



# 2016 Election Results

On April 5th, the City of Fruita celebrated our democratic responsibilities and held our bi-annual municipal election. Residents were asked to elect a Mayor, to fill four City Council seats and to consider allowing the City of Fruita the authorization to provide advance high speed internet, cable television service or telecommunications service directly or indirectly with public and/or private sector partners. Out of 7,089 eligible voters, 2,367 took the time to participate in the election by casting their ballots.

Lori Buck was elected to her third and final term as Mayor of the City. Dave Karisny, Ken Kreie, and Joel Kincaid were each elected to four-year terms on the City Council, and Louis Brackett was elected to a two-year term. They join Bruce Bonar and Kyle Harvey, each of whom has two years remaining in their respective terms. The Fruita City Council's biographies and photos can be found on the City's website at <http://www.fruita.org/citycouncil/page/council-members>.

The authorization for the City of Fruita to provide advanced

high speed internet, cable television service or telecommunications service was approved by the voters with



From left to right: Councilor Ken Kreie, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Bonar, Mayor Lori Buck, Councilor Dave Karisny, Councilor Lou Brackett, Front row: Councilor Kyle Harvey, Councilor Joel Kincaid

1,917 of voters voting "yes" on this possibility and 321 voting "no." It is important to note that the approval of this referred issue does not commit the City to providing broadband service in Fruita, nor does it mean that the City would have such service available immediately. The City has no plans to create a public broadband utility, but passage of the measure will allow the City to

explore a variety of options to make its assets available to serve the broadband needs of Fruita residents and business-

es. The ballot item also does not prevent any private business (including existing broadband providers) from initiating or continuing to provide these services.

As part of the broadband focus, Mesa and Garfield Counties have engaged a consultant (with the help of a Department of Local Affairs grant) to conduct a broadband needs assessment and

strategic plan that includes Fruita. Please consider taking one of two surveys: one for residents, one for business owners. The surveys ask users what they currently pay for service and what they'd be willing to pay in the future, as well as their thoughts on local government's role in helping to improve broadband services throughout the community.

Before taking the survey, users should take a broadband speed test by going to <http://maps.co.gov/publicspeed/>. Those using an Apple or Android device should go to <http://openspeedtest.com/>. Users should take the speed test during the time of day they most frequently use broadband service. Business owners can take the survey at this link: <https://www.research.net/r/GarfieldMesaCountyBroadband-Business>. Residents can take the survey at this link: <https://www.research.net/r/Garfield-MesaCountyBroadbandResidential>. For more information, e-mail [Broadband.Info@mesacounty.us](mailto:Broadband.Info@mesacounty.us).

***Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote!***

*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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# Choose Fruita *Be Local*



Dinosaur Day, Gear Up, Fat Tire and Mike the Headless Chicken Festivals are a few ways we transitioned from spring to summer. Thursday Night Concerts, Food Truck Fridays (4th Fridays) and Farmer's Markets (Saturdays) are now up and running in Civic Center Park Downtown for the summer. The Riverfront Concert series and Rim Rock Rodeos have also kicked off, and Fireworks and the Family Fun Fair were a blast. There is no shortage of events in this community. There is no shortage of outdoor adventure right in our backyards. There is also no shortage of businesses for residents to shop local at and help stimulate our local economy.

Fruita is fortunate to have unique eateries, breweries and shops that attract many people from outside of the area that we as locals get to enjoy within a walk, ride or three minute drive. Fruita currently has 27 restaurants and more on the way. Three new fitness businesses opened this year. There are 15 different medical-related offices, in addition to Family Health West's

18 locations. When it comes to various service-oriented businesses, there are more than 100 different options. We are pleased that the Fruita Chamber of Commerce recently updated [www.fruitachamber.org](http://www.fruitachamber.org) with a listing of all Fruita businesses whether the businesses are Chamber members or not, so you can easily search a full directory. **explore, sample and enjoy...** The Chamber also offers a new program that offers Shop Fruita Gift Certificates to local participating businesses (more info in the Services section of their website).

