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Chamber Statement On Injunction Denial

The Chamber and Mesa County filed a complaint and a request for an injunction against the Grand Valley Drainage District earlier this year in response to their invoicing members a "fee" that put an inordinate burden on the business community. The basis for the suit is to get clarity as to whether this is a fee or a tax subject to voter approval under TABOR. On July 19th Judge Bottger denied the request for an injunction. Shown below is our official statement on that action:

"The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce is disappointed that it was unable to obtain a preliminary injunction that would have immediately halted collection of the Grand Valley Drainage District's "fees" Such an injunction would have likely allowed businesses and individuals that have not paid their invoices to keep those dollars circulating in our local economy while the matter is further reviewed and a determination is made on the merits of the case.

The lawsuit is still proceeding and the Chamber is committed to moving forward and getting a final ruling about whether the fee is an impermissible tax. This review and final determination is still warranted and necessary to provide clarity to affected residents and businesses.

Ultimately, it is the hope of the Grand Junction Chamber and Mesa County that we can quickly get back to focusing on this valley wide drainage problem and devising a more comprehensive and collaborative approach to addressing the needs to manage storm water in Mesa County without harming our members and the business community at large.

The Chamber's position on the matter has been clearly articulated to all concerned and remains the same. It is shown below:

- The Chamber supports a valley-wide solution to addressing the area's drainage problems, which of necessity involves governmental entities in addition to the Grand Valley Drainage District.
- The Chamber supports the development of thoughtful alternatives regarding new fees, taxes, and grants to meet the need.
- The Chamber opposes the imposition of an impact fee for business expansions. The growth of businesses improves the economy, increases job opportunities and adds to the tax base.
- The Chamber supports an extended process of securing more information in a collaborative manner with all entities responsible for drainage and thoroughly exploring all funding models, the implementation of a sunset provision on the funding source, more transparency and accountability in the form of reports issued to taxpayers regarding how project priorities are identified, how funds are being spent, and how funds are leveraged with money from other sources—including grants."

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Chairman's Column



As expected, the second half of the year is ramping up rather quickly and the Chamber staff and board are hard at work. This year seems to be busier than normal with it being an election year and all the ballot measures, the Grand Valley Drainage District (GVDD) lawsuit and our first ever Total Resource Campaign (TRC). I thought I should take this opportunity to share with everyone some of the highlights.

With this being an election year there may be upward of 17 ballot issues that will be put to vote and your Chamber has taken positions on those that will have the greatest impact to business. Below I highlight just two of the many that have been thoroughly reviewed:

Amendment 69 (Colorado State Health Care System Initiative AKA ColoradoCare) – **OPPOSED**. This would create a new health care payment system for all individuals in Colorado and raise state taxes between \$25 and \$28 Billion dollars annually. This money would come from a new payroll tax and a 10% income tax on small business owners and retirees who report more than social security income on their tax returns.

Amendment 96 (Amendment to the Colorado constitution making it more difficult to amend the Colorado constitution) - **SUPPORTED**. If passed, this amendment would require any petition for a citizen initiated constitutional amendment be required to have at least two percent of the registered electors who reside in each state senate district in order to be placed on the ballot. In addition, at least 55% of the votes cast are needed in order to pass a new constitutional amendment.

Earlier this year your Chamber along with Mesa County entered into litigation against the Grand Valley Drainage District. Although we are disappointed

we lost the injunction that would have stopped the GVDD from collecting monies, the lawsuit to determine about whether the fee is an impermissible tax is still pending. As I was reminded, the injunction is not part of the overarching lawsuit and does not determine the outcome of the lawsuit. Although the GVDD "fee" does not have a significant impact on homeowners it does have a more significant impact on business. Some businesses are seeing fees upward of \$10,000. I think it is noteworthy to mention that the Chamber had received more support for the litigation than any other issue in recent history and since the announcement on the injunction has continued to receive overwhelming support from our members.

