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Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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Tuesday's City Council Meeting & Special Workshop

The meeting will begin with the swearing-in of a new City Councilor, Amanda Ewing. This follows a full day of public meeting interviews Monday. The City was fortunate to have many well-qualified and interested residents apply to fill Mayor Kincaid's vacated Council seat. We will have Proclamations for Public Land's Day and National Public Works Week. In addition to the Consent Agenda, Chief Cavaliere will present a request to ban the sale of fireworks during the fire restrictions and Council will consider my annual evaluation process. Following the regular meeting we will have a special Council Workshop to discuss Council liaison positions to boards and commissions, order of Council seating and voting, watch the CIRSA training video and discuss the schedule and timeframe for goal review, goals-setting and policy discussions.

Our local businesses rock!

Saturday night local business donated \$14,564.57 to Fruita trails! Huge thanks to: Bestslope Coffee Company, Aspen Street Coffee, Locker Room, Robinson Realty LLC, Chesnik Realty LLC, Colorado Legacy Coffee, Wildcat Car Wash, Suds Brothers Brewery, Colorado Backcountry Biker, Over the Edge Fruita, Copper Club Brewing Company, and Jolley Smiles!



\$9,000 Grant from AGNC

The City was awarded a \$9,000 grant to add to current year budgeted funds for roundabout improvements!

Throwback to AARP recognition-- Fruita has been accepted into the AARP network of Age-Friendly or Livable communities December 15th, 2018! Wahoo! The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities encourages states, cities, towns and counties to prepare for the rapid aging of the U.S. population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults. By doing so, communities are better equipped to become great places, and even lifelong homes, for people of all ages.

<https://beaconseniornews.com/beacon-bits/city-of-fruita-receives-aarps-livable-communities-award-designation/> and also covered in GJ Sentinel May 6th.

Please see the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions that began May 4th with the News Release below (cont.)

TID BITS:

- March sales tax was 14% above March of 2017. Between January – March this year's City sales tax revenue is 7.3% up from same period in 2017.
- Mayor Kincaid and I participated with the other jurisdictions and school district at the GJ Chamber's annual State of the Grand Valley event this week.

- Officer Gianinetti successfully completed a Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training approved Law Enforcement Driving Instructor Course.
- The state conducted an inspection of the bridge on 18.5 Rd. south of L Rd and have added weight restrictions of a 20 ton maximum.
- Ken Haley attended the Glade Park Water User's Association meeting Tuesday night to give an overview to all members about the new agreement we have with them and low water availability this year.
- We have a request for proposal for natural gas services out.
- Margaret is continuing to respond to and wrap up audit of 2017 financial statements. So far no adjusting entries from the auditors!
- She also attended a Priority Based Budgeting conference this week.
- We are trying out a different arrangement with City Attorney Ed Sands who will be in-person working with staff on Wednesdays.
- Staff completed the 2017 annual report of revenues and expenditures for roads, bridges and streets.
- Staff is finishing putting together the Lagoons RFQ to be submitted next week.
- Current pending development projects in the review process include:
 - Site Design
 - Dolan Storage Units Site Design
 - Wicked Wrench CUP
 - FHE Site Design
 - Subdivisions
 - Griffin Minor Subdivision
 - Iron wheel
 - Administrative
 - Soren Estates Final Plat
 - Adobe Falls Final Plat
 - Pinewood Estates Final Plat
- Over the Edge's 23rd annual Fruita Fat Tire Festival is a wrap. The vendor expo moved out to the 18 Road Trailhead where riders were able to demo a bike and immediately get on the trail to test it out. The street parties in downtown Fruita were well attended and initial reports indicate that all seemed to work well logistically with closing Mulberry Street for the concerts. Staff will be meeting with the event organizers soon to de-brief the event and discuss any issues from this year's event and potential tweaks to next year's event.
- Girls on the Run 5K race will once again be held in Fruita tomorrow. Expect some traffic delays as upwards of 2,000 runners from around the western slope will come to the Fruita to run and celebrate.
- After a few months of knowing there was a water line break in Little Salt Wash Park, Parks crews were finally able to locate the break with assistance from Sewer crews and fix it. There was minimal disruption to the water service at the LSWP, but port-a-potties were brought in and the park was brought back up within 24 hours and is operational.

