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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: APRIL 8, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Municipal Election

Congratulations to Mayor Buck and Councilor Kincaid on being reelected and congrats to our newly elected City Council members Dave Karisny, Ken Kreie and Lou Brackett! Full results are found on www.fruita.org in the "In the Spotlight" section.

New Business Applications Submitted this Week

- Vape Haven – 217 E. Aspen Avenue - wholesaling vapes - remodeling currently
- Happy Trails Colorado – 138 S. Park Square-Life is Good clothing store
- Kannah Creek Brewing Company West-456 Kokopelli Blvd. Unit J (where Feedlot used to be) - remodeling now—preparing to open in May
- Bestslope Coffee Company, LLC-129 N. Peach St. - currently remodeling

Summer Lunch Distribution to Youth

As a follow-up to the presentation by the Fruita Rotary Club to City Council about the Club partnering with the City and Food Bank of the Rockies to provide lunches to youth over the summer, Ture met with Tom MacNamara and worked out three locations (Fruita Bike Park, Little Salt Wash Park and Reed Park for lunches to be distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer months.

Fruita Once Again on the List for America's 20 Coolest Outdoor Towns

Landing on the list at the 12th spot in 2015, Fruita ranks on Matador Network's coolest outdoor towns in the US. Highlighting local hotspots like The Hot Tomato, Over The Edge Sports, Aspen Street Coffee, Cavalcade and Copper Club Brewing Company, combined with amazing views, mountain biking and rafting helped get the designation. The criteria was threefold—must be a real city, must have "rad" outdoor recreation as part of immediate surroundings and must have a notable culture, tradition or local economy around the activities. Check out the full listing here: <http://matadornetwork.com/trips/americas-20-coolest-towns-outdoor-adventure/>

Background Checks.org Ranks Fruita #10 safest City in Colorado

Based on FBI violent crime stats and property background check data, we fell in the number 10 spot! <http://backgroundchecks.org/25-safest-cities-in-colorado-2016.html>

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

Viral Mountain Bike Video

Over the weekend, another great mountain biking video of a Fruita local went viral on multiple mountain biking sites highlighting the riding at 18 Road. Here is a link to one of the sites:
<http://enduro-mtb.com/en/nate-hills-18-road-fruita-colorado/>

TID BITS:

- Officer Yaws will be receiving an award from Co. State Patrol next week; a commendation for her time, effort, and training she has dedicated to CSP on criminal and drug interdiction over the years. She was nominated by one of the troopers. The award will be presented Wednesday 04/17 at 10:00, in GJ.
- This Saturday, Officer Yaws with the assistance of Parks & Rec. will be hosting a Police K-9 Agility & Patrol Competition at LSW Park. The event should bring in numerous police K-9 teams and is open to the public. There will be K-9 demos as well.
- J.2 Road project is progressing—all storm drains in and should be putting in curb, gutter & sidewalk next week.
- Next week the contractor will begin putting in concrete on the Little Salt Wash Trail as well as installing an 80-foot bridge.
- Engineering staff will be working with Brandon Estates to test the irrigation system as soon as water is flowing there.
- All work is complete on the Mulberry Sewer project.
- Today's Golf Tournament was a success thanks to Family health West, Fruita Rotary Club and the Parks & Recreation Department. Bighorn Consulting won the Tourney – they shot a 61! There were 84 players and we are estimating around \$4,500 raised for youth summer scholarships.
- Heavy winds had a street light near Grrreta waving this week and Public Works and XCEL worked together to get it secured.
- GVIC has been filling the irrigation canals this week and the City will tour our system on Monday.
- City Shops is progressing quickly and nearly complete—final walk-through is scheduled at the end of April.
- The first bike corral was installed near Aspen Street Coffee with two of the three cycle racks placed in it. Photo below.
- Senior Appreciation Day was a success Monday. See news story below.
- We have two open houses next week noted below in upcoming events and invites attached: one for the Kokopelli section of the Riverfront Trail and one in conjunction with Movie in the Park for Reed Park improvements.
- The Chamber Business Expo went very well yesterday!
- Girls On the Run is preparing to host the regional race here in Fruita on May 7th. They estimate 2,200 runners.
- During the month of March we had 5 new residential dwelling permits issued.
- The Community Center is up 2,848 visits Jan – March this year compared to 2015 averaging 536 per day in March.

