



WE WANT YOUR HELP

WE'RE LOOKING FOR IDEAS ON
DESIGNING OUR CITY'S GATEWAY

The City is looking for your input ideas on the Gateway Enhancement Design Project

What creative ideas do you have for the highway corridor?

We want your comments and sketches!
Input packets will be available starting

September 21st

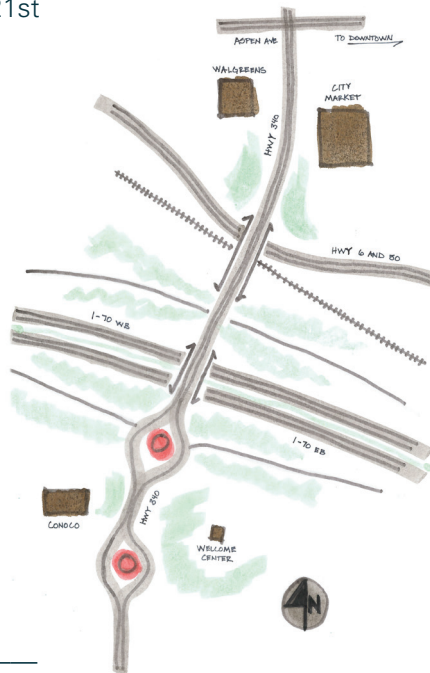
Packets available at:

- Fruita Civic Center
- Fruita Community Center
- Select Businesses around town

Look for more info at www.fruita.org around mid-September

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Landscaping Ideas
- Iconic Monuments
- Round-About Beautification
- Pedestrian Experience
- Vehicle Experience
- On and Off Ramp Beautification



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Fruita Gateway Enhancement

Get to Know Your City

Fruita will be participating in Colorado Cities & Towns Week, September 14-20, 2015, which highlights and celebrates the value of municipal government and acknowledges the employees and volunteers who help make our community a great place to live, play and work. Municipal government is the level of government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents. Through Colorado Cities & Towns Week, municipalities across the state will participate in activities to showcase and celebrate cities and towns and the many services they provide. We may not think about it, but several of the services and resources we rely on everyday are provided by the City. Just remember that we are here to work for you.

As part of Colorado Cities & Towns Week, Fruita will be hosting an **Open House event on September 15th, 2015 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the recently completed City Shop building located at 900 Kiefer Avenue.** This will be a FUN event that will allow members of the community to come see the new building as well as learn more about the services that the City provides. Families are encouraged to attend as kids (and kids at heart) have the opportunity to explore the various types of City trucks & vehicles including dump trucks, street sweepers, police cars, and more. And if that wasn't enough, City employees will be serving free hot dogs!

We hope you will join us for the open house and encourage you to stay connected with our Fruita Police Department or Fruita Parks and Recreation Facebook pages and www.fruita.org for other fun facts or activities related to Cities & Towns Week.

Fruita City Council If calling City Hall at 858-3663 does not answer your questions, please feel free to contact any of your City Council Members.

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Businesses along Aspen Avenue remain open during the project.



City Construction Projects Still in Full Swing

As summer break is over and the mad rush to get the kids to school is on, construction within the City continues toward the fall. Some maintenance projects like street overlays and chip seals are signs of the past. However, other roadway projects are still on the go.



Phase I

West Ottley Reconstruction

Phase I of the West Ottley Reconstruction opened early this summer with remaining funds for expanding to the west with an upgraded drainage system, as well as pavement widening complete with curb, gutter and sidewalks. The west expansion extends the project improvements to the Fruita Co-Op's Ottley entrance and is expected to be fully complete by September.

Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Improvements to the intersections of Peach Street and Mulberry Street on Aspen Avenue are well under way. Demolition of old concrete and asphalt make way for new underground storm drains, irrigation facilities, and electrical upgrades.

Construction of new seat walls show signs the new improvements are coming soon.

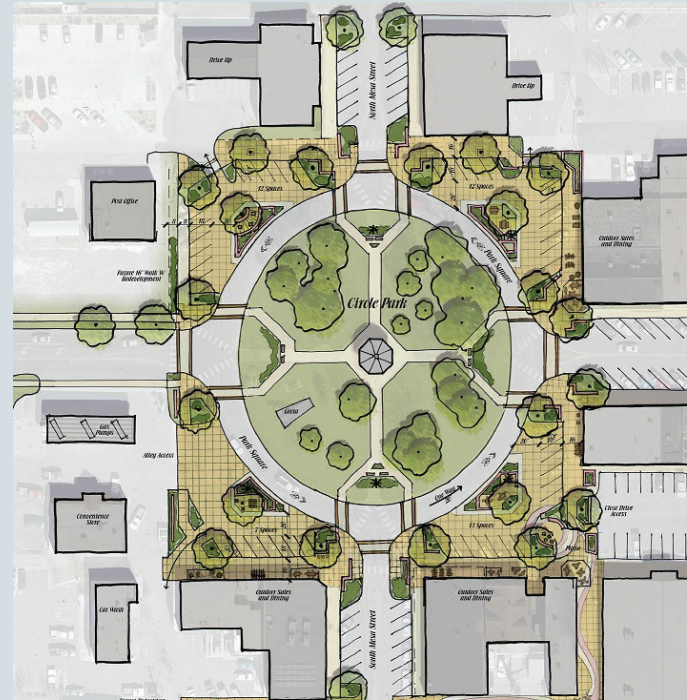
The project includes providing new bulb-outs on all four corners of both intersections along with landscaped planter beds, stone seat walls, and irrigation and electrical upgrades. Additionally, the old worn areas of exposed aggregate concrete are being removed and replaced with new tan-colored patterned concrete that will match newly constructed concrete crosswalks. Overall, the improvements will provide for safer pedestrian crossings, added area for outdoor seating and retail space, and a well landscaped streetscape.