The Chambers position has been and continues to be:

- The Chamber supports a valley-wide solution to addressing the area's drainage problems, which of necessity involves governmental entities in addition to the Grand Valley Drainage District.
- The Chamber supports the development of thoughtful alternatives regarding new fees, taxes, and grants to meet the need.
- The Chamber opposes the imposition of an impact fee for business expansions. The growth of businesses improves the economy, increases job opportunities and adds to the tax base.
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I am also happy to report out that our Total Resource Campaign is

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- Creating a Strong Local Economy
- Representing the Interests of Business with Government
- Promoting the Community
- Providing Networking Opportunities to Build Business Relationships
- Political Action

Chairman's Column (Cont'd From Page 2)

starting to take shape. This new and exciting way for your Chamber to fundraise and have you, our members, have even greater direct input on the focus of the Chamber is underway. Besides the hard work of the Chamber staff to make this happen, we have a large number of volunteers. There are currently 14 organizations in our community that have volunteered staff and hours to make this a success. Currently the teams and volunteers are starting training and there will be a lot more to report out in the next few weeks so please "stay tuned".

Although this column is already running a little long, I did want to touch on one more item. Although I was honored to be asked to be the Chairman of the Chamber, what has made me proud to help represent the Chamber, is a question that comes up in almost every meeting that I attend (and there are a bunch of them). It is a simple question but an important one to keep us focused, "Is this what is best for our community?" This repeated question reminds us of why we do what we do. As I have stated before, we do not always agree and there have been some "passionate" discussions but the goal is still the same, representing the business community and making this a better place for all to live. It is with this sentiment I would like to thank everyone (staff, board, volunteers and members) that helps make the Chamber what it is today.

Matthew Breman, Chairman

Interested in Serving on the Chamber Board?

The Nominating Committee of the Chamber Board of Directors is currently in the process of selecting a slate of new proposed directors to present to the membership and current Chamber Board for approval. There are seven slots on the Board currently up for election this fall. Five of those selected will represent a cross section of the membership and their single four-year terms will begin January 1, 2017. The other two positions will take office immediately to fill two vacancies that have recently occurred on the Board.

Board members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, serve as liaisons to other Chamber committees and attend as many Chamber functions as possible in order to stay in close contact with the membership they represent. The election process will be detailed for members in the September newsletter.

Anyone interested in serving is invited to submit a letter of interest by August 15th to the Chamber office, 360 Grand Ave., 81501. (If you have previously submitted a letter of interest there is no need to send another one unless you want to update it. Chamber staff keeps these on file from year to year). Letters should outline previous Chamber involvement, the level of leadership the interested individual holds within the Chamber member business, and how the member is uniquely qualified to fulfill the requirements of a Chamber Board member.

Energy Briefings are BACK!

After a summer recess, the Chamber's Energy Briefing series resumes on **August 10th, 12:00 PM at the Mesa County Workforce Center.**

Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance will present a program, "*Federal Overreach and the Keep-It-in-the-Ground Movement*". Even as commodity prices begin to rise there are additional actions on a number of fronts that may inhibit the development of energy resources in the Rocky Mountain West. Kathleen has been the Vice President of Government and Public Affairs for the Western Energy Alliance for the last ten years and testified earlier this spring before the House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on a variety of topics related to the energy industry including Sage Grouse, Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Data, and Regulatory Economic Analysis.

Mark your calendars for the **September 14th Energy Briefing, 12:00 PM at the Mesa County Workforce Center** featuring Kelly Flennekin, Xcel Energy.

Kelly, Area Manager, Community & Local Government Affairs at Xcel Energy will speak about the plans at Xcel to assure our future energy needs are met in the region. She previously served as the CEO of Grand Junction Economic Partnership.

Visit www.gjchamber.org to register or call 970-242-3214. Advanced registration cost is \$15 for Grand Junction Area Chamber Members, \$20 for General Admission/at the Door. Registration does include lunch.



Kathleen Sgamma
Western Energy Alliance



Kelly Flennekin
Xcel Energy

Congratulations 2016-2017 Leadership Class

It was just one month ago that we celebrated the graduation of the 2015-2016 Mesa County Leadership participants, but planning was already underway even then for the next class in this popular program. Started almost 25 years ago the Mesa County Leadership Program offers those interested in "giving back" to the community by providing leadership and vision the opportunity to learn more about their individual skills and how the various aspects of the community come together to offer us the outstanding quality of life we all enjoy. Those shown below will begin their training in mid-September and attend their last formal class in May of 2017. Congratulations to the following for stepping forward to learn more about the Grand Valley:

Nick Bierman, Ute Water Conservancy District
 Brady Blackmer, FCI Constructors, Inc.
 Candace Carnahan, Grand Junction Area Chamber
 Michelle DeShazer, US Bank
 Scott Fogarty, Kolorado Resources, LLC
 Kim Genevay, Bank of Colorado
 Dean Harris, Bechtel & Santo
 Kimberly Jimenez, Wells Fargo Bank
 Craig Madsen, Merrill Lynch
 Shana Martin, DoubleTree by Hilton
 Rick Stengel, Ute Water Conservancy District
 Ryan Stringfellow, St. Mary's Hospital Foundation
 Curtis Thomas, OBJ Group
 Ben Van Hoose, Alpine Bank
 Michele VonLondersele-Green, ANB Bank
 Angela Wetzels, Spectrum Reach
 Traci Wieland, City of Grand Junction
 Jennifer Wright, Dalby, Wendland & Co.