- Staff at the FCC is in full-swing getting ready for summer. The outdoor pool is full and circulating in preparation for school swim days and the official opening on Memorial Day weekend.
- Dinomites Summer Camps are filling up which will once again be held at Shelledy Elementary School.
- While parks may look a little rough right now, give it some time and they'll be fabulous. The Parks division is fully staffed and working diligently on getting a handle on all parks – the end of spring and beginning of summer are always a challenge to hire and train seasonal employees, start irrigation, fix line breaks, fertilize, prep baseball/softball and soccer fields and all the other details that go into making our parks look great.
- HB66 was officially signed by Governor Hickenlooper, renewing the Colorado Lottery and extending Great Outdoors Colorado until 2049. As you know, Fruita has benefited greatly from Lottery dollars, including our annual Conservation Trust Fund dollars of over \$100,000 per year and the many park and trail projects throughout the years.
- The Encanto irrigation line was down over the past weekend and Monday for repairs.
- Street painting is underway.
- Traffic count program has begun – currently deployed at J.2 Rd. west of Fremont St.
- Pest control contract is out for bid.
- There has been a minor collapse in the wall near I-70 on the Kokopelli Trail project. Contractors have installed retaining blocks at the location of the slide to act as a temporary restraint and are planning to construct the designed wall in that location in the next few weeks. One lane of I-70 is closed as a precaution.
- Design almost complete for the Hwy. 6 & 50 sewer extension. Project is expected to be released to bid next week.
- Design/Easement almost completed for 600 Birchwood Ct. drainage issue.
- Design work on the Rimrock Trail Improvements project is underway. Project is slated to be constructed over the summer to minimize impact to pedestrian traffic.
- Design work continues on the Cedar St. drainage/irrigation/sewer project.
- The I-70 lift station was cleaned and grease removed.
- WaterFest is May 14 & 15 and crews are preparing equipment for display.
- The City and County are on track to begin chip sealing on May 14. Crews are hauling chips and sweeping streets to prepare for the chip seal.
- Staff visited the Pinon Mesa water system for the first time. Water levels in all reservoirs except 3 are low. Reservoir 3 is spilling but is not expected to continue spilling for long. Things are very dry.
- Voters approved the mill levy increase for Lower Valley Fire District.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (and regional news of impact to Fruita):

- State of Grand Valley looks optimistic: <http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/State-of-the-Grand-Valley-looks-optimistic--482229101.html>

- Elected officials speak about future plans, challenges:
<http://www.westernsloopenow.com/news/local-news/elected-officials-speak-about-future-plans-challenges/1170363676>
- Charges filed against man who admitted to starting Skipper Island fire:
<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Charges-filed-against-man-who-admitted-to-starting-Skipper-Island-Fire-482223851.html>
- Grand Junction facing growing pains: <http://www.westernsloopenow.com/news/local-news/grand-junction-facing-growing-pains/1170691758>
- 18 hours of Fruita puts riders to the test:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/481840981.html>
- Fruita's Hot Tomato takes home the 2018 prize at Something Independent's Wright Award:
<http://www.cobizmag.com/Companies/Fruitas-Hot-Tomato-Takes-Home-the-2018-Prize-at-Something-Independents-Wright-Award/>
- Fruita Co-op gives nearly \$12,000 in scholarships for students headed to ag programs:
<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Fruita-Co-op-gives-out-nearly-12000-in-scholarships-for-ag-degrees-481981311.html>
- Low river water won't deter rafters:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/481974041.html>
- Fruita council interviews candidates for empty spot on board:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fruita-council-interviews-candidates-for-empty-spot-481995541.html>
- Voters approve mill levy increase for Lower Valley Fire District:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Lower-Valley-Fire-eyes-relief-after-voters-approve-mill-levy-increase-482240161.html>
- D51 students race solar cars:
<https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.westernsloopenow.com/news/local-news/d51-students-race-solar-cars/1162111200&ct=ga&cd=CAEYAioTMjI4MjE1MjQzNTc0OTg3ODU1NTIaY2FmNzBjZmRjY2M0Njk2Njpb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNGH-akjcivmMKDIT4QW69jFolmxuw>
- BizBuzz—Big Mike's Pork & Wings: https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/business/biz-buzz-may/article_58a8f6e0-50f1-11e8-baa2-10604b9f6eda.html
- Rose Hill Rally: https://www.gjsentinel.com/calendar/rose-hill-rally/event_6c101464-ec21-11e7-ace6-1ff782cd67de.html
- Fruita's first doctor was an innovator and inventor:
https://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/columns/fruita-s-first-doctor-was-an-innovator-and-inventor/article_d3a10094-51ab-11e8-b44e-10604b9f6eda.html

