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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MARCH 18, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Workshop

The workshop will mainly be updates related to items heard by the Planning Commission last week that will be coming to Council in April and also an update by Councilor Kincaid presenting the WCCC students' revised logo submission.

City Lagoon Property

We are dealing with a serious issue regarding the continuous foul odor coming from the decommissioned lagoons on the south side of Fruita. Below are some bullets of what is going on and what we are currently doing in addition to performing a redevelopment plan this year for the 25 acres combined with the 15 acres the City owns jointly with Mesa County and the Riverfront Commission.

- Sewer Lagoons were decommissioned in 2014, which included dredging out and hauling off contaminated materials from bottom of ponds.
- Ponds are stagnate and fed solely by groundwater.
- Odor issues were minimal until summer of 2015 (Ponds turned over in heat of summer).
- City began monitoring and evaluating alternatives.
- City began pumping river water in the ponds and continued to do so through the Fall of 2015.
- These efforts were made in an effort to avoid chemical treatments.
- City is also actively filling the ponds as fill materials are available.
- Pumping river water to circulate water in ponds in 2015 did not adequately resolve odor issues.
- Odor issues started to be present again in late Feb. 2016 as temperatures increased.
- Public Works (PW) began pumping river water into southwest pond the week of March 14th.
- PW working on plans to divert irrigation water into ponds starting in April to further circulate water.
- PW may start use of chemicals if odor issues persist.
- PW will continue monitoring odor issues as well as other impacts to environment and/or health.

TID BITS:

- We had some domestic elk running loose in Fruita Tuesday. They were shipped to a local meat processing plant and said, "heck no" and bolted. They hung out at the Bike Park a while before Parks and Wildlife caught them later.

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

- We submitted an AGNC grant this week to match our budgeted \$5,000 to total \$10,000 to cover costs to do a redevelopment plan for the City lagoon property.
- Crossfit Singletrack will be the new business opening up in the old Video Plus location at 145 N. Mesa St.
- Ballots were mailed out Monday and 411 voted ballots have been returned as of today.
- US fiber operator United Private Networks (UPN) has completed a large fiber extension throughout the valley for School District 51. This network adds another option for businesses in the area to obtain high speed internet options. The network extends right by the Greenway Business Park and I recently gave UPN a tour of the park.
- We are coordinating with the Mesa Grand owners on their efforts to have the lake next to the business park property appraised in order to gift it to the City. We are also coordinating with them to have virtual buildings designed by Chamberlain Architects.
- We are also coordinating a project to compile all the economic development data to recruit companies we have gathered into professional print and web materials with GJEP and three interns through the State Office of Outdoor Recreation and the Leed School of Business. We are focusing on materials to recruit businesses to Fruita and respond to requests for information that we are beginning to receive more regularly as a result of our efforts. We are also working on tying in the Mesa Grand Owners who are looking to pay for similar materials for their properties as well.
- We had a great tour with Mountain Racing Products (MRP) in Grand Junction this week learning about their operations and thoughts on attracting similar type businesses to Fruita.
- Fruita Monument High School is coordinating with the City and BLM to re-paint the F on Dinosaur Hill in April and make it an annual event. Go Wildcats!
- Check out a new “Why Fruita?” video with local Marketing Executive Cilia Kohn at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWtQgGidJAA>
- In February, the community as a whole recycled 48 tons of aluminum, cardboard/paper, scrap metals, plastics and glass (Full report below).
- The mountain bike banner fell down off the COOP tower last week and is not salvageable. Bud’s Signs, who hung the Dinosaur banner on the other side of the tower for much less than the mountain bike banner originally cost years ago, is working up a quote to produce and hang a new banner.
- Paul Aieta, our marketing account manager with Cobb & Associates has taken another job and leaving Cobb.
- The posting for Municipal Court Judge is on our website and also with the Colorado Bar Association.
- The light closest to I-70 on our billboard is having issues. They are expensive lights so we have Barnes Electric looking into it.
- Night at the FCC is this Friday.
- The Easter Egg Scramble is next Wednesday, March 23rd at 4 pm at the FCC on the back lawn.
- With Spring Break approaching for two weeks beginning next week, the FCC is planning to be even busier.
- The Western Colorado Conservation Corps. is back working on Tamarisk and Russian olive removal at Snooks Bottom this week.

- Parks Crews will be painting Grrretta's eyes and mouth in the next couple weeks.
- Little Salt Wash Trail construction continues to progress.
- The J.2 Road project is scheduled to begin March 21 and staff held a pre-construction meeting Wednesday.
- We are reviewing our IGA with CDOT for the Kokopelli Trail section of the Riverfront Trail.
- Asphalt paving of Mulberry to finish off the sewer replacement project is set for the week of March 21.
- Staff met with an appraiser Wednesday at the waste water property to begin the process to identify a fair value for leasing that property.
- The Civic Center Park stage overhang has been replaced beginning last Friday. The metal brackets are being painted and staff is working on the best type of covering to be added to the beams (I.e. possible retractable covering that can be removed during the winter).
- CDOT painted over the graffiti on the 340 bridge but we are going to try and urge them to finish it out in a more aesthetically pleasing manner.
- The long awaited new dump truck ordered last year was finally delivered this week.
- The street sweeper is still down, but parts have just been received and we hope to have it back out next week. This is scheduled and budgeted to be replaced this year. Sigh...
- New police car has been ordered.
- Bids have been received for the right of way mower and plow truck as well.
- Public Work's seasonal (all returning from last year) are set to begin work April 4.
- 2015 Crime and traffic totals are attached below.