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

- Fruita Movie Night Promises Fun for the Entire Family: <http://kool1079.com/fruita-movie-night-promises-fun-for-the-entire-family/>
- New, old faces in Fruita city government: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/new-old-faces-8232in-fruita-city8232-government>
- Fruita to vote on broadband improvement TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Fruita-to-vote-on-broadband-improvement--374687071.html>
- Western Slope prepares for 'Super Tuesday' of municipal elections TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/374588581.html>
- Outdoor rec gear festival planned for Fruita: <https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://thebusinesstimes.com/outdoor-rec-gear-festival-planned-for-fruita/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMjIwMDc3NTgzNzI0MTk4MTAyNjIaY2FmNzBjZmRjY2M0Njk2Njpb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNEW-QP0oqOcwuGN6LYS30Az1z9yHw>
- Grand Junction's Annual MOG Outdoor Fest Becomes Gear Up Festival in Fruita: <http://kool1079.com/grand-junctions-annual-mog-outdoor-fest-becomes-gear-up-festival-in-fruita/>
- Hundreds Gather for Senior Appreciation Day TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/374555421.html>

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.*):

- **April 11** is Council interviews with Municipal Judge Applicants at 6 pm in Council Chambers.
- **April 14** at 5:30 pm at the Community Center is an Open House on the Kokopelli Section of the Riverfront Trail which we have invited adjacent property owners to the trail to attend and anyone in the public interested.
- **April 15** at 7 pm 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 20** is the Arbor Day Celebration at 4 pm at the Police Department.
- **April 21** you are invited by the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission and CMU for a special announcement regarding the Special Olympics Colorado Summer Games at 12 pm at CMU. Invite below.
- **April 21** is the Chamber's Business After Hours at Strive at the Botanical Gardens (641 Struthers Ave. in GJ) from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- **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/>

- **April 28** is the State Demographer Presentation at the City of Grand Junction Auditorium at 3 pm.
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- **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



Movie in the Park!

What: Outdoor Movie
When: Friday, April 15 at DUSK
Where: Reed Park
Bring a warm blanket and lawn chair for a FREE fun filled family night!