- Fruita PD asks GJPD to assist in use of force investigation:
<http://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Fruita-PD-asks-GJPD-to-assist-in-use-of-force-investigation-482124201.html>
- GJ police to assist in Fruita use-of-force probe:
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/gj-police-to-assist-in-fruita-use-of-force-probe/article_341034f4-5413-11e8-b39b-10604b9f7e7c.html
- Video shows officer apparently punching Fruita man in stomach:
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/video-shows-officer-apparently-punching-fruita-man-in-stomach/article_7e4bf2aa-5027-11e8-9b0d-10604b9ffe60.html
- Police officer seen in video punching suspect identified:
<http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fruita-Police-officer-seen-in-video-punching-suspect-identified-481968511.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.):*

- **Tomorrow, May 12** is the annual Girls on the Run regional 5K run beginning at 9 am at the Community Center.
- **Tomorrow, May 12** is also the Gemini Adventures race at Rabbit Valley:
<http://www.geminiadventures.com/>.
- **May 15** is the CML Spring Outreach meeting in Palisade from 3-4:30 pm.
- **May 17** is the Business Incubator Center's Business Showcase 2018 from 4-7 pm at the BIC (2591 Legacy Way GJ). Poster with more info below.
- **May 17** is the opening of the Dinosaur Museum's Horns and Frills (poster below).
- **May 18** is Colorado Bike to Work Day (earlier this year to accommodate cooler weather) from 6:30 – 9am with breakfast provided at the Community Center by Family Health West.
- **May 19** is A Fruita History Fair from 8 am – 2 pm at Cavalcade (201 E. Aspen Ave.) presented by the Fruita Historic Preservation Board (poster below).
- **June 1-2** is the annual Mike the Headless Chicken Festival.
- **The Business Incubator** calendar of events is below.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2018** Events Information is also available online at:
<http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

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NEWS RELEASE

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions begin May 4th, 2018

MESA COUNTY, Colo - The Mesa County Sheriff, and the Fire Chiefs representing municipalities and fire protection districts of Mesas County are enacting Stage I Fire Restrictions effective at **12:01 a.m. Friday, May 4th, 2018**. This applies to all of Mesa County with the EXCEPTION of federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service.

In 2012 and 2013 Colorado saw most destructive wildfires in the state's history. The [severe to extreme drought conditions](#) Mesa County is currently experiencing are worse than the drought conditions during 2012. [The National Interagency Fire Center](#) is predicting the significant wildland fire potential for the region to be above average for the first time since 2012.

"We are going into fire restrictions very early this year due to the extreme fire danger and ongoing drought conditions. I understand the impact this will have on many people's recreation plans for the coming months and we do not make this decision without careful consideration. The conditions we are experiencing are the most dangerous fire conditions we have had in recent memory and the potential for serious wildfire is staggering," said Mesa County Sheriff Matt Lewis. "We want to ensure everyone has ample opportunity to understand these fire restrictions and adjust their plans accordingly. It is also important to clearly communicate fireworks will not be allowed under these restrictions to our residents and vendors. The danger is too great this year and there is no reason we should delay the decision to implement fire restrictions or give false expectations as people begin to plan activities."

Already the community has experienced two destructive urban interface fires with the 12 acre Rosevale Fire and the 220 acre Skipper Island Fire. Both fires spread rapidly with dry brush and strong winds fueling the fires. Thousands experienced power outages and some people lost their home. These fire conditions are just going to get worse throughout the summer.

"Something about the seriousness of the situation and how quickly fire spreads...," said Grand Junction Fire Chief Ken Watkins. "We need everyone to do their part, it's going to be a long fire season."

While federally managed lands are not currently enacting restrictions, severe drought conditions exist. The Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Unit asks the public to be extra cautious when recreating and target shooting in dry areas. Conditions are being monitored and fire restrictions are expected to be implemented as the drought persists.

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What Stage I Fire Restrictions Mean

Fireworks are not allowed under Stage I Fire Restrictions. Professional fireworks shows may be allowed through the permitting process.

Campfires are **ONLY** allowed in designated fire pits or fire rings.

Smoking in open areas is not allowed **EXCEPT** within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.

While the restrictions do not impact most shooting sports, explosive targets are prohibited.