2015/2016 Leadership Class Graduates

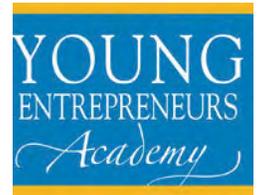


For Students Who Mean BUSINESS...

Applications are now being accepted for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!).

For those that would like more information, the Chamber is hosting a Pizza Party/

Information Session for students and parents on **Thursday, August 18th, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Chamber Board Room, at 360 Grand Avenue.**



The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is an exciting, fun, projects based after-school program that empowers students in grades 6-12 to start and run their own real business or social movement.

Unlike a typical class, in the Academy participants learn the foundations of business as they launch their own company and master key skills from local entrepreneurs and dynamic trips to local businesses.

If you are a student or know one who has demonstrated creativity, innovative ideas, academic effort, determination, enthusiasm, the ability to communicate, and a commitment to your community and family, you can begin learning the skills that will change our life. No business experience is required; only a drive to succeed.

Reservations are not required for the Pizza Party but are appreciated and can be made by calling 970-242-3214. Unable to make the party but want to know more? Download the application and view other materials at www.gjchamber.org and click on the Get Connected tab. You can also contact Diane or Terri at the Chamber (diane@gjchamber.org or terri@gjchamber.org).

We wish to thank our program partners Western Colorado Community College, Mesa County Valley School District 51, Mesa County Workforce Center and Business Incubator Center. And, of course we could not do this without our program sponsors. They include (as of press time):

Presenting Sponsor: City of Grand Junction

Premier Sponsors: Home Loan, Mesa County Workforce Center

Scholarship Sponsor: Mesa County Business Education Foundation

Investor Panel Sponsors: Mesa County Valley School District 51, OBJ Group, US Bank, Alpine Bank, Community Banks, StarTek, VanWinkle Enterprises, Inc.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or volunteer for the program, please contact Terri Smatla (terri@gjchamber.org) for more information.

Chamber Opposes \$12/hour Minimum Wage Initiative

The Chamber Board of Directors took action this month to oppose the \$12 per hour minimum wage ballot initiative which turned in over 200,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's office last week. The measure proposed to raise the minimum wage 90 cents on January 1, 2017 and ratchet up to \$12 by January 1, 2020. Eric Fruits, the President and Chief Economist of Economics International Corp. estimates that 90,000 jobs will be lost if the measure passes. Those most affected will be younger workers who already have the highest unemployment rate in the state. He argues that the 44% increase in the compressed time frame of four years will force businesses to cut jobs to compensate for shifting expenditures.

Colorado already has a constitutional amendment that mandates a higher rate than the national minimum wage and fluctuates annually based on the rate of inflation.

Quarterly Membership Luncheon Focuses on Election

The Chamber's Quarterly Luncheon, sponsored by ANB Bank, on September 19th, 12:00 PM at Grand Vista Hotel will focus on the upcoming election and feature local candidates running for office. Two of the three seats on the Mesa County Board of Commissioners are up for grabs along with several other key positions. The Chamber will limit the forum to those candidates that have opponents. Additionally, a brief overview of the ballot issues will be presented as time allows. It is not too early to make your reservation for this important event! Register online at www.gjchamber.org or call 970-242-3214.

Brag To Us!

The Chamber absolutely LOVES to spread positive economic news and celebrate business accomplishments. That is why we are asking you to tell us about any recent business expansions you've had in terms of increased employment or capital expenditures. In exchange for you telling us about your business expansion, we will buy you lunch at our next **Quarterly Luncheon on September 19th**, present you with a hammer of progress to hang proudly on your wall and acknowledge your accomplishment in Chamber publications. All you have to do is pick up the phone and call us at 970-242-3214 or email diane@gjchamber.org. Give us the name of your company, the nature of your expansion and the name of who will be present to accept the award at our luncheon on September 19th.