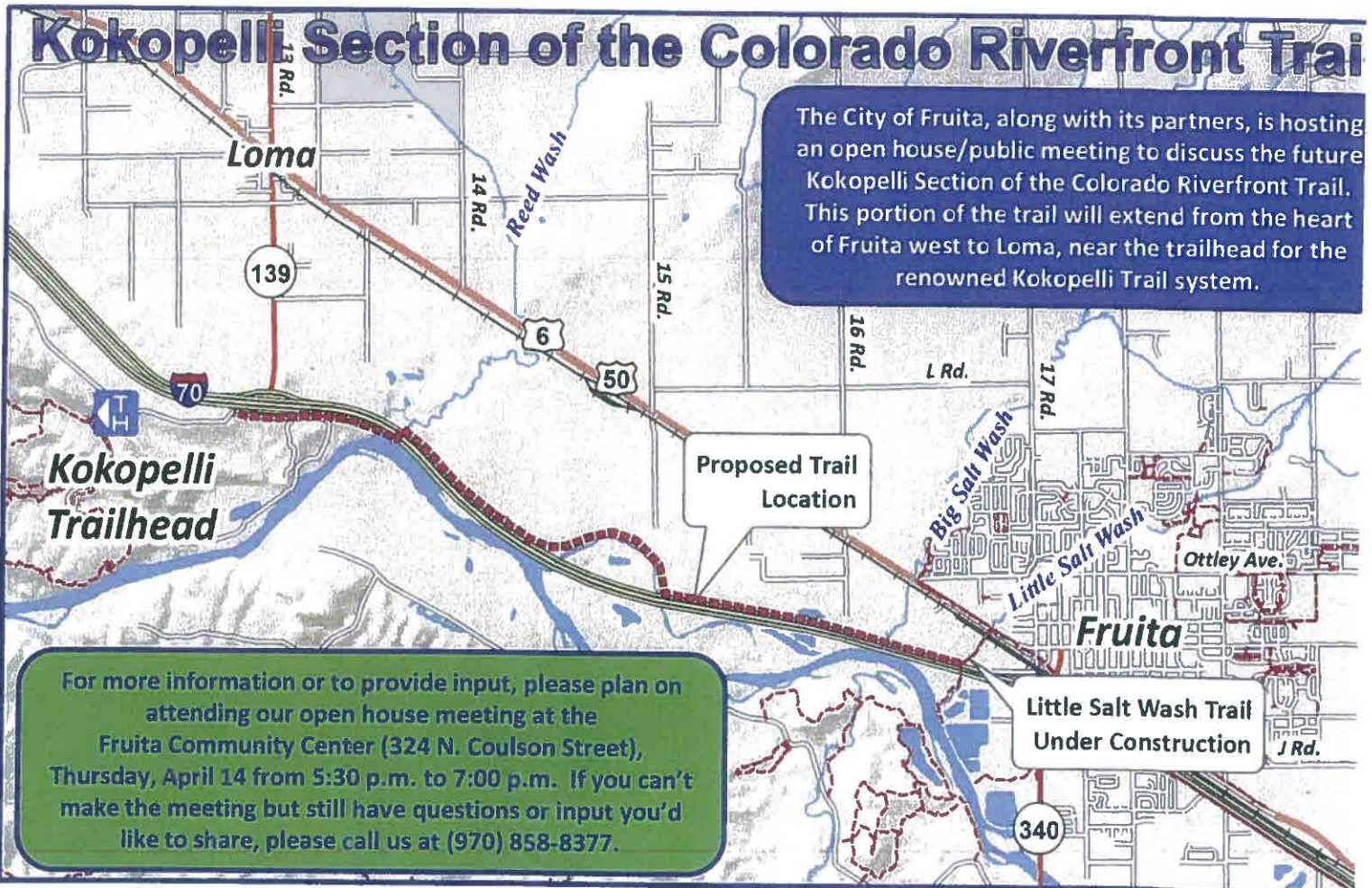
OPEN SEASON SCARED SILLY



*Please leave your dog at home
*You will be provided an opportunity to give feedback on future Reed Park renovations!
*Rainout scheduled for April 22nd

Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail

The City of Fruita, along with its partners, is hosting an open house/public meeting to discuss the future Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail. This portion of the trail will extend from the heart of Fruita west to Loma, near the trailhead for the renowned Kokopelli Trail system.



