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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: March 4, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

TID BITS:

- Public Works and Police staff has worked with the Shelledy Elementary Principal to assist with some parking and pick-up lane changes that include removing the one hour parking signs south of the fire lane on southbound Mesa St. over the Spring Break.
- The Downtown Advisory Board is planning a banner making party at Cavalcade on Sunday, March 13, at 12:30 pm to make the homegrown banners for the downtown light posts.
- No Coast constructed their outdoor dining fence that Council approved a couple months ago.
- Suds Brothers fence permit was approved Tuesday night.
- Can't wait to see all the added outdoor dining this Spring – Fall in the downtown area.
- If you didn't hear, the City was awarded the Chamber's annual Community Excellence award at this year's Award Banquet & Annual Awards event!! See all the award winners here: http://fruitachamber.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/FACC_News_03_2016.pdf
- As part of our partnership with GJEP they are placing an ad highlighting industrial and business opportunity in the industrial zone with in over six different trade publications and markets. The ad image is attached below.
- Planning Commission has a full slate next week including the Vanlandingham annexation, a conditional use permit for Helsiniki Customs and Repair, the amendments to Chapter 7 of the Land use Code, and two conditional use permits for a guest house and a VRBO.
- There have been a total of 5 residential dwelling units permitted in Jan and Feb this year.
- CIRSA completed the City's annual audit of loss control standards for 2015. We scored in high and received some safety action plan items that we will incorporate during 2016.
- Don't forget the candidate forum hosted by the Chamber Thursday night at 6 pm in the Civic Center Council Chambers. Below is the agenda.

- We completed and submitted the grant application to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District for the engineering design for phase 2 of the Downtown Master Plan. The Board will make their decisions on April 13th.
- We are also finalizing the concept paper for GOCO regarding our grant application for the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail to be submitted next week.
- We had a productive meeting on site with the Bittle's regarding this trail and how to avoid potential impacts to their land and hunting operation.
- Requests for qualifications for the Kokopelli Trail section are due to us this coming Monday.
- The Little Salt Wash Trail construction progresses—the concrete box culvert was poured this week—work has been focused on areas where water will be flowing once irrigation water is turned on.
- Framing began inside the City Shops facility this week.
- Our street sweeper is down and should be back up and running soon.
- Speaking of being down, the part for the indoor pool that went out last week ended up being custom and may take 2-3 weeks to receive, but the staff figured out a way to use the heat exchanger for the outdoor pool to heat the indoor pool temporarily so that we could open the pool back up yesterday (Thursday).
- Our striping contract is currently out to bid as well as various other vehicles and equipment.
- FCC revenues were up about \$15,000 in January compared to 2014 and also 1200 visits over Jan of 2014. Feb. was over 650 visits compared to 2014, even with some losses due to the pool being closed just over a week.
- The Howitzer is back in Veteran's Memorial Park and looking good.
- Work is being done on completing the dugouts at LSW Park.
- Staff is working on an event for April 15 to have a movie in the park at Reed Park.

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

- An Evening of Art in Fruita: <http://www.westernsloopenow.com/news/local-news/evening-of-art-in-fruita>
- Fruita's Famous Dinosaur Gets a Facelift: <http://kool1079.com/fruita-circle-park-dinosaur-repair/>
- Chasing Epic Women-Only MTB Trips: <http://www.pinkbike.com/news/chasing-epic-women-only-mtb-trips-2016.html>
- ProStart students create plated bliss: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/prostart-students8232create-plated-bliss>
- Democrats Edwards, Mulder take aim at commission: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/democrats-edwards-mulder-take-aim-at-commission>
- Court declares John Otto sane in 1908: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/court-declares-john-otto-sane-in-1908>
- 'Killin it' in the Kitchen: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/killin-it-in-the-kitchen>
- Healthcare options growing in the Grand Valley TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/370352381.html>

- More tax-return fraud as deadline approaches:
<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/370991451.html>
- Fruita's Squibb selected 5A AD of the Year: <http://www.gisentinel.com/sports/articles/fruitas-squibb-selected-5a-ad-of-the-year>

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, Saturday, March 5**, is the Arts and Culture Board Evening of Art at the Civic Center at 7 pm.
- **March 7**, from 6-7:30 pm will be a town hall meeting with Senator Scott Tipton at the Fruita Community Center.
- **March 8**, is the Mesa Land Trust Open House at the Fruita Community Center from 6:30 – 7:30 pm to discuss conservation opportunities and the most recent State & Federal tax benefits.
- **March 10**, is the Chamber Hosted Candidate Forum in Council Chambers at the Civic Center from 6-8 pm.
- **March 13**, the Downtown Advisory Board is inviting community members to help create homegrown banners for downtown at the Cavalcade at 12:30 pm.
- 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


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2016 CANDIDATES ELECTION FORUM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016, 6:00 PM AT FRUITA CITY HALL

- PROGRAM -

WELCOME

Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President, Denise Hight

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Moderator

Bill Byers- Public Relations Manager, Grand Valley Power

Time Keeper- Frank Ladd, Fruita Chamber Executive Director

COMMENTS AND RULES OF CONDUCT FROM THE MODERATOR

FRUITA CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

*All Candidates will present a two minute Opening Statement,
field questions by the Moderator and conclude with a two minute Closing Statement.*

Louis V. Brackett

Ben Collins

Michelle Cools

Dave Karisny

Joel Kincaid

Ken Kreie

Alissa Pruitt

Cullen Purser

Mayor- Lori Buck

Five minute Break

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

Moderator Bill Byers

THANK YOU

Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President, Denise Hight

