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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
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Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## **Family Health West and Community Center Speaker Series**

In an effort to promote health and wellness, we are partnering with FHW by offering a speaker series free to the local community. The series will be Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. through Dec. 15. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to find local resources related to each topic. Attendees are asked to pre-register at 858-0360. All presentations will be at the Fruita Community Center at 324 N.

Coulson St. in Fruita. The start of the schedule is as follows:

**Oct. 6:** Paula Roelands, holistic health coach: Fantastic Fermented Foods & Gut Health

**Oct. 13:** Carolyn Lampshire, licensed esthetician, aromatherapist and reflexologist: Reflexology for Fun and Relaxation

**Oct. 20:** Ellen Mead, physical therapist, biofeedback certified: Dry Needling by Physical Therapists. How to get relief from neuromuscular conditions.

**Oct. 27:** Dr. Roy Mears: Oh my aching hip ... Causes and treatment for chronic hip pain

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

Our "napkin sketch" design process continues to be underway seeking the most feedback we can receive from residents who would like to help shape what our gateway should look, feel and function 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Please spread the word and encourage people to participate—it's easy and a lot of fun. We also had some good coverage on this by the Sentinel and News Channel 5 (see below).

## **Unfortunately, Free Press to close shop**

<http://www.gifreepress.com/news/18510992-113/opinion-free-press-to-close-its-doors-final>

## **TID BITS:**

- The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) will be hosting an Economic Development Summit on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:30 p.m. in Rifle. I

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plan to attend. Luis Benitez, the new Director for Outdoor Recreation for the State of Colorado will be the keynote speaker.

- A Mass Communications class taught by Eric Mello at CMU is looking into developing planning documents for Mike the Headless Chicken Festival and a F-Town Film Festival. This will help with promotion and promotional material preparation for these events.
- Due to an overabundance of events (high school and college graduations, 5K races, triathlons, etc.) on the third weekend in May, staff looked into moving Mike the Headless Chicken Festival to the first weekend in June and after consulting with vendors and event co-sponsors have decided to host the Festival on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of 2016.
- The FCC Has been hopping while District 51 students are on Fall Break. The newly created DinoDays Off program held on days K-5<sup>th</sup> graders have no school has been well received. There has been an average of 15 kids per day in the program this week.
- After thorough evaluation of proposal for banking services, we have decided to stay with Bank of the West who had the most competitive bid for providing services to the City.
- September sales tax was 16% below September 2014 (which we anticipated due to a high month last year in the energy industry) which brings us to 7.5% below last year to date.
- While the downtown improvements are complete and landscaping in, staff is working on placing the art, bike racks and trash cans that were removed for construction and also seeking opportunities to add more seating and bike racks.
- Staff had another productive meeting with COPMOBA and local businesses this week planning for joint efforts to progress trail development near Fruita.
- We had 3 residential permits issued during September—total is 26 for the year so far.

#### **FRUITA IN THE NEWS:**

- Hot Tomato Slices 10 years of success: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/hot-tomato-slices-10-years-of-success>
- Fruita Man Turns 103 TV spot: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fruita-resident-turns-103-on-Sunday--330486471.html>
- Hot Tomato celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a town parade TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/hot-tomato-celebrates-with-the-town>
- Fruita taps locals to help design entryways Sentinel article: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-taps-locals-to-help-design-entryways>
- Gateway Enhancement KREX TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fruita-gateway-enhancement-project-you-be-the-designer>
- Daily Sentinel article – Hot on the trail of a grant: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/hot-on-the-trail-of-a-grant>
- Fruita has Made Yahoo's Top 10 Best Dino Places List: <http://95rockfm.com/fruita-has-made-yahoos-top-10-best-dino-places-list/>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Saturday, **October 10<sup>th</sup>** is the 20<sup>th</sup> Year Party & Chet Peach Pig Roast for Over the Edge from 5-10 pm at Rim Rock Adventures.

- Tuesday, **October 13<sup>th</sup>** from 4-7 pm is the Open House for the CMU Innovation Center. The program begins at 5 pm.
- Wednesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>** from 4 pm – 6 pm is the Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the Mesa County Health Department's new clinic at 510 29 1/2 Road, Grand Junction.
- **October 24<sup>th</sup>** is Truck-n-Treat at 10 am.
- **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](mailto:Kathy.young@mesacounty.us) by Oct. 19.
- **October 30<sup>th</sup>** from 3-5 pm in downtown and Kokopelli Square will be the Trick or Treat Street.
- **November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am – 4:30 pm will be the AGNC Economic Development Summit in Rifle at the Ute Theater, 132 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rifle, CO 81650.
- 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