



# FRUITA

## COLORADO

In praise of public lands:



## Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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### Tuesday's City Council Workshop

The workshop will kick off with an overview of a training from the recent CML conference followed by four development items that are making their way to the August 1 City Council meeting.

### TID BITS:

- As a sponsor for Grand Day 2.0 which is slated to release soon, we will participate with GJEP in a number of other outreach efforts, including a blog post that went up today: <http://www.gjep.org/general/whats-fruita-bucket-list/>
- We received and fulfilled a request from OEDIT to provide additional information on our Colorado Blueprint 2.0 grant application to transform the Business Incubator space in the Civic Center to a functioning co-working space on the Proximity Space platform.
- With the approval of funds from City Council Tuesday night, we have entered into the contract with ETC Institute to conduct the next community survey in partnership with the Mesa County Health Department as part of the Communities that Care partnership and also with Family Health West.
- Congrats to HR Director Odette Brach for being recruited and willing to serve as a Board Member for the Western Slope Center for Children!
- If anyone is interested in participating in the next Explore D51 program to learn intimate details of how the school district operates, below is information on how to register and the schedule of this program.
- As a result of Council action Tuesday night, we are publishing the following public notice for creating a TABOR review committee as we do every six years:

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

## TABOR Review Committee

The City of Fruita is looking for volunteers who are interested in serving on a Citizen Review Committee to study the effects of the TABOR amendment on the City of Fruita and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding proposed courses of action. Members shall consist of residents of Fruita and are appointed by the City Council. Terms of appointments shall be until the scope of work outlined by the Council (Resolution 2017-22) is complete or April 2018, whichever comes first. Applications are due by August 9, 2017 and may be picked up at the Fruita Civic Center, downloaded from the City's website at [www.fruita.org/bc](http://www.fruita.org/bc) or requested by email sent to [dwoods@fruita.org](mailto:dwoods@fruita.org). Completed applications should be submitted to the City of Fruita, 325 E. Aspen, Fruita, CO 81521 or emailed to [dwoods@fruita.org](mailto:dwoods@fruita.org) or faxed to (970) 858-0210. Additional information can be obtained from the office of the Fruita City Clerk at 858-3663 or from the city's website at [www.fruita.org/bc](http://www.fruita.org/bc).

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/s/Margaret Sell, City Clerk

- Ken Haley and I met with the Glade Park Water Users Association this week at their request to begin discussions on how they can increase efforts they already do to maintain the pipeline and assist the City in reducing maintenance costs. It was a positive meeting and we will continue working with them to find some mutual benefits.
- I met with Commissioner John Justman this week and I emphasized the previous DMV space, that it is still vacant and available for the County free of rent to bring the DMV back.
- Staff is wrapping up the final design of the Downtown Phase II Sewer and Streetscapes project.
- Staff began identifying how to create overflow parking at Little Salt Wash Park before the busy fall season.
- We are coordinating with mountain Bike Company for a possible bike launch in Fruita this fall.
- Bid requests for construction of the Kokopelli section of the riverfront trail first phase will be advertised August 6 with a bid opening August 30.
- Finishing the connections of the I-70 force main will be underway next week.
- Brandon Estates subdivision is wrapping up on concrete (curb, gutter, and sidewalk).
- Adobe View North subdivision is rolling after approval Tuesday night.
- Aspen Village subdivision is working on completing concrete prior to pavement.
- Public Works and Engineering staff met with County staff to coordinate projects and seek any possible partnerships.
- Lots of hiring processes are underway—Police Officer, Athletics Supervisor, Aquatics Supervisor, Maintenance Worker and Wastewater Operator.
- Staff met with the Army Corps and Fire Department to plan for burning along the Big Salt Wash.

- Great Outdoors Colorado will be here in September to host their annual retreat in Fruita. As part of this there will be a dinner, live music, etc. in Civic Center Park Thursday Sept. 28 by invite.
- Junior Citizens Academy graduated about 14 young residents—congrats to them and the Police Department for putting this on each year!
- Have an awesome weekend!