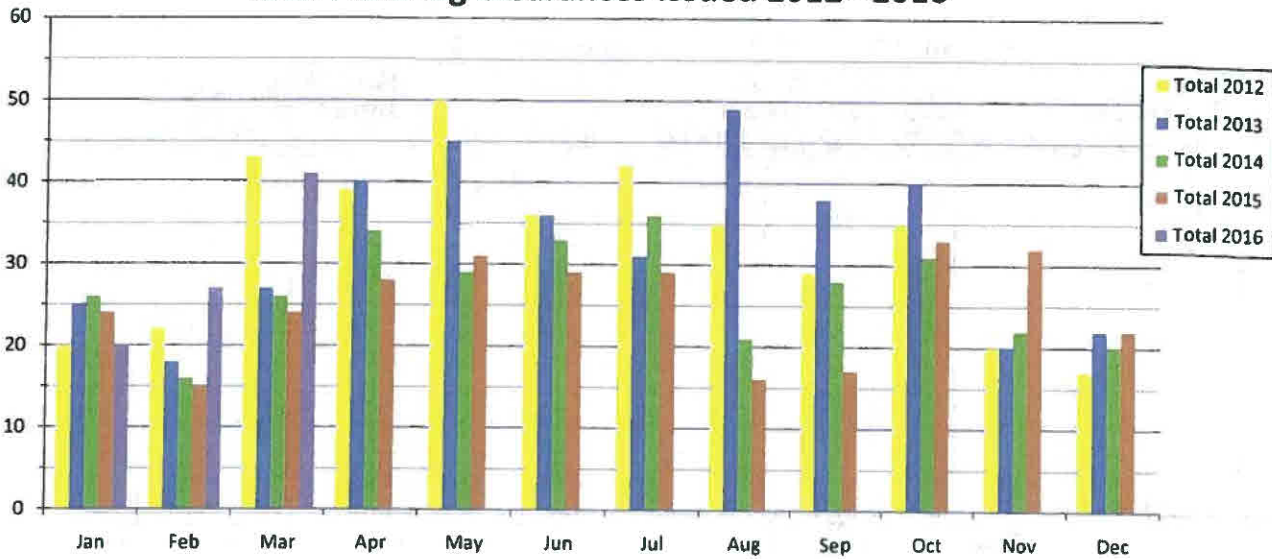
For more information or to provide input, please plan on attending our open house meeting at the Fruita Community Center (324 N. Coulson Street), Thursday, April 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you can't make the meeting but still have questions or input you'd like to share, please call us at (970) 858-8377.

MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2016

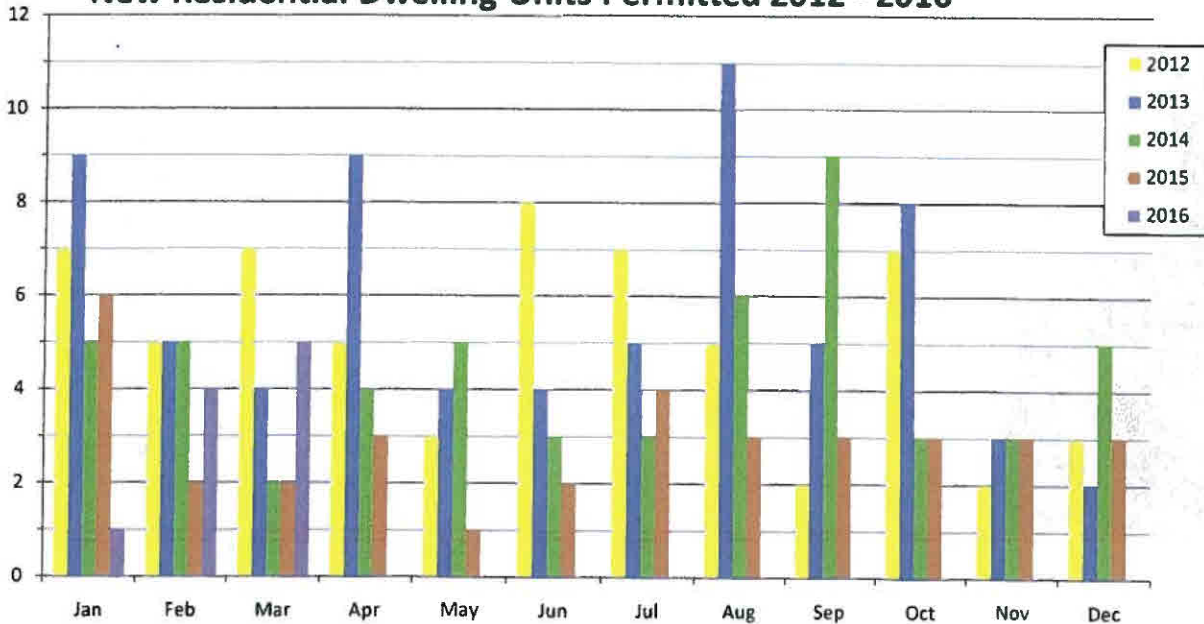
RESIDENTIAL D/U's PERMITTED AND TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED

