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Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JUNE 10, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

TID BITS:

- Sales Tax Revenue for April was 9.5% higher than April 2015.
- For the year we are 1.6% higher than this point in 2015.
- Use a tax on building materials is up 700% for the month of April and 156% year to date compared to 2015.
 - Use tax on motor vehicles is up 5% year to date.
 - We have had 60 new business permits approved this year so far (including at-home occupations) and 11 pending.
 - Fruita Yoga opened up this week.
 - Happy Trails Colorado (Life is Good Retail) has their grand opening Saturday at 9 am and ribbon-cutting Friday at 11:15am.
 - Mike the Headless Chicken festival was a blast and had high attendance. We were likely pushing 1,000 people for Cracker on Saturday night.
 - Rotary raised \$7,800 in beer sales that will go back to the community.
 - The annual MVL Invitational is back at Monument Lake in Fruita (Pro wakeboarding Sat-Sun (8 am – 7 pm). Free to watch.
 - Staff conducted the kick-off meeting with consultants for the Gateway design and Downtown Phase 2 design to narrow the scope of the projects to fit the budget.
 - Public Works staff is busy working with the County on chip sealing (details were in last week's update).
 - Engineering is wrapping up the design work for this year's overlays.
 - Had some productive meetings with CML, RadCad Designs (working out of our Business Incubator space at City Hall) and BLM this week.
 - 2 roosters at large in Fruita ☺ (Photo below).
 - We have started the budget season and department kick-off meetings.

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

- The billboard that was installed incorrectly is being replaced.
- PD is increasing patrol at Snooks Bottom with large numbers of people enjoying it.
- Aha Consulting, Inc. is working on the transition and updates to the website gofruita.org.
- Rodeos started this week.

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

- Biz Buzz: Happy Trails: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/biz-buzz-june-9-2016>
- Pro wakeboarding competition in Fruita this weekend: <http://www.westernsloopenow.com/news/local-news/pro-wakeboarding-competition-in-fruita-this-weekend>
- Online Riverfront Camping Permits Now Available for Ruby-Horsethief Canyon: <http://www.westernsloopenow.com/news/local-news/online-riverfront-camping-permits-now-available-for-ruby-horsethief-canyon>
- Kannah Creek adds third location in Fruita restaurant: <http://thebusinessstimes.com/kannah-creek-adds-third-location-in-fruita-restaurant/>
- Colorado emerging as a national leader in developing a recreational-based economy: <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/06/05/after-languishing-at-the-political-kids-table-outdoor-recreation-emerges-as-a-key-driver-of-the-u-s-economy/>
- How do you register for the Fruita Rim Rock Rodeo?: <http://kekbfm.com/how-do-you-register-for-the-fruita-rodeo/>
- Thousands peck around at Mike the Headless Chicken festival: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Thousands-peck-around-at-Mike-the-Headless-Chicken-festival---381879011.html>
- Local CPR instructors teaching new compression only technique: <http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Staying-alive-helps-teach-local-compression-only-CPR-class-381877461.html>
- Green Shoots: Kannah Creek Fruita: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/green-shoots-june-5-2016>
- Mike fest something to cluck about: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/mike-fest-something-to-cluck-about>

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.*):

- All summer events listed below.
- **June 11** is the Colorado Canyons Association 3rd Annual Crazy About Canyons Wine Dinner (more info below).

- **June 11** is Dinosaur Day at Dinosaur Journey from 9 am – 5 pm.
- **June 15** at 7 pm is the first Riverfront concert with March Fourth Marching Band at the state park.
- **June 25** is the refurbished state-line maker dedication (more info below).
- 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



