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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: OCTOBER 2, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday Night's City Council Meeting

Tuesday's meeting will mainly center on a presentation by Parks & Recreation Director Ture Nycum briefing Council on the 2016 draft Community Center budget.

Elevation Outdoors' Top Adventure Towns

Thanks for the voting. The online competition ended Wednesday morning and Fruita was leading Glenwood Springs by a percentage or two when it ended. Results will be announced in their November issue of their magazine and digital content will be posted of the runners up all month.

Community Engagement---Residents as the Designers of our Gateway

Our "napkin sketch" design process is now underway to get the most feedback we can from residents who would like to help shape what our gateway should be like. Packets are found at the following link:

<http://www.fruita.org/community/project/fruita-gateway-enhancement-project>

and also at the Civic Center, Community Center, Chamber, The Hot Tomato, No Coast Sushi, Aspen Street Coffee, Pablo's Pizza, Copper Club Brewing Co., Munchies, Suds Brothers, Camilla's and Rib City. Packets are due by October 31st. Please spread the word and encourage people to participate—it's easy and a lot of fun.

Check out the national BLM site profile of Fruita that went live today

BLM went live on their national site today profiling 20 spots across the US, 5 in Colorado and 2 from the Grand Valley with a great profile of Fruita. Pretty cool.

<http://www.blm.gov/mountainbike/colorado/fruita.html>

\$100,000

That's how much we were awarded this week from DOLA for a grant to complete the interior work of the new Public Shops facility in 2016.

TID BITS:

- The FCC reopened Monday fresh and clean from maintenance week. All floors were redone, lights added, fans added and pool drained.
- Even with a week closed we had a higher average per day of visits in September (351 v. 271 in 2014). Total visits for the year are at 133,942.
- By all accounts Fall Festival was a success!
- Regarding the downtown project, the shrubs will be planted and art replaced now that Fall Fest is over.

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

- DinoMites Days Off kicked off this week for fall break with 16+ attending each day so far.
- Staff submitted 8 trail segments identified in our P.O.ST. plan to the 16 Trails in 2016 initiative. We were asked to submit as many and all trails we could to give them a sense of trails for future years. We emphasized the Kokopelli Riverfront Extension.
- Mayor Buck, Ture and I are visiting with Luis Benitez, Colorado's head of the Outdoor Recreation Industry Office today discussing Fruita's efforts and opportunities.
- We continue to plow away at the budget draft.
- The final 911 Communication Center numbers are in and our increase will be \$7,069 for 2016.
- We are awaiting further detail from the Mosquito Authority on why mosquitoes have seemed much worse this year, but the normal spraying has taken place.
- We had a pre-bid meeting this week for the Little Salt Wash Trail construction and bid opening will be Tuesday.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- E-edition of the Locals' Choice Grand Valley 2015. Congrats to Fruita winners!
<http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/launch.aspx?pbid=0a8b4ec8-c429-4f06-8004-98277ec28ea2>
- Children's Nature Center Closing Fruita Doors, Moving to GJ to grow and double in size TV spot:
<http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/childrens-nature-center-closing-fruita-doors-moving-to-gjchildrens-nature-center-closing-fruita-doors-moving-to-gj>
- Fruita Businesses set to profit from Fall Festival:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fruita-Businesses-set-to-profit-from-Fall-Festival-329614421.html>
- Fall brings mountain biking tourism to Grand Valley TV Spot highlighting Fruita:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Mountain-biking-season-brings-tourists-to-the-Grand-Valley--330027571.html>
- Celebrating National Good Neighbor Day in Fruita TV spot:
<http://www.kjct8.com/home/headlines/329862831.html>
- Mesa County Libraries numbers steady; technology embraced—covers Fruita branch:
<http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/18337185-113/mesa-county-libraries-numbers-steady-technology-embraced>
- Hot Tomato plans celebration of 10 years in business: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/hot-tomato-plans-celebration-of-10-years-in-business/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday **October 3rd** at 10:45 am is the start of the Hot Tomato's 10 Year Anniversary Party beginning with "The Shortest Parade in the World" downtown followed by much more at the restaurant. Proceeds from their raffle go to COPMOBA.
- Saturday **October 3rd** is also Tour of the Moon coming through Fruita.
- Saturday, **October 3rd** from 2 pm – 4 pm is the 100th Year Anniversary Ice Cream Social for the Grand Valley Drainage District at 722 23 Road, Grand Junction.
- Wednesday, **October 14th** from 4 pm – 6 pm is the Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the Mesa County Health Department's new clinic at 510 291/2 Road, Grand Junction.

- **October 26**, 3-5 pm in the Hospitality Suite in Stocker Stadium at Lincoln Park's Suplizio Field, will be a Transportation Roundtable discussion hosted by the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. RSVP is required to Kathy.young@mesacounty.us by Oct. 19.
- 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

Debra Woods

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You're Invited!

CMU President Tim Foster and Director of the Maverick Innovation Center Tom Benton invite you to celebrate the opening of the Maverick Innovation Center.

Tuesday, October 13
4–7pm (program starts at 5pm)
Piñon Hall

Get a first look at the new home for CMU's dreamers,
inventors and entrepreneurs.

Renowned inventor and CMU alumnus Tom Osborn will
be on-hand. We also expect a visit from [Cog-Burn](#), a
competitive robot built by CMU faculty, alumni and
community members.

Refreshments will be served.

Parking available in lot south of Walker Field and in the
parking garage on 12th Street and Kennedy Avenue
([parking map](#)).

The Maverick Innovation Center offers students from
any academic discipline the opportunity to develop
entrepreneurial ideas and turn them into reality by
working with community experts and CMU faculty.



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