



## CITY OF FRUITA REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON

# APRIL 3 2018

*This edition of the City Link includes photos and bios of the candidates running in this year's election. Please note that a photo and bio were not submitted by Rudy Van Voorhees, who is also running for City Council.*

*The next regular City election will be held on April 3, 2018. The election will be conducted by mail ballot and ballots will be mailed out to registered voters the week of March 12, 2018. The City of Fruita now has a 24-hour mail ballot drop box located in the Civic Center east parking lot where you can drive right up to drop off your ballot.*

*The ballot will include the election of a Mayor and three City Council members. There are two candidates running for the Mayor's seat and five candidates for the three Council positions available.*

*In addition, the ballot will also include a TABOR revenue retention question.*

## CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR:

### MIKE DURDEN

I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio where I studied sociology at the University of Cincinnati. From there I moved to Dallas Texas in 1998 where I met my wife of 18 years. In 2008, we transferred to the Grand Valley for my job with an oilfield service company. We chose Fruita for the great schools, outdoor activities, the awesome small town atmosphere and the warmness of the community.

Currently the sales manager at Munro Supply in Grand Junction, I participate in strategic planning meetings as well as collaborating with account managers to create and achieve goals and game plans.

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### JOEL KINCAID

Joel has lived in Fruita for the past 14 years with his wife, of 27 years, Tammy, and kids, Kyle (21); and twins Arianna and Taylor (16). Joel enjoys being outdoors and is an active mountain biker and road cyclist. He has completed the Kokopelli Trail 8 times. Hiking is a common summer activity for him with his family.

In 1990, Joel received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Spring Arbor University in Graphic Design. He worked for a screen printing and embroidery company as well as a manufacturing company for over 12 years before starting his own business, Merge 2 Media, Marketing by Design in 2002. His

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**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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## MIKE DURDEN

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Page 2) My wife and I have three children and 2 grandchildren. We are avid mountain and road bikers, climbers and hikers.

We try to opt for outside entertainment whenever possible and Fruita is a great place to make that happen.

I feel that Fruita has and still does a great job of walking the line between being an adventure destination and a great place to raise a family. I would like to be an advocate for more stable economic growth in our community, thus encouraging and increasing our city's base creating a higher quality of life for both Fruita's permanent residents as well as tourists. I would encourage slow sustainable growth rather than reliance upon boom and bust cycles that are devastating to our economy, schools and neighborhoods. We can build on what we have and maintain Fruita as the best place to live on the Western Slope and keep Fruita Fruita. 📍



## CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL:

### KAREN LEONHART

My name is Karen Leonhart and I am running for a seat on the Fruita City Council. I have lived in Fruita for 28 years and enjoy the community and the amazing outdoor offerings. I have four children who attended Shelledy, Fruita Middle, Fruita 8/9, and graduated from FMHS.

In 1998, I was hired as the first full time Recreation Director for the City of Fruita. During my tenure, I was fortunate to build many relationships within our community, valley, and statewide. I had the opportunity to start programs that are still going strong today, including the Thursday Concert Series and the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival. I served as co-chair of the Citizens for a Fruita Community Center that helped pass a sales tax increase to make our Community Center a reality. I've learned many lessons about how important it is to listen and be respectful of all voices in the community.

In 2006, I left the City of Fruita to accept a teaching position at Rim Rock Elementary. I taught first grade at Rim Rock for eight years. I am currently teaching first grade at Orchard Avenue in Grand Junction.

I am proud to be a member of our progressive, forward thinking, Fruita community and have been a member of the Fruita Rotary Club for 20 years. Our Rotary Club is very involved in, and supportive of our community.

Fruita's past and present leaders have been good stewards, and I look forward to continuing on that positive journey. 📍

### KYLE HARVEY

Kyle Harvey is a published writer, graphic designer, artist and songwriter. He won the 15th Annual Mark Fischer Poetry Prize and was a finalist for the Colorado Book Award. While managing Lithic Bookstore & Gallery in downtown Fruita, he organizes literary events, lectures of local and regional interest, live music and cultural discussions. In addition to managing the bookstore, he is the artistic director for Lithic Press, an award-winning, independent publisher.