2016 Summer Events and Activities in Fruita

June 3-4	Mike the Headless Chicken Festival		Downtown Fruita
June 9	Thursday Night Concert – Jack and Jill	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 11	Dinosaur Day	9am - 5pm	Dinosaur Journey Museum
June 15	Colorado Riverfront Concert – March Forth	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
June 16	Thursday Night Concert – The Navigators	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 22	Bike to Work Day Breakfast by FHW (Flash Ride from Dinosaur Journey To Community Center 6:30 am)	7:30-9am	Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
June 23	Thursday Night Concert – Bicycle Annie	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 24	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 25	Fruita Farmers Market Starts (each Saturday)	8:30 am – 12:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
June 30	Thursday Night Concert – Centennial Band (City Council Ice Cream Social)	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 3	Fruita Fireworks Display (Fireworks Set-off at Dusk from Snooks Bottom)	Dusk	Viewing Throughout Fruita
July 3	Fruita Family Fun Fair	5 – 9 pm	South Side Market Place
July 7	Thursday Night Concert – Stonefed	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 14	Thursday Night Concert – Flat Top Reed	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 20	Little Salt Wash Trail Dedication (Ride, Run, Walk from Fruita Community Center to State Park. Dedication Prior to Concert.)		James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 20	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Subdudes	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 21	Thursday Night Concert – Sleep Junkys	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 22	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
July 28	Thursday Night Concert – Retrospectacle	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Thursday Night Concert – Zolopht	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Buckwheat Zydeco	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
Aug 6	Cops and Cars for Special Olympics		Fruita Monument High School
Aug 11	Thursday Night Concert – Williams Brothers Band	7:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Aug 13	Bike Rodeo		Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
Aug 13	Tour of the Valley – Bicycle Tour		Fruita Area Roads
Aug 26	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park
Sep 10	Dog Daze at the Outdoor Pool		Fruita Community (Recreation) Center
Sep 17	Final Farmer's Market	8:30am – 12:30pm	Downtown Fruita
Sep 23-25	Fruita Fall Festival		Downtown Fruita
Sep 30	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Downtown Fruita – Civic Center Park

*Also don't forget the Tuesday night Rodeos at Rim Rock during the summer.

SAVE THE DATE! Make your reservation now - only 100 seats



**COLORADO CANYONS
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Amazing picnic buffet featuring local and organic Roan Creek Ranch bratwursts by 'Ganic Grub with choice of Tuscan, German or American varieties, local produce from Pharmacy Farms, homemade sides & desserts, plus select Carlson Vineyards wines.

- "Gunnison Gorge NCA: From presidents and dino tracks to world class fishery" program by Edd Franz, BLM.
- Silent Auction: Bid on wines, adventures & more to support CCA.
- Commemorative wine glass and wine tours with the experts at Carlson Vineyards.

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**RSVP & Tickets: coloradocanyonsassociation.org
or call Joe Neuhof at 970-263-7902 THANK YOU**



Colorado Canyons Association is committed to community stewardship of McInnis Canyons, Dominguez/Escalante and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Areas (NCAs). We are a non-partisan, non-profit, 501 (c)(3), volunteer organization fostering cooperation among all NCA user groups.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 5:30 – 8:00 PM
Carlson Vineyards, 461 35 Rd., Palisade, CO



NEWS RELEASE

Date: May 19, 2016

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Save the date: Refurbished state-line marker will be dedicated June 25

Historic marker will find new home along I-70

Work is nearing completion on the restoration of a historical marker that was once celebrated at the state line between Colorado and Utah.

On June 25, the marker, which had become a canvas for graffiti, gunshots and other abuse, will be celebrated in its new home near the Colorado-Utah state line on the south, or eastbound, side of Interstate 70.

Members of the public are invited to celebrate the unveiling of the refurbished marker.

What: Ceremony celebrating the refurbished state-line marker

When: Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.

Where: Colorado-Utah state line, eastbound I-70

How: Grand Valley Transit will provide transportation from the Rabbit Valley parking lot in the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. To get there from Grand Junction, travel west on I-70 and take exit 2. Immediately turn left onto Rabbit Valley Road to reach the Rabbit Valley Trailhead. Attendees should arrive at the parking lot between 9:30-9:45 a.m.

Because the event will take place on the side of the Interstate, parking will be very limited on site. Organizers encourage attendees to utilize the GVT shuttle from Rabbit Valley.

"This is such an important piece of Mesa County history," said Commissioner Scott McInnis, who led the efforts to restore the marker. "We're really excited to see it properly restored."