Local business options are also growing. At the time of this article, the City has approved 60 new business licenses so far in 2016, with 11 pending. The City is talking with multiple prospects that are considering Fruita as the new location for their business. Even with the many new businesses that we welcome to Fruita, there is still space for more in the Southside Marketplace, Downtown and in the Industrial/Business

Park along Highway 6 & 50. We are engaged in proactively seeking out businesses that will bring quality jobs, products and services that will complement our community. As we focus our resources and efforts on those things that have a positive impact on our quality of place, economic health and lifestyle, our community is improved for local residents, businesses and visitors alike, while maintaining our unique, friendly community atmosphere. The City relies heavily on sales tax revenues to provide a high level of services to residents. As with any business, costs and demands increase every year, so diversifying our local economy and with locals being local, the City may better strive to exceed expectations, and locals will enjoy exceptional services and products from our local businesses. So, we invite you to explore, sample and enjoy all that the Fruita community has to offer and express gratitude to our many actively involved locals.

## **OHVS ON City Roads**

City Council would like to know if Fruita residents would like the City Council to consider allowing Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) on City roads. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing [OHV@fruita.org](mailto:OHV@fruita.org) and at a minimum include (1) name, (2) home address and (3) yes or no. Please e-mail your responses by July 21, 2016.

**Thanks!**

## **Calling All Volunteers**

Would you like to help your community while learning about the law enforcement profession? Are you curious what policing is all about?

The Fruita Police Department is currently accepting applications for volunteers. You can find an application on the City of Fruita website ([www.fruita.org](http://www.fruita.org)), on the Police Department webpage. The application should be turned in to the Fruita Police Department at 157 S. Mesa St. The selection process involves a personal interview regarding what type of volunteer work interests you and a background check (required). Any questions, call Lt. Krouse at 970-858-3008.



# Blazing a New Trail

After five years of planning, grant writing, designing, obtaining approvals from CDOT and the Union Pacific Railroad, the

extend the Riverfront Trail from Fruita to the Loma exit. Grant funds are currently covering design of this 4.5 mile trail to access

on a ride into Fruita on the Riverfront Trail to see the new Little Salt Wash Trail and plans for the Kokopelli Section. This trail is one of the Governor's 16 priority trails for 2016.

A trail dedication ceremony for the newly constructed Little Salt Wash Trail section will be held at the July 20th Riverfront Concert at James M Robb Colorado River State Park, the same evening that the Subdudes will be playing. Join us for a bike ride/hike/walk from the Fruita Community (Recreation) Center to the State Park at 6:00 pm that evening. The trail dedication will take place on stage prior to the concert. If you ride or walk from the Recreation Center to the concert, please bring a bike or helmet



City of Fruita is pleased to have the Lower Little Salt Wash Trail section complete and open. The trail, funded in large part by a Great Outdoors Colorado grant and CDOT Enhancement grant, starts at the Colorado River State Park on the south, goes under I-70, the UP Railroad tracks, and Highway 6 & 50, and ends near the Fruita Community Center on Gewont Lane. The .85 mile section of trail parallels the Little Salt Wash and the Colorado River on the south part of the trail, providing for some extraordinary views of McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. This trail is also a critical section to

the Kokopelli Trailhead by way of the Fruita Industrial/Business Park to which the City is heavily recruiting businesses to relocate.

The Riverfront Foundation has been a generous supporter of this project along with the private land owners of the business park. The City has applied for a \$1.2 million Department of Local Affairs Grant and has been invited to apply for a Great Outdoors Colorado Connect Initiative Grant and will be asking for \$2 million to help pay for the trail section. The City hopes to be able to construct the Kokopelli Trail section in 2017. We recently hosted Governor Hickenlooper



lamp (light) to make your way back to the Recreation Center in the dark. A bike corral will be available at the concert site, so please bring a bike lock as well. Tickets to the Subdudes concert only cost \$3 each (a service charge is for TicketsWest) and are available at City Market.