Stage I Fire Restrictions will end open burn season for Mesa County. The open burning of yard waste or fields is prohibited **EXCEPT** for agricultural burns with a **Sheriff Issued Burn Permit**. The Sheriff's Fire Marshal will conduct an onsite inspection of each planned burn **BEFORE** a Permit is issued to ensure all safety precautions are met. If they are not met, and conditions do not allow for a safe burn a permit will **NOT** be issued and any agricultural burn will be in violation of the fire restrictions in place.

Causing or allowing a fire during fire restrictions can be a class 6 felony and can be punishable by fines up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment up to 18 months. Other possible charges include fourth degree arson and intentionally setting a wildfire. You may also be held financially responsible for damage caused.

The use of fireworks, flares, or other incendiary devices, including exploding targets, are always **prohibited** on federal lands.

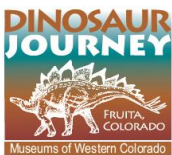
Wood fires are never permitted anywhere on the Colorado National Monument.

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How to Start a Business in Western Colorado

This class covers the most commonly asked questions including how to do a trade name search, choosing the right legal structure, registering with the state, local licensing requirements, the business planning process, and options for financing your business.

\$55
Class Fee

Upcoming Class Dates

Tuesday 5/15 6PM-9PM
Friday 5/25 1PM-4PM
Friday 6/8 1PM-4PM
Friday 6/22 1PM-4PM

Fast Trac Business Basics

MUST PRE-REGISTER CALL 970-243-5242
Classes are offered from 12-1 PM

Must take Starting a Business Class First

Market Research Learn to use market research tools to generate more business	5/3/18 6/7/18
Business Planning Write a plan to help ensure the success of your business	4/26/18 5/31/18
Internet Strategies Learn how to be accessible through the internet	5/17/18 6/28/18
Licensing License your business online	5/24/18 6/14/18
Cash Flows Learn how to do a cash flow budget using Excel	5/10/18 6/21/18



Immersive Learning: Controlling Stuff

Get more than just an introduction to the exciting world of controlling stuff using low-cost microcontrollers! This hands on series of three consecutive sessions gets you going with your own

Arduino microcontroller and parts kit, which are yours to keep. Wayne Wall, experienced computer engineer and instructor will guide you in understanding how to construct your own circuits and how to program them to your specific needs. This class is for beginners who may have no prior knowledge of electronics or programming.

Class starts May 5th

Sign up and prepay for the course at www.gjmakerspace.org/events. Enrollment ends April 30, so parts kits can be ordered and received.
Cost: \$99 (includes 3 class sessions with kit)



Call 243-5242 to register or visit us at
gjincubator.org

All Date & Events Are Subject to Change

Events in Fruita will be held at our Fruita Location
325 East Aspen Street
Fruita, Colorado



The SBDC is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBAs funding is not an endorsement of any products, opinions or services. SBA funded programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis.

June 15th
1PM-2:30PM

Business Valuation

What's it worth to you?

What would be a fair listing price for a business and how is it determined? Will a lender finance the acquisition? Does selling a business within the industry provide an opportunity to command a premium price? Join us in learning about the roles of market analysis and business evaluation in developing a realistic business worth assessment.

Cost: Free

Writing and Publishing THE BASICS

June 26th
1PM-2:30PM

If you've always wanted to write a book and think it's just about words on a page, this workshop is for you. We'll touch on the basics of writing a manuscript, submitting, agents, publishers, formatting, self-publishing, and marketing.

Published author Terri Benson is the Education Chair for Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, and has more than 100 published articles, many award winning, to her credit.

Cost: \$35

July 12th
9AM-2PM

BOOKKEEPING BOOTCAMP

Learn how to set up and track business accounting records and what types of expenses are deductible. Gain better control of your business by learning how balance sheets, income statements and cash flow projections are prepared and what they can tell you about your business.

Instructor Helen Roe works with the Loan Fund of Mesa County and has been recognized as an Outstanding Woman Accountant by the American Society of Women Accountants.

