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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: FEBRUARY 19, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday Night's City Council Workshop

Tuesday is full of items, including: another round of logo options presented by WCCC students, an item for council to decide whether or not to pursue in future meetings consideration of allowing OHVs on city roads, discussion of a proposed business plan to lease and use city land near the wastewater reclamation facility, discussing the possible creation of an entertainment district, an update from staff on feedback related to the proposed sign ordinance scheduled for public hearing on March 1, an update on the Dinosaur Journey lease agreement scheduled for March 1 and an update on upcoming grant cycles and related projects.

TID BITS:

- In January city of Fruita residents recycled 44 tons of aluminum, cardboard/paper, scrap metals, plastics and glass (see full report below).
- With the warmer weather, the ponds at the site of the old sewer lagoons started to turn over this week and we have received numerous complaints about the smell (even from properties in the downtown area). We are doing what we can, but anticipate that odors will continue for the next week or so.
- The City has continued to communicate our interests in filling the lagoons to contractors and a number of outside agencies. Over the past two weeks the Grand Valley Drainage District disposed of roughly 1,000 CY of fill material (or 100 dump trucks worth) at the site, which allowed them to reduce their trucking costs from a project they are working on in the Lower Valley area. A benefit to the City and the GVDD!
- Public Works Director, Ken Haley attended the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board meeting on Wednesday, which focused on the continued discussions of stormwater utility fees and having the 5-2-1 work with GVDD toward one regional drainage entity. The preferred alternative of GVDD appears to include having the 5-2-1 contracting with the GVDD to collect fees and be responsible for pretty much all stormwater responsibilities. The 5-2-1 Board voiced some concerns in the details of how this alternative might work and approved a motion by a 3-2 vote to have staff prepare a draft IGA between the two entities to be discussed at the next 5-2-1 Board Meeting on March 3rd. The 5-2-1 is then scheduled to present how this will impact the community to elected officials on March 10th.
- Unfortunately, Phase 2 of the City Shops project came in over budget last week. Luckily, we have a good contractor hired and staff has worked diligently with FCI to identify ways to reduce costs. We now have a revised plan that we are prepared to move forward with that will finish the new offices, break room, and training areas that were identified as a priority. This approach may require that

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additional work be completed by staff to remodel the existing office spaces or purchase additional furniture in the future as resources allow.

- We received 7 bids today for the J.2 Road Improvements. We are still evaluating the bids, but appear to be under budget and still on track to start construction in early March.
- Residents now have another option for breakfast in the mornings. Munchies restaurant started serving breakfast this week and is now open starting at 6:30 a.m. There are rumors that they might even deliver.
- Our economic development team is moving forward to work on creating solid marketing materials (web and print) for the city in partnership with GJEP.
- The team also coordinated with owners of the business/industrial park who will be engaging a local firm to create virtual buildings to use for marketing purposes of their build-to-suit option. We attempted to partner them with CMU, but at this point with the focus on outer design, it was decided by all parties a local firm would be best suited.
- Mulberry sewer work is still progressing.
- The contractor continues to work on construction of the Little Salt Wash Trail.
- About 100 middle-schoolers visited the wastewater reclamation facility each day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to tour, plug their nose and learn about the operations (photos below).
- Staff is working on the priority based budgeting inventory steps for the next couple weeks. We also are coordinating costs with the consultant.
- We completed our annual CIRSA safety audit this week.
- The FCC is in the process of replacing equipment.
- The annual Sweetheart Run and Expo included 25 booths and 448 runners. Thanks to partner FHW for helping us with the event.
- We hosted the Business After Hours last night to a big group and had a lot of fun catching up with people.
- The Mayor, Ture and I will be touring Luis Benitez on Monday around Fruita highlighting our future efforts and plans prior to the ORC Happy Hour at the Hot Tomato at 5:30 for ORC members, city council, etc.
- We hired 3 new guest service staff at the FCC.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (or related news to the area):

- Hot Tomato gives back to Geer family TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/369247271.html>
- Are you at risk of falling TV spot: <https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/are-you-at-risk-of-falling&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMTA2MjY3MjEwNzQzNjY4OTE0NjlaY2FmNzBjZmRjY2M0Njk2Njpb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFlx4zESUsD0Aeoyo7gAwUKCR1-gg>
- Meet the 'Legendary Locals of Fruita' in Hight book: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/meet-the-legendary-locals-of-fruita-in-hight-book>
- Fruita community center kicks off Heart Health Month with race, health expo TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fruita-Community-Center-hosts--368737781.html>
- Man saved after falling through ice near Fruita: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/man-saved-after-falling-through-ice-near-fruita>