	Total 2010	RES 2010	Total 2011	RES 2011	Total 2012	RES 2012	Total 2013	RES 2013	Total 2014	RES 2014	Total 2015	RES 2015	Total 2016	RES 2016	RES AVER
Jan	16	10	16	2	20	7	25	9	26	5	24	6	20	1	6
Feb	16	5	17	7	22	5	18	5	16	5	15	2	27	4	5
Mar	38	2	41	13	43	7	27	4	26	2	24	2	41	5	5
Apr	45	19	29	3	39	5	40	9	34	4	28	3			6
May	41	6	28	3	50	3	45	4	29	5	31	1			3
Jun	36	5	30	0	36	8	36	4	33	3	29	2			3
Jul	29	9	21	3	42	7	31	5	36	3	29	4			4
Aug	27	4	16	3	35	5	49	11	21	6	16	3			5
Sep	23	2	22	5	29	2	38	5	28	9	17	3			4
Oct	33	5	35	6	35	7	40	8	31	3	33	3			5
Nov	26	4	22	1	20	2	20	3	22	3	32	3			2
Dec	19	3	17	0	17	3	22	2	20	5	22	3			2
	349	74	294	46	388	61	391	69	322	53	300	35	88	10	50

Total Planning Clearances Issued 2012 - 2016



New Residential Dwelling Units Permitted 2012 - 2016



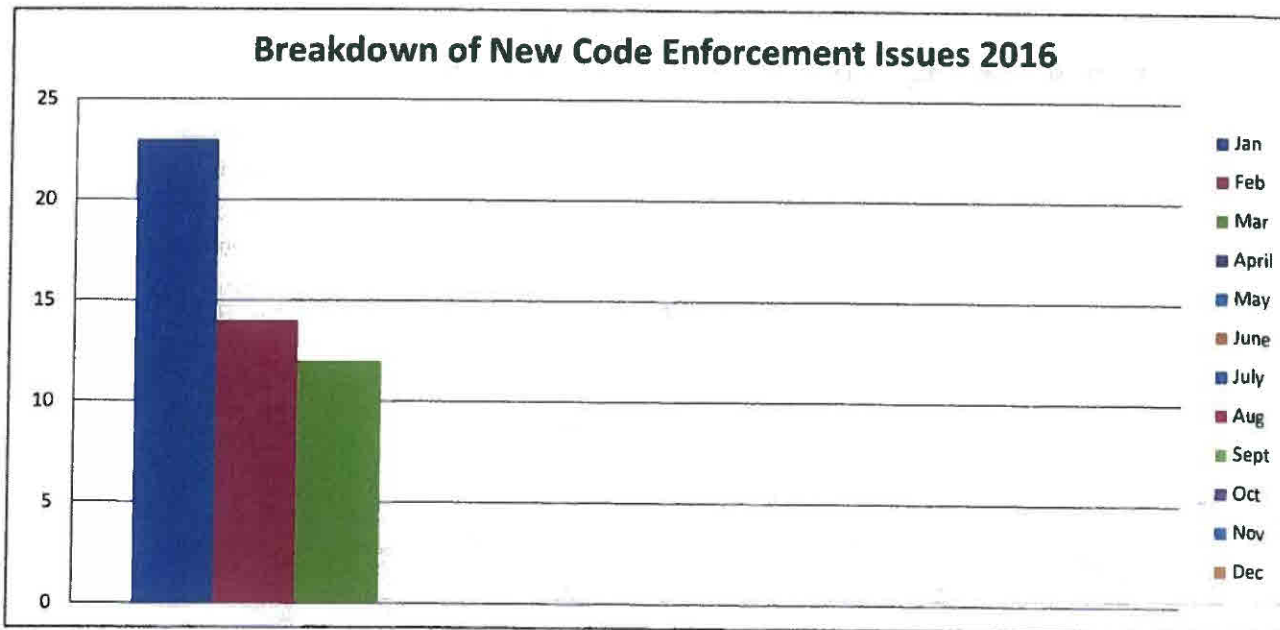
Break Down of other Development Permits Issued 2016

