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# Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: JANUARY 15, 2016  
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

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## Tuesday Night's City Council Meeting

We are keeping Tuesday night's agenda light so as to wish Counselor Fuller farewell and adjourn early into a workshop to kick-off our Priority Based Budgeting process with the Center for Priority Based Budgeting.

### TID BITS:

- The state asked us for maps ready for the web and a statement of support for their upcoming announcement (hopefully next week) of the governor's announcement of 16 in 16 trails. This means our trail submission is in the list of trails for final consideration!
- I had the opportunity to meet with the BLM's Associate State Director, Greg Shoop Tuesday to share with him Fruita's efforts and partnership with the local BLM office.
- We had a conference call with the University Technical Assistance program regarding the feedback from the gateway design packets Tuesday. Out of 91 submitted packets 88 included feedback and three letters were received. We will share the summarized feedback report soon.
- The Forfeiture Board met this week and it looks like the funds approved this year for our security cameras will still be available.
- The FCC has been very busy. We have lots of volleyball players signed up and gym space is very limited and we are partnering with the Middle School to accommodate.
- Staff is setting up a benefit golf tournament in conjunction with the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival as well as a disc golf tournament.
- We are also seeking additional business sponsors for the Mike Fest.
- Christmas décor is coming down.
- The student who is doing a class project and created a petition regarding the skate park met with the Parks & Recreation board voicing interest in more skilled features at the park and will be at the Jan. workshop.
- A recommendation to the City Council for approval of a vacation rental by owner at 325 S. Apple was passed by the Planning Commission on Tuesday night.
- Staff will be attending the 5-2-1 Board meeting next week.

## FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Mesa County first region in the state to be approved under Rural Jump-Start program: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/mesa-county-gets-a-spark-from-state/>
- Governor's CPR interview with a couple of Fruita mentions about ten minutes in: <http://www.cpr.org/news/story/gov-hickenlooper-without-budget-change-health-insurance-cuts-could-come>
- Group strikes down idea of hosting races on Rim Rock Drive: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/coalition-put-brakes-on-cycling-discussion/>
- Fruita, GJ crown two champions: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/fruita-gj-crown-two-champions>
- Johnny Mac gets Hall call: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/johnny-mac-gets-hall-call>
- Family Health West & City of Fruita 2016 Winter Speaker series TV Spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/video?videoid=323046036>
- Great article on Fruita's own Kevin Godar and Back County Biker: <http://www.traveldew.com/kevin-godar-owner-of-colorado-backcountry-biker/>
- Success in middle weights lifts GJ to dual win over Fruita: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/the-middle-men>
- Kitty Pity leads to warm gesture: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/kitty-pity-leads-to-warm-gesture>
- Fruita cat counts its 9 lives after rescue: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Fruita-cat-stuck-in-tree-for-four-days-365293031.html>
- Tigers tame the Wildcats: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/sports/local-sports/tigers-tame-the-wildcats>
- Children's Nature Center Still Plans to Expand: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/despise-setback-fruitas-childrens-nature-center-still-plans-to-expand>
- FHW names Stacey Mascarenas as foundation director <http://thebusinesstimes.com/health-care-organization-names-foundation-director/>
- Mr. Fruita turns your town into a mountain bike destination: <http://singletrackworld.com/2016/01/video-mr-fruita-turns-your-town-into-a-mountain-bike-destination/>

**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.):*

- **Jan. 19** at 7:30 am in the Business Incubator space in the upper level of the Civic Center I will be speaking to the Fruita Business Toolbox group.
- **Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** is the Love Where You Live Book Chat at 7pm at Lithic Bookstore and Gallery.
- **Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** is also the Chamber's Business After Hours event at Chow Down Pet Supplies on Aspen Ave. from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- **Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** will be the Municipalities Dinner hosted by the Town of Palisade at 6pm in the Palisade Civic Center Gymnasium located at 341 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Palisade, 81526. *The Town sent an electronic invite via email to each of us to respond to in order to RSVP. If you have trouble, please let Deb know.*

- **Feb. 6** is the D51 Foundation annual White Iced Party. Save the date postcard is below.
- **Feb 18<sup>th</sup>** The City of Fruita will host the Chamber 's Business After Hours at the Fruita Community Center at 5:30 pm
- **Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** will be the Chamber's annual banquet and awards event—this year in Fruita at our Community Center.
- **Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Strive at the Double Tree hotel from 6:30 – 10 pm (flier below).
- 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

Feb 6  
save the date



4TH ANNUAL  
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7-10pm CMU Ballroom

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for more event details  
[www.d5lfoundation.org](http://www.d5lfoundation.org)

# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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# Celebration

IN FEBRUARY 2016, STRIVE WILL BE TURNING 50 YEARS OLD!  
PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THIS MOMENTOUS  
ACHIEVEMENT WITH A ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENING OF FINE  
DINING, AND PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT THAT WILL HAVE  
YOU TAPPIN' YOUR TOES AND TWIRLIN' YOUR SKIRT!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

6:30 - 10 P.M.

AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL

743 HORIZON DRIVE

FINE DINING, DRINKS, AND  
PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENT,  
AND WE WANT TO SHARE IT WITH YOU!  
THERE ARE ONLY 140 SEATS AVAILABLE.



\$150 TICKET- INCLUDES DINNER, DRINKS, AND SHOW  
OR \$1000 FOR A WHOLE TABLE (SEATS SIX)

ALL PROCEEDS FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS  
STRIVE'S HIGHLY IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING:

244-5506

OR ONLINE AT

[WWW.STRIVECOLORADO.ORG](http://WWW.STRIVECOLORADO.ORG)

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