- What's cooking at Fruita High: <http://www.gisentinel.com/news/articles/whats-cooking-at-fruita-high>

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.):*

- **Tonight, Feb. 19** is the launch party and book signing for *Legendary Locals of Fruita*, written by Fruita's Denise and Steve Hight. The event will be hosted by Vintage Common owner Michelle Cools at the Cavalcade (201 E. Aspen) at pm (invite below).
- **Tomorrow, Feb. 20** will be the Chamber's annual banquet and awards event at 5:30 pmv—this year in Fruita at our Community Center.
- **Feb. 26** is the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Strive at the Double Tree hotel from 6:30 – 10 pm (flier below).
- **March 7**, from 6-7:30 pm will be a town hall meeting with Senator Scott Tipton at the Fruita Community Center.
- **March 10**, is the Chamber Hosted Candidate Forum in Council Chambers from 6-8 pm.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at: <http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

CC: Department Directors

WM Public Sector Solutions

January 2016 Recycling Benefits for City of Fruita

In January 2016, we recycled 44 tons of aluminum, cardboard/paper, scrap metals, plastics, and glass.

These recycling efforts conserved the following resources:



348 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 4,307,800 sheets of newspaper!

154 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 197 people!

76,679 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 7 homes!

Avoided 95 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

The recycling of these materials prevented these GHG emissions!

202,818 Gallons of Water

Represents enough fresh water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 2,704 people!

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 2015



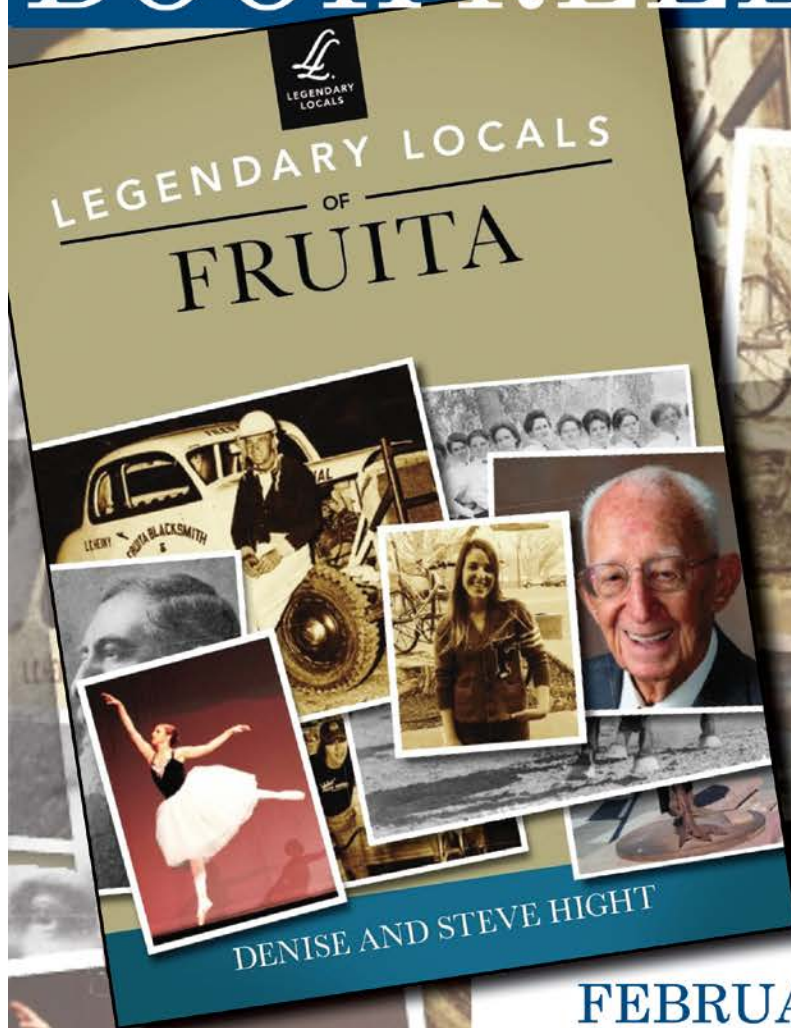








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