## Annual Notice to all Fruita Residents: Properties are to be Maintained Free of Weeds

Please help maintain our beautiful small town atmosphere by removing weeds and keeping the city weed free. Many people don't realize that pursuant to Chapter 8.04 of the Fruita Municipal Code, failure to meet the requirements of the Weed Ordinance is a non-criminal municipal offense which can result in a mandatory court appearance and a possible fine. Non-compliance could also result in the City of Fruita cutting and removing the weeds and filing a lien on the property for those costs incurred. Here is what you need to know:

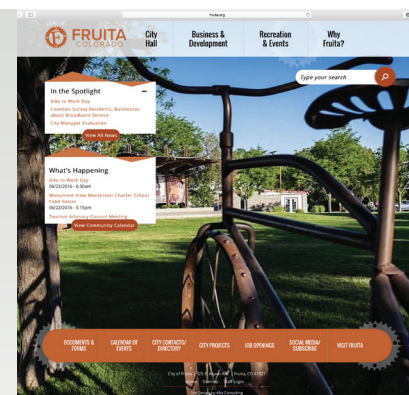
### Cut weeds 12" in height or higher to the ground and remove them:

- From the entire property where you live or conduct business
- From your back property line to the centerline of the alley
- Along the street adjoining all sides of your property between the property line and the curb line and/or sidewalk. If there is no curb line, then cut to within ten feet of the pavement. This includes the weeds outside of your fence to the curb line.
- Including all noxious weeds, like the puncture vine (goat heads), which should be sprayed with herbicide and removed when dead

### Keep in mind:

- If you spray any weeds with herbicide, all dead vegetation must be removed.
- Keep irrigation ditches and easements free of weeds and debris.
- All weeds and brush must be properly disposed of by bagging, bundling, placing in trashcans or hauling to the Mesa County Compost Facility.

For additional information, questions, or to report a big weed issue contact Code Enforcement at 858-0763 or via e-mail at [mangelo@fruita.org](mailto:mangelo@fruita.org).



## Be in the Know

Do you want to know what's going on in Fruita? Visit the City of Fruita's website at [www.fruita.org](http://www.fruita.org). Click on the In the Spotlight section to learn about the latest news in the City of Fruita.

# Upcoming Events in Fruita

June - August	Tuesday Night Rodeos (every Tuesday night)	7:00 pm	Rimrock Adventures
June - Sept	Fruita Farmers' Market (every Saturday)	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
July 14	Thursday Night Concert – Flat Top Reed	7:30 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
July 20	Little Salt Wash Trail Dedication (Ride, Run, Walk from FCC to State Park Dedication prior to Colorado Riverfront Concert)	6:00 pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 20	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Subdudes	7:00 pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
July 21	Thursday Night Concert – Sleep Junkys	7:30 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
July 22	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
July 28	Thursday Night Concert – Retrospectacle	7:30 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
Aug 4	Colorado Riverfront Concert – Buckwheat Zydeco	7:00pm	James M Robb Colorado River State Park
Aug 4	Thursday Night Concert – Zolopht	7:30 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
Aug 6	Cops and Cars for Special Olympics	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Fruita Monument High School
Aug 11	Thursday Night Concert – Williams Brothers Band	7:30 pm	
Aug 13	Bike Rodeo	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
Aug 13	Tour of the Valley – Bicycle Tour	6:00 – 11 am	Fruita Community Center
Aug 26	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Fruita Area Roads
Sept 10	Dog Daze at the Outdoor Pool	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
Sept 17	Final Fruita Farmers' Market	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Fruita Community Center
Sep 23-25	Fruita Fall Festival		Downtown Fruita/Civic Center Park
Sept 30	Food Truck Fridays	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Downtown Fruita

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