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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MARCH 20, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's Council Workshop

Tuesday night we will continue our discussion on recommended ordinance changes regarding alcohol, marijuana, compressed gas and toxic vapors. We will also provide a brief update on the status of Brandon Estates Filing 1 Phase 2 subdivision.

City Manager out of the office

I will be out of the office on Thursday, Friday and Monday (26th, 27th, and 30th). Margaret Sell will be acting manager, but feel free to reach me if you need to.

North Star Economic Development Focus Group Rescheduled

We have rescheduled the focus group to April 7 from 11:30 – 1:00 pm at the Civic Center. GJ will provide lunch and I hope most of you can make it to highlight Fruita in this effort. Chamber Board members are also invited. If you would like to invite others, feel free to do so. Here is the description from GJ on this meeting:

The City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, GJEP, Business Incubator, Workforce Center, CMU, and Chamber of Commerce are collaborating with North Star Destination Strategies on a research-based project to help develop a stronger identity for promoting economic development, general awareness, and regional pride in the Grand Valley area.

The purpose of this critical exercise is to develop and clearly developed by North Star, called Community BrandPrint, is known throughout the United States for its ability to effectively generate positive marketing growth. In order to determine what path to take for this cooperative effort, information will be gathered from several sources in a process that will pinpoint where we should target educational and marketing efforts in the coming years. You are invited to participate in the Fruita Focus Group.

TID BITS:

- I've had fun this week posting on GJEP's Instagram page: gjepecondev. You can see our group selfie from Tuesday night: <https://instagram.com/gjepecondev/>

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

- Public Works is hosting the All Hazards Conference April 8th in Fruita at the FCC .
- Our new Planning Tech, Henry Hemphill started Monday and is doing a great job!
- The Lower Valley Fire District partnered with our Parks Department and BLM Wednesday to burn tumbleweed at the disk golf course—win/win as they use for training and we get the cleanup.
- We worked out a partnership with LVFD to cover 20% of our new fiber connection to Grand Junction for Police and Fire connectivity, which helps us out and saves them from finding their own connection.
- Unfortunately, we had a purse snatcher at the FCC last week but fortunately, they were caught and the victim got everything back. Needless to say, we dropped a membership.
- Positive post in Sunday's "You Said It" about the FCC—"boo-yah!" you'll get it if you read it.
- Fruita was highlighted positively in this past weekend's 2015 Grand Valley Real Estate Guide.
- We received 20 web design proposals so we are taking our time to thoroughly review and rank before we narrow down to finalists.
- Milling was completed on Ottley Avenue this week.
- Columbine drain project kicked off Monday—fencing removed and excavation started.
- We will have a bid opening April 12 for our road overlay projects.
- We made the last payment on the Kingsview Sewer Line Extension Loan and have received the acknowledgement and cancellation of bond from CWRPDA for the payoff of the loan.
- Glad to hear Rifle landed the Center for Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting after our joint support among AGNC members.
- We received our official recognition this week from the Arbor Day Foundation naming Fruita Tree City USA for 2014.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Fruita Green Initiatives: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/fruita/15451368-113/fruitas-green-initiatives-are-ever-evolving>
- Meet your Neighbor—Angelina Salazar: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/fruita/15387064-113/meet-your-neighbor-angelina-salazar-keeps-busy-in-fruitas-health>
- Mayor Buck's Opinion Piece: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/opinion/15455852-113/opinion-the-great-mountain-bike-migration-has-begun-in-fruita>
- <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/15402586-113/go-play-explore-colorado-singletrack-with-desert-rat-tours>
- A new bike app for Grand Valley: trails: <http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/15451359-113/grand-junction-gets-its-own-mountain-biking-guide-app>
- Colorado Back Country Expands in Fruita: <http://www.newslocker.com/en-us/region/colorado-springs/colorado-backcountry-biker-expands-in-fruita/view/>
- BLM opens 22 new campsites at 18 Road: <http://www.topix.com/county/mesa-co/2015/03/150313K6IA06>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tonight is the annual Talent Show at the Fruita Middle School **March 20th** at 7 pm.

- PD will participate in the Battle of the Badges (Police versus Fire) **March 25th** from 4-7 pm—so please come to the Police Department and donate blood specifying you are on the Police Team so we can beat our friends the firefighters.
- **April 8th** is the date for the rescheduled Grand Valley Transit West Transfer and Park-n-Ride Facility Grand Opening from 11 am – 12 pm (Flyer attached).
- The **March** 2015 City of Fruita Meeting Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/documents/admin/mtgcal.pdf>.
- The **2015** Events Calendar is also available online at: http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf

CC: Department Directors



Project Info

Total SF – 2,846

6 Bus Transfer Stations

49 Park-n-Ride Spaces

Total Cost
\$3.4 million

2009-2010
FTA Funds
\$760,000

Land Purchase

2012
FTA Funds
\$1.2 million
Construction

2012
CDOT FASTER
Funds
\$800,000
Construction

VRTC Local Funds
\$600,000

JOIN US!

for the Grand Opening of the
**NEW Grand Valley Transit
West Transfer
and
Park-n-Ride Facility**

Date: April 8, 2015

Location: 612 24 1/2 Road
Grand Junction, CO

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Note: Parking is available off F 1/8 Road
in the new Park-n-Ride Facility



This project was made possible through the support and effort of the following Entities:

Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)