Businesses along Aspen Avenue remain open during the project. The City parking lot at the southwest corner of Peach Street and Aspen Avenue will be open for the public throughout the project. Access to the Aspen Avenue block between Mulberry and Peach Streets is limited at times and may require entry from one end or the other at various times as work progresses.

This project completion is scheduled for September 18th, which should be just in time to be enjoyed at this year's Fall Festival which runs from September 25-27.

Circle Striping Changes

Another change to the Downtown area that you may have already noticed is the new striping around the Circle, which is now only one lane! This new striping lay-



out is consistent with the 2013 Downtown Master Plan that recommends a single travel lane and enhancing the corner areas to improve safety and enhance the environment for bikes and pedestrians. These recent striping changes were implemented as part of the City's scheduled chip seal maintenance program and will provide the City an opportunity to further evaluate the traffic and layout of the circle prior to spending funds on hard improvements like concrete or landscaping. As you drive around the circle, please be aware that the one-way traffic around the Circle is a low speed (15 MPH) area designed to accommodate both vehicles and bicyclists, so remember to share the road.

Should you have any questions regarding these or other projects, please call the Engineering Department @ 858-8377.

15 MPH





Events and Activities in Fruita

Don't forget to take advantage of our gorgeous fall weather by heading out to these events. Most all of the City's activities are listed in the Fruita Parks and Recreation Activity Guide along with many other programs and activities. Here are some of the upcoming happening events in Fruita that you can join in on.

August 29	Bike Rodeo	9am - noon	Fruita Community Center
September 2	CO Riverfront Concert – Los Lonely Boys	7:00 pm	Colorado State Park
September 5	Fruita Farmers Market	8:30 -12:30	Civic Center Park
September 12	Arrowhead Vet Hospital K-9 5K	9:00 am	Arrowhead Vet Hosp.
September 12	Dog Daze	10 am - noon	FCC
September 12	Fruita Farmers Market	8:30 - 12:30	Civic Center Park
September 18	Night at the FCC (5th, 6th and 7th Grades)	7 – 10 pm	FCC
September 19	Fruita Farmers Market	8:30 - 12:30	Civic Center Park
September 25-27	Fruita Fall Festival		Downtown Fruita
October 3	Tour of the Moon	Morning	Through Fruita
October 10-11	Grand Valley Disc Golf Tournament		Fruita Riverfront Park /Snooks
October 24	Truck N Treat	10 am - noon	Civic Center Park
October 31	Halloween CO-ED Kickball Tournament		Little Salt Wash Park
November 7	Rim Rock Marathon	9 am - 3 pm	Circle Park (Race Finish)
November 13	Night at the FCC (5th, 6th and 7th Grades)	7 - 10 pm	FCC

Help for Parents on No School Days

DINOMITES ELEMENTARY DAYS OFF CAMP

Are you looking for a safe place to send your elementary (K-5) aged child when there is no school during the week? The Fruita Community Center is now offering camp from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on these days. Certified staff will organize games, activities, sports and crafts.

- Pre-register for each no school day for \$30 per day.
- Drop in registration is \$40 per day and you are NOT guaranteed a spot. Class size is limited.
- The FCC has a Fall Break and Spring Break discount of \$125 per week if you sign your child up for the entire week.

Please bring a water bottle, lunch, swim suit, and towel.

2015 Days Off Camp:

September:	7, 8, 30
October:	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
November:	6, 23, 24, 25
December:	21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

2016 Days Off Camp:

January:	4, 18
February:	11, 12, 15
March:	4, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31
April:	1, 28, 29

MEET CARRIE BENHAM, FPD ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICER

Carrie Benham began work as the Fruita Police Department's Animal Services Officer/Police Service Technician in April. Carrie recently completed training with the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers (CACO) in Denver, and is an active member of that organization. An animal lover since childhood, Carrie is happy to answer any questions you may have pertaining to pet animals and associated ordinances. In addition to Animal Services, Carrie is also a Police Service Technician. She can assist with VIN inspections, fingerprinting, reports, and found property. Officer Benham is on duty 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and can be reached at 858-3008 or 242-6707.



Many of our citizens have questions about feral cats. The issue of what to do about feral cats is a heated topic that comes up often in communities across the United States. Organizations have been formed in many areas to help keep these populations on the decline through trap-neuter-release programs. In Mesa County, Grand Valley Pets Alive (GVPA) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to reducing the overpopulation of unwanted cats and dogs. GVPA has traps and carriers available to loan to the public, and also has financial aid programs in place. For more information, visit grandvalleypetsalive.org.

MAINTENANCE WEEK AT THE FCC

The Fruita Community Center will be closed September 21-27 for our annual maintenance week. During this closure we will be taking care of maintenance projects that can't be done while our facility is open as well as some deep cleaning which requires us to move around equipment. We appreciate your understanding!

NEW CITY WEBSITE COMING SOON!

The City of Fruita is almost finished updating/revising our website. Changes were made to make our website more functional and user friendly! Be sure to check out our new and improved website at www.fruita.org at the end of August 2015.



BIKE RODEO

Kids ages 4-12 should join us on August 29th for an all new Bike Rodeo. Come any time from 9 am to noon to learn how to ride safely with Grand Valley Bikes instructors and the Fruita Police Department. Course and skills taught will be provided by Safe Routes to School. Register and inspect your bike and receive a free helmet from our friends at Colorado Federal Credit Union. Bring your bike and get ready for a fun and educational Saturday Morning. Don't have a bike? That's okay; we will have bikes onsite so all kids can participate.

August
29th

9am-Noon
FREE!



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