	Fence	Com	Remodel	Res Remodel	Upgrade	Roof	garpo	Addtn	Sign	Shed	Demo	Mobile	Porch/Patio	Misc.	Total
Jan	3	0	2	2	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	20
Feb	1	0	2	2	7	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	7	27
Mar	11	0	1	3	5	3	1	1	3	6	0	0	1	6	41
April															0
May															0
June															0
July															0
Aug															0
Sept															0
Oct															0
Nov															0
Dec															0
YTD	15	0	5	7	17	6	2	1	8	8	0	0	6	17	88

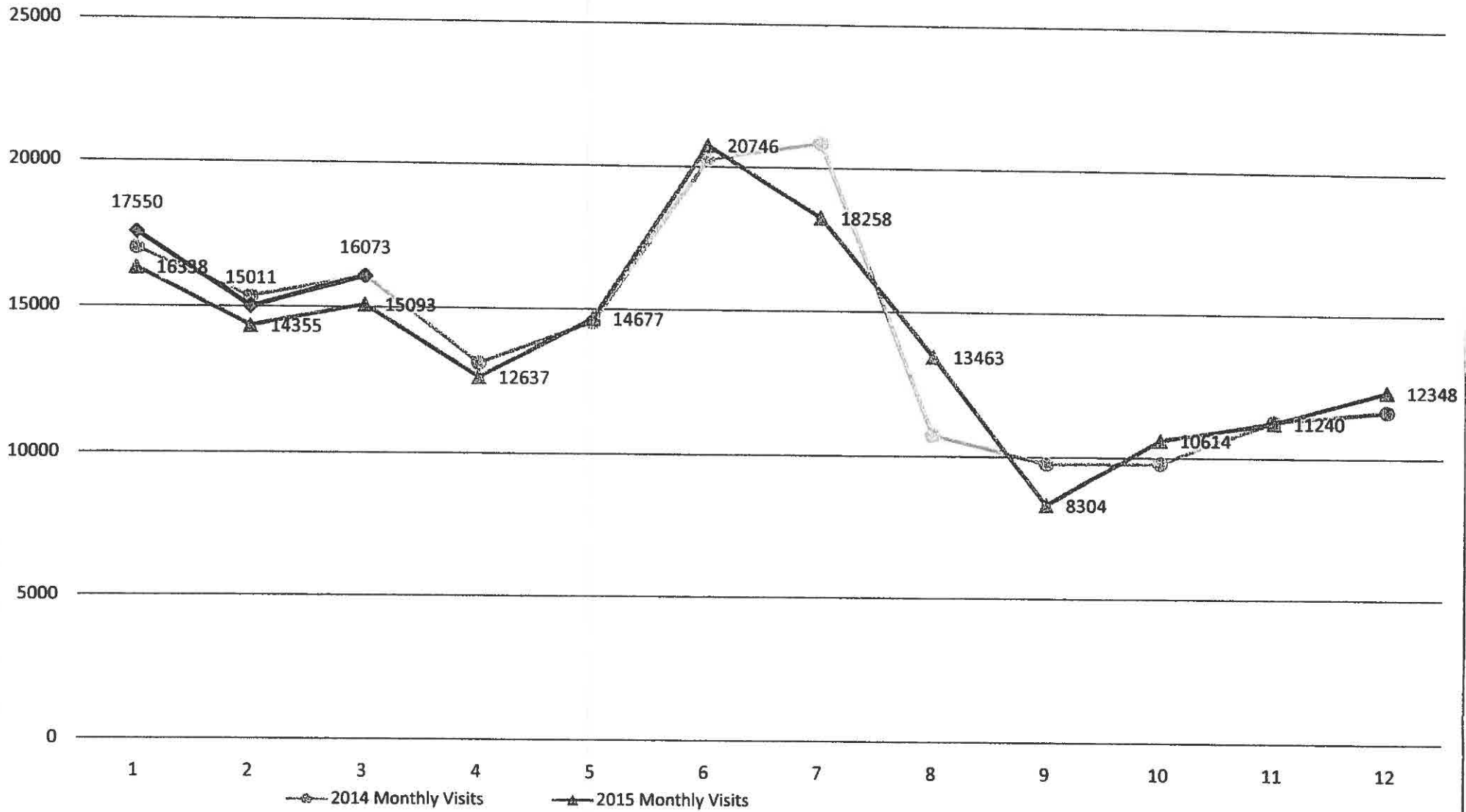
Break Down of New Code Enforcement Issues 2016

