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Weekly Info Update



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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JULY 14, 2017
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

We have a full agenda Tuesday night. The meeting begins with a proclamation recognizing the service of Pam and Gene Holder with the Lower Valley Fire District. Following the proclamation will be a presentation by the Colorado Riverfront Commission's rebranding efforts and the auditors will present the 2016 Audit Presentation. Organizers of the recent Community Dinner will be at the meeting to thank Council for support. We have a full consent agenda and my annual review also slated on the agenda.

TID BITS:

- At the recent annual CIRSA meeting, the City was recognized with 13 other jurisdictions throughout Colorado with a Worker's Compensation safety award—great job to city staff for taking safety seriously and for HR Director Odette Brach for coordinating efforts!
- The positive sales tax revenue trend continues with May revenues being 12.43% over May of 2016, leaving 2017, 8.57% over 2016 through May.
- Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District approved our grant extension request through August 30, 2017, to complete the final pieces of the Downtown Utility and Streetscapes Improvement design.
- It has been a busy week meeting with business prospects. We began negotiating a contract with one prospect that we hope to bring to Council in August. We furthered conversations with another prospect and began talking with two new prospects in the bike industry, one that came to meet with us after seeing us at Eurobike.
- I continue to reach out and meet with developers who are currently working through our process or have in recent years. These are resulting in very productive feedback for ways to improve or refine our process.

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- The leadership team participated in a training this week to begin cleaning up data, making changes to and improving the new priority based budgeting tool.
- State Representative and candidate for State Treasurer Polly Lawrence stopped by to meet with some of us this week.
- We are exploring the possibility of joining a solar cooperative with some of our facilities through an XCEL Energy opportunity.
- We are also exploring a new possibility to study in rolling out fiber throughout the City.
- The remaining core behavior kick-off meetings were completed this week covering all staff at this point.
- As a result of the CTO hosting the writers from Gear Patrol, who the Mayor and I met with during their trip to Fruita, they covered the Western Slope by writing a nearly 50-page feature in their [American Issue, Issue 4](#) .
- The CTO also launched a Colorado Outdoor Adventure Blog: <http://blog.colorado.com/>.
- The contractor for the I-70 force main work near the business park is nearly complete, and will return in a couple weeks to make the final connections.
- We are working to begin requesting bids for the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail in early August.
- BLM completed their studies for this trail and found no significant impact.
- Staff is working on design of the concept plan for the Highway 6 East sewer project.
- Staff is drafting the grant application for the same project.
- Aspen Village subdivision began laying concrete this week.
- We received a submittal for over 270 homes for the Iron Wheel subdivision that is looking to go to Planning Commission in August.
- Staff has been in communication with Tesla Motors regarding their program to install charging stations in the City and will continue to evaluate.
- Unfortunately a triathlon event that was scheduled this week at Snooks Bottom had to be cancelled due to the inability to have onsite open water lifeguards.
- E.coli testing prior to this event at Snooks were the lowest ever, showing no issues.
- Departments participated in numerous safety trainings this week provided by CIRSA onsite.
- Public Works staff began communications with CDOT regarding the snipes on the billboard.
- HR is still busy with multiple hiring processes. We have openings of an Aquatics Supervisor, Police Officer, Recreation Programs Supervisor, Maintenance Worker and Wastewater Operator.
- We will miss current Recreation Programs Supervisor Bree Hare who will be helping out with some part time work and wish her well with her new opportunity!
- Unfortunately, True Value had a burglary, but Fruita PD was able to coordinate with authorities in Utah and the suspect is in custody.
- The kids slide was reinstalled at the Community Center this week.
- Maintenance week is scheduled for the third week in September this year.

- Two townhome projects passed at Planning Commission.
- A new restaurant, Mi Ranchito Taco Shop opened this week at the former Thai Restaurant near Judy's.
- As part of the 2018 budget process, we are posting notice and alerting past agencies that applications for outside agency funding are due Sept. 1, 2017. The application can be found at: <http://www.fruita.org/administration/page/outside-agency-funding-application>.

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

- The Top 5 Mountain Bike Destinations in Colorado: https://www.singletracks.com/blog/mtb-trails/top-5-mountain-bike-destinations-in-colorado/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=17_07_13
- Tip a Cop Fundraiser helping raise money for Special Olympics: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Tip-a-Cop-fundriaser-helping-raise-money-for-Special-Olympics-433511133.html>
- Fruita Farmer's Market goes 100% producer: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fruita-Farmers-market-goes-100-producer-433367643.html>
- Gardner's valley visit to dairy and farm: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/gardners-valley-visit-8232to-dairy-8232and-farm823>
- Riverfront trail artwork expanding in 2017: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/riverfront-trail-artwork-expanding-in-2017/759669230>
- A rock from the sky: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/a-rock-from-the-sky>
- New meteorite exhibit on display: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/new-meteorite-exhibit-on-display/763996337>
- Fitness event planned for Fruita park: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/fitness-event-planned-for-fruita-park/>
- Far out yoga: Grand Valley yoga instructors taking classes to unusual places: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/far-out-yoga-grand-valley-yoga-instructors-taking>