Upcoming YPN Events

YPN Before Hours

August 10, 2016

7:00 - 8:30 AM

Location: My Favorite Muffin

A relaxed networking opportunity to get to know and network with other Young Professionals in Mesa County.

Annual Pub Crawl To Benefit United Way*

August 20, 2016

YPN members will be pub crawling Downtown starting at Blue Moon and ending at Charlie Dwellington's. Tickets are \$20 and all the money raised goes to United Way of Mesa County.

YPN After Hours*

August 25, 2016

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: The Warehouse

YPN members receive their first drink free, guests of YPN members are just \$5 and that includes a drink.

Events intended for YPN members and their guests 21 years of age or older.

For additional events or to find out more about the Young Professionals Network, visit the YPN website at www.ypnmc.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ypnmc.





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NETWORKING @NOON

Exploring New Restaurants, New Business Connections, New Opportunities!

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT NETWORKING@NOON
August 17, 2016

Hosted By



BUFFALO WILD WINGS
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2412 Hwy 6&50

\$18 for GJACC Members
Advanced Reservation Required (Space is Limited)

Contact Trisha today for more information or to reserve your seat!
trisha@gjchamber.org or 970-263-2912

Mark Your Calendar ~ Details & Registration online at gjchamber.org

AUG 10 | 12:00 Noon
Energy Briefing
Mesa County Workforce Business Center

Advance Registration: \$15 for GJACC members.

AUG 17 | 12:00 Noon
Networking@Noon
Buffalo Wild Wings

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

AUG 17 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect
GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

AUG 18 | 5:30 PM
YEA! Informational Meeting
GJACC Conference Room

No cost for GJACC members.

AUG 30 | 12:00 Noon
Labor Law: New Overtime Rules Explained
GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

AUG 30 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours
Sooper Credit Union

Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

SEP 14 | 12:00 Noon
Energy Briefing
Mesa County Workforce Business Center

Advance Registration: \$15 for GJACC members.

SEP 15 | 4:00 PM
New Member Showcase
GJACC

No cost for GJACC members.

SEP 19 | 12:00 Noon
Quarterly Membership Lunch/Candidate Forum
Grand Vista Hotel

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

SEP 21 | 12:00 Noon
Networking@Noon
Sports Vortex

Advance Registration Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

SEP 21 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect
GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

SEP 27 | 5:30 PM
Business After Hours
Hilltop Community Resources

Advance Registration: \$10 for GJACC members.

SEP 30 | 7:30 AM
Golf Tournament 2016
BrightStar Golf
Redlands Mesa, LLC

Sponsored by: Shaw Construction & Caliber Corporate Team \$600, Individual Player \$125.

OCT 12 | 12:00 Noon
Energy Briefing
Mesa County Workforce Business Center

Advance Registration: \$15 for GJACC members.

OCT 19 | 12:00 Noon
Networking@Noon
The Flying Pig - Community Hospital

Advance Registration

Required: \$18 for GJACC members.

OCT 19 | 2 - 4 PM
Mesa County Libraries Business Connect
GJACC Conference Room

Advance Registration Requested. No cost for GJACC members.

OCT 25 | 4 - 7:30 PM
Business Showcase
Two Rivers Convention Center

Sponsored by Alpine Bank Booth spaces starting at \$385 for GJACC Members.

SAVE THE DATE

JAN 27, 2017
Chamber Annual Banquet
Two Rivers Convention Center

GJACC Events Registration Form: August - October 2016

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YEA! Info. Meeting - 08/18/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking@Noon - 09/21/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 10/19/16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime Rules - 08/30/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Connect - 09/21/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Showcase - 10/25/16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours 08/30/16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business After Hours - 09/27/16 | |

Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Attending (Names): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Payment Method: Bill my Chamber Account Check Enclosed

Charge my MC/VISA/Discover/AMEX # _____ Exp Date _____

Authorized Signature: _____

All events require pre-registration and pre-payment. Registration fees are non-refundable four business days prior to the event. If special assistance is needed, you must notify the Chamber four days prior to the event. Photos will be taken at Chamber events and used for marketing purposes.