	Weeds	Trash	Junk Vehicles	Permits	Business	Snow	Obstructions	Trailer	Signs	Tires	Trees	Appliances	Other	Total
Jan	0	0	0	0	7	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	23
Feb	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	14
Mar	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	12
April														0
May														0
June														0
July														0
Aug														0
Sept														0
Oct														0
Nov														0
Dec														0
YTD	3	2	1	3	9	18	0	2	2	0	1	0	8	49

Breakdown of New Code Enforcement Issues 2016



Total Visits by Month - FCC



Month	2011 Monthl y Visits	Average Daily Visits 2011	2012 Monthl y Visits	Average Daily Visits 2012	2013 Monthl y Visits	Average Daily Visits 2013	2014 Monthl y Visits	Average Daily Visits 2014	Visits over / under 2014	2015 Monthl y Visits	Average Daily Visits 2015	Visits over / under 2015	2016 Monthl y Visits	Average Daily Visits 2015	Visits over / under 2015
January			16707	556.90	16972	565.73	17020	567.33	48.00	16338	544.60	-682.00	17550	585.00	1212.00
February	18555	662.68	15203	524.24	15195	542.68	15363	548.68	168.00	14355	512.68	-1008.00	15011	517.62	656.00
March	20244	653.03	16071	518.42	15414	513.80	16095	519.19	681.00	15093	486.87	-1002.00	16073	535.77	980.00
April	14292	476.40	11837	408.17	12146	404.87	13130	452.76	984.00	12637	435.76	-493.00		0.00	
May	13394	432.06	13584	438.19	14362	463.29	14565	469.84	203.00	14677	473.45	112.00		0.00	
June	20641	688.03	21506	716.87	20252	675.07	20249	674.97	-3.00	20746	691.53	497.00		0.00	
July	19488	649.60	19897	663.23	20890	696.33	20847	694.90	-43.00	18258	608.60	-2589.00		0.00	
August	17860	576.13	12674	528.08	11339	472.46	10731	447.13	-608.00	13463	434.29	2732.00		0.00	
September	7176	299.00	9215	307.17	10039	334.63	9768	325.60	-271.00	8304	361.04	-1464.00		0.00	
October	9384	302.71	9137	294.74	9613	310.10	9801	316.16	188.00	10614	342.39	813.00		0.00	
November	11170	385.17	10684	368.41	11404	393.24	11278	388.90	-126.00	11240	387.59	-38.00		0.00	
December	12482	416.07	10433	347.77	11673	389.10	11649	388.30	-24.00	12348	411.60	699.00		0.00	
Total	164686		166948		169299		170496		1197.00	168073		-2423.00	48634		2848.00

Total Visits Since Opening 888136

Countdown to the
**2016 SPECIAL OLYMPICS COLORADO
SUMMER GAMES**



The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission
and Colorado Mesa University invite you to join us in celebrating
our partnership with Special Olympics Colorado.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

12pm • Opening Remarks and Community Partnership Tribute

Tim Foster,
CMU President

Mindy Watrous,
Special Olympics Colorado
President and CEO

Colorado Mesa University Plaza

Immediately followed by a unified community bocce ball exhibition.

RSVP to Jennifer Stoll at jstoll@grandjunctionsports.org or 970.248.1469



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