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.):*

- **July 15** is the Fruita Farmer's Market in Civic Center Park from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- **July 18 & 19** is the third regular joint quarterly meeting of the Colorado River District Board of Directors at the Hotel Denver Loft in Glenwood Springs, CO (info below).
- **July 20** is the Chamber Business After Hours at Dinosaur Journey from 5:30 – 7:30 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 25** is the Chamber's Leadership Excellence event from 11:30 – 1:30 pm at Adobe Creek Golf Course with special guest presenters and a buffet lunch. Tickets of \$15 for members are required. Featured speaker is Doug Simons, President of Enstrom.
- **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.
- **July 31** is the District 51 Foundation, in partnership with Fruita, Palisade, GJ and Mesa County welcome of the new School District Superintendent at the Avalon from 7-8:30 pm that Mayor Buck and I will speak at (flier below).
- **August 3** will be the groundbreaking ceremony for the addition of 9 beds at Colorado Canyons at 10 am.
- **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.
- **August 30** will be the next Fruita Chamber Economic Development Summit from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Cavalcade.
- 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

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY SEPT. 15

COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT'S ANNUAL WATER SEMINAR

Two Rivers Convention Center Grand Junction, Colorado

Points of No Return?



Where go the return flows:

Irrigation modernization is more than about increasing efficiency. The loss of return flows affects streams, other water users and the environment.



Fill Lake Mead first?

What does that mean to Lake Powell and the Upper Basin. Are both reservoirs viable in the west's new drier climate?



The Salton Sea's decline:

Why California's artificial sea's decline is the wild card that needs to be an ace if California and the Lower Basin states are to have a drought contingency plan.

Third Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting

of the Colorado River District Board of Directors

Tues. & Wed. July 18 & 19, 2017 - Hotel Denver Loft, 402 7th Street, Glenwood Springs, CO ([map](#))

9:00-9:10 Meeting [Agenda](#) & Objectives; Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes & Actions Taken

9:10-12:00 [Attorney Report](#): **Executive Session**

(Break)

1:00-1:15 [Attorney Report](#): **Public Session**: Summary & Action Items from Executive Session:

- a. Mid-year Review of 2017 Goals and Objectives
- b. Discussion of Other Items in General Counsel Report

1:15-2:30 **General Manager's Report:**

- a. [Mid-Year Review of 2017 Goals and Objectives](#)
- b. [General Manager Budget, Transition Issues, and Informational Items](#)
- c. [Colorado River Basin Issues](#): Hydrology Book Publication Options
- d. [IBCC/Roundtable Update](#): Joint West Slope Roundtables Risk Study
- e. [Water Quality/Grand Lake Clarity](#)
- f. [Regional Conservation Partnership Program Update](#)
- g. Irrigation Efficiencies / Return Flows.

2:40-2:50 [Annual Policy Discussion](#):

- a. [Aging Infrastructure](#)
- b. [State Funding: Water Projects and Programs](#)

2:50-3:35 **External Affairs:**

- a. [Information and Outreach](#)
- b. [State Affairs](#)
- c. [Federal Affairs](#)

3:45-3:55 [Eagle River MOU Project](#): Ratification of John Currier as River District's Eagle Park Reservoir

Continue the Meeting to Wednesday, July 18th at 8:45 am.

- a. Investment Committee Report on Risk Assessment
- b. Presentation of 2016 CRWCD Audit by Kevin Smith of McGladrey, LP.
- c. Acceptance of 2016 CRWCD Audit.

9:10-10:10 Project Operations and Updates:

- a. Wolford Mountain Reservoir: Approval of Contract Extension with Red Mountain RV Park
- b. [Approval of Esquibel Motorized Access Agreement and River District Property Access Agreement](#)
- c. [Wolford Mountain Reservoir Outlet Works](#)
- d. [Dam Crest Restoration](#)
- e. [Elkhead Reservoir](#)



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.



Tamarisk Coalition
RESTORE + CONNECT + INNOVATE



YOU'RE INVITED!

Welcome Dr. Ken Haptonstall, PhD

You are cordially invited to the District 51 Foundation Superintendent Welcome Event! Join us for an evening of celebration as we welcome our new Superintendent Ken Haptonstall.

When: Monday, July 31 • 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where: The Avalon

*Appetizers, water
and tea will be served.*

*This event is open to the
entire community.*

*A special thank you
to Mesa County and
the cities of Fruita,
Grand Junction,
and Palisade for co-
sponsoring the event.*



D51F

SCHOOL DISTRICT 51
FOUNDATION

*Please RSVP for your free tickets
at d51foundation.org*





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.