New Overtime Rules Explained August 30th

In spite of objections raised by members of the business community nationwide including this Chamber, the U.S. Department of Labor finalized updated overtime rules in May and all businesses will be expected to comply beginning December 1, 2016. While key provisions are shown below there are still a lot of questions about how to apply the rules and which workers will be subject to overtime. Michael Santo, Bechtel & Santo, will offer a one-hour brown bag session on the rule, **Tuesday, August 30th, 12:00 PM in the Chamber briefing room.** The session is free but registration is requested in order to prepare sufficient materials. Register online at www.gjchamber.org

Key Provisions of the Final Rule:

The Final Rule focuses primarily on updating the salary and compensation levels needed for Executive, Administrative and Professional workers to be exempt. Specifically, the Final Rule:

- Sets the standard salary level at the 40th percentile of earnings of full-time salaried workers in the lowest-wage Census Region, currently the South (\$913 per week; \$47,476 annually for a full-year worker);
- Sets the total annual compensation requirement for highly compensated employees (HCE) subject to a minimal duties test to the annual equivalent of the 90th percentile of full-time salaried workers nationally (\$134,004); and
- Establishes a mechanism for automatically updating the salary and compensation levels every three years to maintain the levels at the above percentiles and to ensure that they continue to provide useful and effective tests for exemption.

Additionally, the Final Rule amends the salary basis test to allow employers to use non-discretionary bonuses and incentive payments (including commissions) to satisfy up to 10 percent of the new standard salary level.

Promote Your Business at September 30th Golf Tournament!

A golf tournament may sound like just a great networking opportunity on a Friday in late September when the weather is spectacular but you can also use it to promote your business! Where else can you put your business brand/name in front of 200 business professionals from around the Grand Valley during a time when they are relaxed and open to the power of suggestion? Consider donating an item (with your name on it, of course) to the Chamber's golf goody bags. We will need about 200 items by September 15th. Think golf balls, towels, markers, tees, sunscreen, and snacks (tip: patronize a fellow Chamber member, such as a grocery store, purchase snack items then add a sticker with your name and logo on the items)...you get the idea.

Want to up your profile even further? Consider donating a prize, sponsoring a hole or nabbing one of two special sponsorships still available. For more information, to let us know to reserve space for your item in the goody bags or to register yourself or your corporate team for the tournament itself, contact Candace (Candace@gjchamber.org) or 970-263-2919.



Join Us!

For the next

Quarterly Membership Luncheon
as we host a Candidate Forum for
the upcoming election.

September 19, 2016
Grand Vista Hotel
\$18 for members in advance
\$23 for non-members/ members at the door

Call 970-242-3214 or email
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New Members!

Apex Momentum Business Development, LLC

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 Tamara Ruckdeschel - (970) 712-3258
www.apexmomentum.com
 Business Services

Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

2470 Patterson Rd Ste 4
 Grand Junction, CO 81505
 Molly van Lawick - (970) 549-3105
www.caliberhomeloans.com
 Mortgages & Contracts

Colorado Wash Services, LLC

PO Box 2631
 Grand Junction, CO 81502
 Zach Rangel - (970) 712-7937
www.coloradowashservices.com
 Pressure Washing

Colorado West Communications

206 Holland Thompson Dr
 Carbondale, CO 81623
 James S. Jenkins
 (970) 963-0555
coloradowestcommunications.com
 Telephone: Communication Equipment/
 Services

Keith's Garage, LLC

572 S Commercial Dr
 Grand Junction, CO 81505
 Keith Gillespie - (970) 462-2686
 Automobile Repairs & Service

MHIB Group

125 Grand Ave Unit B
 Grand Junction, CO 81501
 Christine Bogott - (970) 683-5455
www.mhibgroup.com
 Health Care Plans

Monument Health

744 Horizon Ct Ste 260
 Grand Junction, CO 81506
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 Grand Junction, CO 81502
 Patrick Cahill - (970) 241-3177
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20 Navajo Trail
 New Castle, CO 81650
 Michael Capraro - (970) 210-3158
www.tworiversproductions.com
 Events/Special Events

VR Business Brokers

400 W Main St Ste 110
 Aspen, CO 81611
 John Hornblower - (970) 429-8220
www.vraspen.com
 Business Brokers

Zuma Hair Studio

616 North Avenue
 Grand Junction, CO 81501
 Angela Lema - (970) 245-0535
www.zumahairstudio.com
 Beauty: Salons/Barber Shops/Supplies

●●●● Join Us For This Can't-Miss Event! ●●●●



NEW MEMBER
 SHOWCASE

Presented By



September 15, 2016
 4pm-6pm

Grand Junction Chamber Offices

Contact Us Today For More Information!
 970-242-3214 or trisha@gjchamber.org

Mix and mingle with the NEWEST Chamber Members

Have you recently joined the Chamber?
 ASK us how you can feature your business during this event

Learn about the services and products offered

Over 150 golfers, networking, prizes, and more!



