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Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JUNE 24, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Workshop

Tuesday night, we will meet with the Department Directors to focus on the goal-setting process at 6:30 pm.

TID BITS:

- Engineering will begin designing improvements to the alley north of Aspen in downtown as the Little Salt Wash Trail project wraps up.
- Fruita Reservoir 2 is being surveyed monthly and monitored twice a week, still showing signs of minor movement.
- Mesa County is currently designing a new bridge for Maple.
- BLM is reviewing the Kokopelli Trail design.
- Fencing on the Little Salt Wash Trail is wrapping up and graffiti is being removed today in the underpasses.
- The siding work at the FCC is postponed until after July 4.
- The ADA door at the FCC in between the indoor pool and outdoor pool is installed.
- We continue to have irrigation problems around the City due primarily to moss plugging up the canals. Staff is cleaning the head gates often and working with the GVIC.
- Country Jam generously donated about 12 trees and 30 bushes to the City that will be well used.
- Bike to Work Day and the Hospital's breakfast at the FCC occurred on Wednesday.
- Tonight is the first Food Truck Friday of the season on fourth Fridays.
- Tomorrow begins the season of Farmers' Markets each Saturday.
- Next Thursday's concert in the park is when City Council will serve the public

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ice-cream.

- Mark Fitzgerald is moving to the Front Range and we wish him well. We are recruiting his position as Recreation Supervisor for Athletics and Programs.
- Crews are back up and running with the County to chip seal and begin fog sealing next week. Kingsview Rd. has been delayed until after July 4th due to the delay with the truck being down last week. This also delays finishing the road project at Oak and Meadow until after the 4th.
- Mayor Buck and I had a productive lunch meeting with the School Board Superintendent and Chair to discuss how we can work more closely.
- Mayor Buck, Ture and I met and toured DT Swiss in GJ to learn more about their operations and insight in recruiting similar companies to Fruita.
- GJEP has announced that the #GrandDayCO video finished edit will be live on www.GrandDayCO.com on **July 1st**. The video will be used at tradeshow and shared with the media. GJEP says they will to their best to make it go viral!
- GJEP also invites everyone to take over #GrandDayCO on Twitter and Instagram. Share photos and comments about living and working in the Grand Valley. You can also visit <http://granddayco.gjep.org/> for updates and social shares.
- Councilman Ken Kreie and I have been attending the Colorado Municipal League conference since Wednesday and look forward to updating Council on what we learned.

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

- Who baked Blake Shelton's 40th birthday cake TV spot: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Local-baker-delivers-guitar-birthday-cake-to-Blake-Shelton-383713251.html>
- Blake Shelton loves surprise birthday cake from Fruita woman: <http://kekbfm.com/blake-shelton-loves-surprise-birthday-cake-from-fruita-woman/>
- Fruita man critical after oil well fire: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-man-critical-after-oil-well-fire>
- Cake strikes a country chord: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/cake-strikes-a-country-chord>
- New locally owned coffee shop to open in Fruita TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/new-locally-owned-coffee-shop-to-open-in-fruita>
- Beginning with coffee shop, owners of hot tomato: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/beginning-with-coffee-shop-owners-of-hot-tomato>
- City strikes sour note with Centennial Band: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/articles/city-strikes-sour-note-with-centennial-band>
- Bike to Work Day: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/today-is-bike-to-work-day>

- Tree pins Fruita man: <http://www.gisentinel.com/news/articles/neighbors-to-the-rescue-after-tree-pins-fruita-man>
- New Fruita Trail Paves the Way: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/new-fruita-trail-paves-the-way>

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.
- **Today, June 24** is the first Food Truck Friday this summer in Civic Center Park from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.
- **June 25** is the first Farmers' Market of the summer from 8:30 – 12:30 in Civic Center Park.
- **June 25** is the Refurbished state-line marker dedication (more info below).
- **June 30** at 6:30 pm is the City Council Ice-Cream Social prior to the Thursday Night Concert in Civic Center Park (where City Council serves ice-cream to the public).
- 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.

CANYONS COOL DOWN 2016

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A BENEFIT FOR COLORADO CANYONS ASSOCIATION



SUNDAY, JULY 24TH 4-9 PM

STOP BY THE HOT TOMATO FOR AN AFTERNOON OF PIZZA, PINTS, PUPS AND MUSIC BENEFITING COLORADO CANYONS ASSOCIATION'S WORK TO PROTECT OUR DOG-FRIENDLY PUBLIC LANDS*

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT:
WWW.COLORADOCANYONSASSOCIATION.ORG

\$15 TIX INCLUDES:

- A SLICE O' PIZZA
- A BEER
- BESTSLOPE COFFEE

LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO:

- RUBY HORSETHIEF & FRIENDS (4-6:30PM)
- WE SPEAK IMAGINESE (7-9PM)

ADDITIONAL EVENT PARTNERS INCLUDE:



**A PORTION OF THE EVENT PROCEEDS WILL HELP TO FUND CCA'S RESTORATION EFFORTS FOR THE DOG ISLAND CAMPSITE IN RUBY HORSETHIEF ON THE COLORADO RIVER.*



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."