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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MAY 6, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Broadband

Mesa County and Garfield County received a \$200,000 grant that is funding a broadband needs assessment study in the county, including Fruita. The study is identifying where existing fiber is and where needed fiber should be. We will have a community outreach meeting hosted by Neo Fiber, the firm contracted to perform the study at the Civic Center prior to our first summer concert on June 9 from 6-7 pm. A survey has been released by the County for the public to participate in also:

Business Owners:

<https://www.research.net/r/GarfieldMesaCountyBroadbandBusiness>

Residents: <https://www.research.net/r/GarfieldMesaCountyBroadbandResidential>

TID BITS:

- The Police Department's Drug Take Back event went very well last Saturday. 70 lbs. of expired/not needed prescription medications were properly disposed of.
- The annual evidence room audit was completed with no issues.
- The City's annual audit was also completed with no issues.
- Our Municipal Court Clerk has given her notice as she takes another job and we wish her well. We have the position posted though Monday, May 16, and our Deputy Clerk is training to cover in the interim.
- Take a close look at all the upcoming events below.
- We are working hard on Priority Based Budgeting and finalizing our service inventories and ratings. Next step will be time allocation in preparation to rate against the goals Council adopts in a couple months.
- Deb is preparing a nice framed certificate for the Digital Design Technology Class at WCCC that worked so hard on their class project for us with logos.
- Public Works staff met with a firm that provides an alternative to chemicals to fight pond odors that may be a good option.
- Mike Fest is only a month out and the poultry show may double ☺.
- A new business, Jules Hidden Treasures opens tomorrow in the back of the building to the east of CBB.

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

- Happy Trails Colorado—Life Is Good got their sign up downtown and are progressing to open soon.
- The Fruita Liquor Mart site design review and CUP goes to Planning Commission on May 10 and City Council June 7.
- Sacred Heart Church has a rezone request that is out for public notice and will go to Planning Commission on June 14.
- Two VRBO applications go to Planning Commission on June 14. Another is going to Planning Commission July 12 and City Council Aug. 2.
- Mesa Grand Minor Subdivision as part of a sale (This is in the Pabco area of Greenway Business Park) goes to Planning commission on June 14 and City Council July 5.
- Adobe View North annexation and preliminary plan is going to Planning Commission July 12.
- A subdivision is underway at Pine and Aspen (nothing yet in application, but a community meeting was held by the developer last week).
- April yielded 11 residential dwelling unit permits. Total for the year is 21 so far (35 the entire year of 2015).
- We had a code enforcement case on L Road go to municipal court last week and the Judge ordered clean-up within 30 days.
- The Gateway and Downtown Phase 2 design RFPs are out until May 10.
- J 2/10 Road is open and much wider with a nice bike lane and underground utilities.
- Dairy Queen is under construction.
- Have an awesome weekend!

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

- Academic Signing Day at Fruita Monument High School TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/378189961.html>
- In Focus: Sacred Heart Catholic Church: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/in-focus-sacred-heart-catholic-church>
- Camping puts a spring in tourism TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Camping-puts-a-spring-in-tourism-377905371.html>
- Fruita's Entertainment District Put on Hold TV spot (wrong twist since City Council approved the Entertainment District and the Promotional Association of local businesses decided not to do it this go around based on a cost-benefit estimate): <https://usinsurequotes.com/insurance-news/175119-fruitas-entertainment-district-put-on-hold>
- Hike Summit County: Spring hiking at Colorado National Monument and Rattlesnake Canyon: <http://www.summitdaily.com/news/21808202-113/hike-summit-county-spring-hiking-at-colorado-national>

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, May 7** is 18 Hours of Fruita at Highline State Park.
- **Tomorrow, May 7** is also the Girls On The Run Event here in Fruita for the first time. 2200 runners and their families—wahoo! The race starts at 10 am.

- **May 12** from 2 – 4 pm will be a joint City of Grand Junction City Council and Mesa County Commissioner meeting at the GJ Fire Department Training Room for the purpose of hearing from the GJ Chamber, GJEP, and Business Incubator Center in providing updates as to their work regarding the North Star Study if you are interested in attending. I will be in attendance. Agenda below.
- **May 15** will be the Governor's visit to the Valley. I will get you specific information as to other events that day as they plan to finalize by mid-week next week. A Happy Hour with the governor at the Avalon from 5:15 – 6:30 pm is scheduled and the invite is below. Please let Deb know if you plan to attend by the 10th.
- **May 17** if you are able, please join us to test out the downtown area on wheelchairs from 10 am – 12 pm. Thanks to Councilman Karisny, he has located wheelchairs for us to ride and view our public walk areas from a different perspective as we tackle sign code amendments.
- **May 18** at Cavalcade at 7 pm we will host downtown businesses for a workshop to discuss proposed sign code language. We will be hand delivering next week invites and proposed language.
- **May 19** is the CML Spring Outreach meeting at the Grand Junction City Hall from 9-11 am. Details and RSVPs are available at <http://www.cml.org/outreach>. I will be in attendance.
- **May 21** is the annual A Fruita History Fair presented by the Fruita Historic Preservation Board. The fair will be at the Civic Center on the second floor from 10 am – 3 pm. Full invite below.
- **June 1** is the 2016 Economic Summit and GJEP Annual Awards Meeting at CMU. Registration is required and costs \$100 for the day and \$45 for lunch only. Please let Deb know if you are interested and she can register you. I plan to attend. For more info, click here: <http://gjep.org/wp-content/uploads/Economic-Summit-Agenda-4.20.2016-1.pdf>
- **June 9** is our first summer concert at 7:30 pm but prior to that is a Broadband Community Outreach Meeting at the Civic Center from 6-7 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



NEWS RELEASE

Date: May 2, 2016

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Counties survey residents, businesses about broadband service

Surveys are first step in plan to improve service

Mesa and Garfield Counties are asking business owners and residents to take a confidential survey regarding current broadband Internet service.

The survey is the first step in a plan that will outline how to improve service throughout the region and the role of local governments in the process. The two counties have hired NEO Connect to prepare the broadband plan.

There are two surveys: one for residents, one for business owners. The surveys ask users what they currently pay for service and what they'd be willing to pay in the future, as well as their thoughts on local government's role in helping to improve broadband services throughout the community.

Before taking the survey, users should take a broadband speed test by going to <http://maps.co.gov/publicspeed/>. (Those using an Apple or Android device, should go to <http://openspeedtest.com/>.) Users should take the speed test during the time of day they most frequently use broadband service.

Business owners, take the survey at this link:

<https://www.research.net/r/GarfieldMesaCountyBroadbandBusiness>

Residents, take the survey at this link:

<https://www.research.net/r/GarfieldMesaCountyBroadbandResidential>

For more information, e-mail Broadband.Info@mesacounty.us.

AGENDA

JOINT MEETING
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MESA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM
625 UTE AVENUE
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016, 2:00 P.M.

The Economic Development Partners will provide an Update on their Activities during the First Part of 2016

OUTDOOR RECREATION HAPPY HOUR WITH GOV. HICKENLOOPER

Join us as we celebrate the strength of the outdoor recreation industry in Mesa County and its growing influence on our economy. Learn how you too can become part of the legion of supporters shaping the industry today.

Sunday, May 15, 2016
5:15-6:30 p.m.

The Avalon
645 Main Street, Grand Junction

Please RSVP by May 11 to:
terri@gjep.org



The Fruita Historic Preservation Board presents

A Fruita History Fair.



Saturday, May 21

Fruita Civic Center

325 E. Aspen Ave.

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Photos, Artifacts, Music.

*Bring Your Historic Photos &
Artifacts for Identification.*