Cost: \$75



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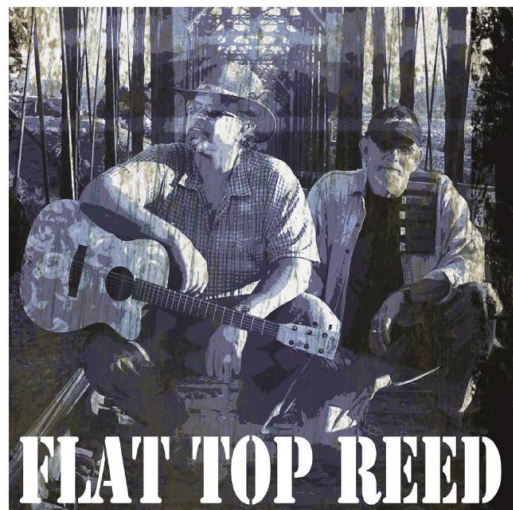
Business Showcase 2018

at The Business Incubator Center

**Join us for a day of fun!
BIC tenants and
alumni, booths, food,
music, Beer Garden,
GJmakerspace tours,
and more!**

May 17th, 2018

4PM-7PM



No Cost to Attend!

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The Fruita Historic Preservation Board presents

A Fruita History Fair.



Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cavalcade, 201 E. Aspen Ave.

*Then & Now Photo Displays
of Fruita and Colorado National Monument.
Slide Show, Artifacts, Period Music.*

*Bring Your Photos & Artifacts
for Identification.*

www.facebook.com/HistoricalFruitaPhotos



WHY FRUITA? The City of Fruita focuses on three strategic outcomes built upon a base of providing quality core services.

Quality of Place (QP) The City of Fruita is a community where residents and visitors love where they are. The City strives to be a bike and pedestrian friendly community by providing a system of sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes that connect our parks, schools, neighborhoods, civic facilities, and commercial areas. We value safe neighborhoods, our geographic natural resources and landscapes, top tier education and healthcare, and we collaborate to provide quality essential infrastructure and services. We are an inclusive community of doers who enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.

Economic Health (EH) The City of Fruita strives to be financially sustainable by enabling a stable economy and supporting a diversity of businesses that offer well-paying jobs that attract educated employees. The City works to be fiscally responsible and continuously seeks ways to allocate resources to services and projects that have the highest impact on the City's priorities. We are the innovative leader for economic development in the Grand Valley.

Lifestyle (L) The City of Fruita fosters a fun and funky ambiance by celebrating the local arts, farm and ranching history, unique leisure opportunities, and family-friendly events and activities. As a city, we encourage a diversity of cultural opportunities, businesses, and recreational activities. We continue to improve and enhance recreational offerings from traditional to outdoor adventure sports and youth to adult activities. We are a family-friendly community with diverse cultural opportunities, businesses and recreational amenities where visitors feel like locals and locals play like visitors.



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City of Fruita staff strive to emulate these core behaviors in everything we do in order to show gratitude for public trust, build trust and maintain trust with the public, our partner agencies and with one another.

We are Fruita. We are...

Fun—This is such a critical behavior that impacts everything we do. If we are not having fun, we must ask why and recalculate and adjust. We must love what we do and where we work, live and play. We are positive and put forth focused effort to have a positive attitude. We are smiling. We are friendly. We enjoy serving the public and working together. We care about the experience those who interact with us internally and externally have.

Respectful—We are empathetic. We take an active interest in each other, residents, businesses and visitors. We listen. We talk one at a time. We compliment and build up others. We are tough on issues and easy on people. We recognize the role of City Council, Board and Commission Members, residents, supervisors, coworkers and customers. We are kind. We treat people with dignity. We embrace diversity and make every effort to think collectively.

United—We are a team. We focus on purpose and work together to achieve our goals. We communicate effectively with each other. We seek consensus, agree to disagree and move forward for the greater good. We support each other. We value partnerships that help us achieve our goals. We remember we are public stewards and serve. We are inclusive. We create synergy by recognizing our strengths and weaknesses and succeeding as a team.

Innovative—Simplicity is our key to innovation. We consider and explore alternatives to the way we've always done it. We are open to new ideas. We welcome calculated risk-taking and learning from our mistakes. We seek continuous improvement and welcome constructive feedback. We ask why and why not. We work to continually improve.

Transparent—We operate as an open book. We create, over communicate and reinforce clarity in our work. We are trustworthy. We assume a positive intent from others. We work with integrity. We seek ways to increase transparency internally and externally.

Authentic—We are unique. We are real. We are different. We are special. We are optimistic. We are exceptional and proud of it. We are comfortable being different. We are open-minded. We are honest. We embrace and value family. We live what we speak. We create clear expectations and work hard to manage those expectations.