities, and family-friendly events and activities. As a city, we encourage a diversity of cultural opportunities, businesses, and recreational activities. We continue to improve and enhance recreational offerings from traditional to outdoor adventure sports and youth to adult activities. We are a family-friendly community with diverse cultural opportunities, businesses and recreational amenities where visitors feel like locals and locals play like visitors.