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

- In praise of public lands: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/in-praise-of-public-lands>
- 2017 Colorado River cleanup: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/in-praise-of-public-lands>
- Free morning of fitness in Fruita: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/free-morning-of-fitness-in-fruita/767073085>
- Fruita gets fit: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Community-gets-out-early-in-Fruita-to-workout-434726543.html>
- Mike the Headless Chicken Sculpture: <http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/mike-the-headless-chicken>
- Museums are doing some soul searching: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/articles/museums-are-doing-some-soul-searching>
- Pest control firm takes bite out of mosquitoes: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/pest-control-firm-takes-bite-out-of-mosquitoes/>
- Fruita's American Ninja Warrior: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/sports/Fruitas-American-Ninja-Warrior-435087203.html>
- Scott: Pay to Pedal: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/scott-pay-to-peda/>
- Atheists group objects to prayer, wants officials to 'get to work': <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/atheist-group-objects-to-prayer-wants-officials-to-get-to-work/>
- Bike tax is a bad idea: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/articles/bike-tax-is-a-bad-idea>
- City approves deal for Bonsai: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/city-sweetens-deal-for-bonsai>

**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 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 25** you are invited to the Back the Badge for Public Safety presentation on the upcoming initiative in the Business Center at the Mesa County Workforce Center from 4-5 pm.
- **July 27** is the Thursday Night Concert featuring Jack + Jill at 7:30 pm in Civic Center Park.
- **July 29** is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 new 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



Good morning,

It is our pleasure to invite you to become a member of Mesa County Valley School District 51's community outreach program: *Explore D51*. You are receiving this email because you have either expressed an interest to be involved in District 51, or because someone who has taken this class nominated you as a participant for next year!

Explore D51 is a program that gives parents, business leaders, elected officials, and community members a unique opportunity to participate in an in-depth learning experience and dialogue around crucial issues. We meet monthly throughout the school year, from August to May.

As a member of Explore D51, you will go "behind the scenes" of your local public school system and engage with decision makers, and your fellow citizens. You will observe high quality instruction in district classrooms, and learn first-hand about operations that make teaching and learning possible every day. These topics include transportation, safety and security, technology, long-range planning, facilities and operations, and school finance. Time for conversation and problem solving will be included in each session.

This is a tremendous opportunity for us to work together to build stronger district-community relationships and to provide you with an insider's understanding of how the district operates. We hope you will join us in transforming into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education System!

Explore D51 will meet the second Thursday of each month, from 5pm to 7pm. More information will be provided to interested participants upon response.

Please look at the attached calendar to see if you are able to commit to these dates. If so, please return the attached RSVP sheet by Monday, July 31. If you are unable to make this year's class, please consider checking the option for an invitation to the 2018-19 class. Also, feel free to forward this email to a friend, coworker, family member, etc. who may be interested in participating.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Catherine Foster at 254-5112 or [Catherine.foster@d51schools.org](mailto:Catherine.foster@d51schools.org)

We look forward to having you!

Catherine Foster

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# 2017-2018 MEETING CALENDAR

**August 17, 2017**

5 – 7 p.m.

Introduction, Governance

**September 14, 2017**

5 – 7 p.m.

School Finance & Budget

**October 12, 2017**

5 – 7 p.m.

Facilities & Operations

**November 9, 2017**

5 – 7 p.m.

District 51 Learning Systems

**December 14, 2017**

5 – 7 p.m.

Technology

**January 2018**

*No class*

**February 8, 2018**

5 – 7 p.m.

Safety

**March 8, 2018**

5 – 7 p.m.

Health & Nutrition

**April 12, 2018**

5 – 7 p.m.

School Tours

**May 10, 2018**

5 – 7 p.m.

Year-end Wrap, Graduation,  
Pathways for Engagement



Explore D51 meets once a month, from August to May, to engage in conversations with District Leadership about important School District 51 and community issues.

All meetings take place in the District 51 Harry Butler Board Room, located in the R5 High School, at 455 North 22<sup>nd</sup> St. unless otherwise noted. Class Topic Subject to Change.



# 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](http://d51foundation.org)*





**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.



**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.