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

- Fruita GEAR-ing up for a twist on old festival: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-gearing-up-for-twist-on-old-festival>
- Fruita may seek another \$1 million to extend river trail: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-may-seek-another-1-million-to-extend-river>
- National Conservation Areas Offer a Vision for the Valley: <http://www.coloradocanyonsassociation.org/news/2016/2/29/national-conservation-areas-offer-a-vision-for-the-valley>
- Emergency room doctor, podiatrist join Family Health West: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/emergency-room-doctor-podiatrist-join-family-health-west/>
- Fruita Chamber awards businesses and business owners: <http://thebusinesstimes.com/fruita-chamber-awards-businesses-and-business-owners/>
- Daily Sentinel Entertainment Calendar: March 18-24: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/entertainment-calendar-march-18ndash24>

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, March 18**, is Night at the FCC with an Olympics theme for grades 5-7 from 7-10 pm.
- **March 23** is the Easter Egg Scramble at the Fruita Community Center from 4:00 – 4:15 pm ☺.
- **Friday, March 25** City offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday.
- **April 7** from 4-7 pm is the Chamber Business Expo at the Community Center.

- **April 8** is the Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at Adobe Creek Golf Course at 9 am.
- **April 16** from 9 am – 1 pm is the annual Electronics Recycling Event in the Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot in partnership with Waste Management. All cords, cables, laptops and cell phones will be collected at no cost. All other electronics will have a nominal fee.
- **April 23-34** is the Gear Up Festival in Downtown and Mountain Film at the FCC. More info at www.gearupfestival.com.
- **April 23-24** is Rumble at 18 Road. More info at <http://www.madracingcolorado.com/events/rumble-at-18-road-2015/>.
- **April 27** is the City Arbor Day Celebration. Location TBD.
- **April 28-May 1** is the 21st annual Fat Tire Festival in Downtown. More info at <http://fruitafattirefestival.com/>
- **Saturday, April 29** is the Family Health West black tie event Rockin' Elegance featuring the Drifters at the Avalon Theatre in GJ.
- 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

February 2016 Recycling Benefits for the City of Fruita

In February 2016, we recycled 48 tons of aluminum, cardboard/paper, scrap metals, plastics, and glass.

These recycling efforts conserved the following resources:



470 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce
5,828,800 sheets of newspaper!

167 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste
disposal needs for 214 people!

77,095 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

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

Avoided 136 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

The recycling of these materials
prevented these GHG emissions!

274,428 Gallons of Water

Represents enough fresh water to meet the daily fresh
water needs of 3,659 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





FRUITA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reported Crime and Traffic Report
 JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2015

	Jan	Feb	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2014 Totals	2015 Totals
Violent Crime														
Assault	1	4	4	2	0	2	6	8	2	4	6	6	33	45
Robbery	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4
Homicide	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
Property Crime														
Burglary	0	3	6	5	2	6	3	5	5	7	7	2	52	52
Theft	12	9	7	6	18	10	17	18	9	12	6	13	122	139
Auto Theft	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	10	8
Arson	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4
Theft from Auto	5	2	5	2	4	4	6	4	6	0	1	1	42	40
Other Offenses														
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	1	2	1	14	15
Disorderly Conduct (Harassment)	4	5	3	3	1	3	0	3	8	2	4	6	53	42
DUI	2	2	4	2	7	2	5	5	2	1	2	1	37	36
Fraud / Forgery/Identity Theft	2	3	3	4	5	5	4	0	1	3	5	5	39	40
Kidnapping	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Liquor Violation	0	1	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	11	10
Drug Violation	6	7	4	6	4	2	2	7	4	1	2	3	40	46
Sex Offense	1	9	3	5	7	3	3	0	3	3	3	1	25	42
Trespass	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	8	1	2	3	24	26
Criminal Mischief (Vandalism)	3	3	4	7	5	9	5	5	5	1	11	5	69	64
Weapon Violation	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	10	13
Juvenile (curfew, runaway, tobacco)	5	1	7	5	4	2	2	1	3	1	2	1	25	32
Domestic Violence	2	3	7	2	4	6	5	10	5	7	2	3	43	59
Welfare Checks	0	2	3	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	11	11
Warrant Arrests	3	4	10	7	6	7	4	5	4	6	9	2	82	58
Death Investigation / Unattended Death	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	11	19
Non-Criminal Incidents*	13	12	13	26	17	19	17	24	20	10	20	14	201	223
Traffic Accidents / Citations														
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Injury Accidents	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	3	0	13	11
Property Damage Accidents	13	10	4	7	12	11	13	12	17	9	11	11	143	119
Traffic Citations	16	28	17	16	19	16	15	14	16	14	20	21	267	211
Traffic Citations (Parking)	2	1	3	3	14	14	6	5	9	7	6	9	87	79
Animal														
Animal Citations	2	4	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	2	42	54