Grand Junction Area



7:30am or 1:00pm
Tee Times Available

Corporate Team of 4
(Includes Hole Sponsorship)
\$600

Individual Player
\$125

Includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner,
and 2 drink tickets per player

For More Information

Call: 970-263-2919

Email: candace@gjchamber.org

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CALIBER
HOME LOANS

Hole-In-One Contest
Presented By



Recent Ribbon Cuttings



B3 Extreme Sports Facility
 756 Valley Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81504
 (970) 241-1234 - New Business
Indoor Recreation Facility



Foundation Repair of Western Colorado, LLC
 2575 Highway 6 & 50 Unit A, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 243-2022 - New Location
Foundation Repair



Ganic Grub
 2591 Legacy Way, Grand Junction, CO 81503
 (970) 765-5492 - New Business
Caterers



Western Rockies Federal Credit Union
 2302 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 (970) 243-2434 - Renovation
Credit Unions



New City Map Arriving Soon

In an age of GPS and Google maps are local community maps a thing of the past? Tourists and local residents who stop in daily to request a Grand Junction area map indicate that they are not. In this case, we believe the consumers want online maps in addition to paper maps rather than in place of them.

That is why this year's edition of the Grand Junction map produced by the Chamber will be in both formats. Our traditional paper maps will arrive in early August and a digital version of the map will be available thirty days later. Watch for both and let us know what you think as we make this change to meet evolving technology and consumer trends.



Grand Junction Area
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

2016
Ribbon Cuttings

Reserve Your Date Now!

Grand Opening * Groundbreaking
New Location * New Owner

Call 242-3214



Business Barometer

June 2016

A gauge of Grand Junction's economic indicators published by the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce.

info@gjchamber.org

970-242-3214

| Sales Tax Revenue Collections | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| June | 2016 | 2015 | % Change |
| City of Grand Junction | \$3,406,954 | \$3,480,303 | -2.1% |
| Total YTD | \$20,685,853 | \$20,646,612 | 0.2% |

| MESA COUNTY Building Permits Issued | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| June | 2016 | Total Value | 2015 | Total Value |
| New Single Family Residence | 38 | \$9,124,517 | 44 | \$11,314,488 |
| New Commercial | 2 | \$235,832 | 1 | \$747,750 |
| Other | 307 | \$5,329,112 | 168 | \$25,277,920 |
| Totals | 347 | \$14,689,461 | 213 | \$37,340,157 |
| YTD Totals | 1448 | \$118,808,696 | 957 | \$102,143,446 |

| MLS Statistics - Quarterly | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1st Quarter | 2016 | 2015 |
| Total Sold | 659 | 656 |
| Dollar Volume | \$141,083,499 | \$131,926,547 |
| Total Sold YTD | 889 | 755 |
| Dollar Volume YTD | \$200,950,620 | \$152,630,409 |

Source: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association

| Hotel/Motel Occupancy | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| June | 2016 | 2015 |
| Occupancy Rate | 83.5% | 76.6% |
| Average Daily Room Rate | \$95.77 | \$91.54 |

| Mesa County Foreclosures | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Year | Number Filed | Number Gone to Sale |
| 2013 | 781 | 564 |
| 2014 | 539 | 403 |
| 2015 | 479 | 304 |

Source: Mesa County Public Trustee

| G J Regional Airport | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| June | 2016 | 2015 |
| Enplaned Passengers | 22,561 | 20,381 |
| Deplaned Airfreight | 67,558* | 308,425 |
| Enplaned YTD Passengers | 107,769 | 102,096 |
| Deplaned YTD Airfreight | 1,931,780* | 1,982,816 |

*FedEx numbers not reported for this time period

| Labor Market Statistics | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| June | 2016 | 2015 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 73,233 | 73,138 |
| Total Employment | 68,452 | 68,332 |
| Total Unemployment | 4,808 | 4,806 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.6% | 6.6% |

Sources: Grand Junction Area Realtor Association, Colorado Workforce, Grand Junction City Sales Tax Department, Grand Junction Regional Airport, Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau, Mesa County Building Department, Rocky Mountain Lodging Report

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