

# 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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## **Tuesday's City Council Workshop**

Tuesday we will use this special workshop to review applications for the Municipal Judge and determine who and when to schedule interviews.

## **City Lagoon Property (follow-up to last week's update)**

Due to the smell continuing at the old lagoons due to water turning over, we are continuing to pump in river water to help circulation and plan to do so with irrigation water in April, but we did begin adding chlorine to reduce the odor.

## **TID BITS:**

- Outside Online published the best destinations for mountain bikers last week that included Fruita!
- The Colorado National Monument launched online sales of park entrance passes. (Release below).
- Ballots continue to roll in with over 1,150 collected.
- Light on the billboard is fixed and the Tourism Advisory Board is working with Cobb to replace the ad.
- Grrrrreta has eyes and teeth thanks to the Parks crew.
- All parks were fertilized last week.
- The Mike the Headless Chicken website is now converted to our new platform for staff to maintain.
- The pool heater is back together and fixed, so it is not relying on the temporary work-around.
- Many kids demolished 9,000 Easter eggs in minutes yesterday at Easter Egg Scramble at the FCC.
- J.2 Road project is under construction and the road will be closed for about a month (no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>).
- Mulberry paving is now scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> with prep work on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We toured the business park with Chamberlin Associates today so they can start the virtual building project paid for by the land owners.
- We are working on our DOLA grant for the Kokopelli Trail and had a coordination call with GOCO and DOLA regarding our applications this week.
- Have a great Easter weekend.

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

- The Best Destinations for Mountain Bikers: <http://www.outsideonline.com/2060946/destinations>
- Fruita Leaders Revise Final Designs for New City Logo TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fruita-leaders-revise-final-designs-for-new-city-logo>
- Fruita Road Improvement Project TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fruita-road-improvement-project>
- Police Article in GJ Sentinel: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/police-kids-scalded-in-two-separate-cases>
- New Trails are the biggest news in Fruita: [http://www.gjsentinel.com/special\\_sections/articles/new-trails-are-the-biggest-news-in-fruita](http://www.gjsentinel.com/special_sections/articles/new-trails-are-the-biggest-news-in-fruita)
- Cancer Awareness, Easter Eggs, and Geer Fundraiser: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/activities-around-town>
- Beer without boundaries: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/beer-without-boundaries/>
- Candidates picked at county conventions: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/candidates-picked-at-county-conventions>
- Family health West brings awareness to endometriosis TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/372618092.html>
- How to wear that BBQ stain fashionably: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/how-to-wear-that-bbq-stain-fashionably>

**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.):*

- **Tomorrow, 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 15** we will have a movie in the park at Reed Park and gather input from the public on how to improve the park.
- **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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

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## Colorado National Monument News Release

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### Colorado National Monument Launches Online Sale of Park Entrance Passes

Fruita, CO – The National Park Service (NPS) has launched a pilot program to sell entrance passes for Colorado National Monument online through the “Your Pass Now” website ([www.yourpassnow.com](http://www.yourpassnow.com)). Visitors to the Monument now have the convenience of purchasing—at no additional cost—annual and seven-day entrance passes in advance of their trip. The NPS partnered with NIC, Inc. to develop and administer Your Pass Now to better serve visitors to Colorado National Monument.

“At Colorado National Monument, we continually strive to improve services to our visitors and the public,” said Ken Mabery, Superintendent of Colorado National Monument. “With the launch of this electronic pass, we are entering into a new era of convenience. Visitors now have more choices in how and when they purchase passes to visit the Monument. We hope that this new option will reduce the time that visitors have to wait in line at the Entrance Station.”

The NPS uses entrance fees at Colorado National Monument to invest in critical improvements that directly benefit visitors, including maintaining and enhancing visitor facilities. Recent projects have included new vault toilets at Liberty Cap trailhead and a new accessible surface on the Alcove Trail. This summer staff will use fee revenue to work on Old Gordon Trail and continue replacing railings at the Monument overlooks.

Once purchased, the electronic entrance pass can be printed or reside on a mobile device for use at the park on the date of purchase or at a specified future date. Park staff will validate the

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entrance pass using a QR (Quick Response) code. Specific instructions on how to use the electronic entrance pass are provided at the time of purchase. The pass is non-transferrable, non-refundable, non-replaceable if lost or stolen, and void if altered or reproduced.

Over the next few months, Theodore Roosevelt National Park (North Dakota), Everglades National Park (Florida), and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (California) will join Colorado National Monument and Acadia National Park (Maine) with online entrance pass sales. To test a variety of online services, Everglades and San Francisco Maritime will be using different websites rather than Your Pass Now.

The annual entrance pass fee for Colorado National Monument is \$25. Seven-day entrance passes are \$10 for a private vehicle, \$5 for a motorcycle, and \$5 for an individual (hiker or bicyclist). Persons under age 16 are admitted free. All National Park Service sites honor the America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual, Senior, Access, Military, and Every Kid in a Park 4th Grade passes.

Winter hours are in effect at Colorado National Monument. The visitor center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

For additional information please visit [www.nps.gov/colmor](http://www.nps.gov/colmor) or call 970-858-3617, ext. 360.

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