Kyle has been active in our community as a youth soccer and basketball coach, member of the Arts & Culture Board, and liaison to the Colorado Riverfront Commission. In addition, he founded Fruita Fourth Fridays, installed the public piano downtown, and occasionally sits in dunk tanks for youth fundraisers. Kyle lives downtown with his wife and kids, and loves seeing Fruita continue to weave together a culturally enriching community, while honoring its agricultural roots and maintaining the fabric of its small-town charm.

Having served on Fruita's City Council for 4 years, Kyle Harvey has gained a nuanced understanding of the challenges that Fruita will face in coming years and the thoughtful pragmatism to continue serving our community effectively. 📍



## JOEL KINCAID

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Page 2) experience allows him to work with many different sized companies as well as diverse businesses.

Joel is active in the local Fruita community. He has been serving on the Fruita City Council for the past 6 years. He served as the Fruita Chamber President in 2011 and as Vice President in 2009 and 2010, and is currently serving on the board. He was also active on the Chamber marketing committee for 9 years. Joel is familiar with Fruita having served 9 years on the Fruita Tourism Council. He has coached Fruita soccer for 9 seasons for his girls' teams and was assistant coach at FMHS for cross country this past fall. Joel cares about Fruita, and has played a key role in growth, business, tourism, and making personal connections. He understands the current and future opportunities available for our great city.



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## REFERRED ISSUE A

“Without increasing existing tax rates or adding new taxes of any kind, shall the City of Fruita be authorized, from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2024, to receive and expend all grants and to collect, retain, and expend all revenues generated in excess of the revenue and expenditure limitations established under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution for the purpose of implementing the city’s capital improvement

YES plan including the maintenance of capital improvements?”

NO of capital improvements?”



(THREE COUNCIL SEATS AVAILABLE)

### CAROLYN GAMBINO

I am originally from a rural farming and coal mining town in the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania. I relocated to pursue an education and acquired a BS in Biology as well as advanced degrees in blood transfusion medicine. After 20 years in clinical medicine during which I served as director of transfusion medicine laboratories throughout the US, I switched focus and worked as Vice President of Worldwide Technical Services for Immucor, Inc, an international leader in the blood transfusion medical device industry, managing seven divisions across North America and Europe. After my semi-retirement, I served in a volunteer capacity as the Director of Canine Health and Wellness for Adopt a Golden Atlanta, the largest international non-profit rescue for Golden Retrievers, and continue to advocate for and support canine rescue efforts. My career as a Health Care Executive afforded me the opportunity to live and travel extensively domestically and internationally, and, although interesting and rewarding, my varied experiences caused me to realize that I wanted to return to a smaller town where I could enjoy the slower pace, outdoor recreation and temperate weather. As a result, in 2016, after much research, exploration and deliberation, I relocated to Fruita with my husband and two rescued-Golden Retrievers. I understand—and appreciate—the nuances of “small-town life” and would like to contribute to the continued success of Fruita by maintaining a sense of community, honoring history and incorporating a vision for the future.



### LORI BUCK

I am a fourth generation Lower Valley Resident (maiden name Clawson), a graduate of Fruita Monument High School and Colorado State University. I have been married for 24 years and have two daughters 20 and 13. My interest in local government began while working for the City of Fruita Planning Department, where I learned growth management, policy, and planning. I resigned my position the end of 2004 to raise our children and work part-time for our family business.

I have served as the Mayor for the last six years and prior to that I served on City Council for 6 years, 4 of those years as Mayor Pro-tem. I have served on the Police Commission, Senior Task Force, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Tourism Board, and the Arts & Culture Board. I participated in the Community Plan update, the Land Use Code update, and two Tabor Review Committees. I was a participant in the development of the Parks and Open Space Plan and the Economic Development Plan.

I am term limited as Mayor, but I feel like I have a lot more to contribute to keep pushing Fruita forward. I will continue to ensure that the city remains fiscally responsible, that the small town character of Fruita is preserved while supporting the local economy and that growth is managed in a manner to protect citizen’s interest.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  
You can register or check your voter registration status at [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com).

### City of Fruita’s Annual Electronic Recycling Event

The City of Fruita will team up with Waste Management to offer Fruita residents an opportunity to recycle their electronic devices on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fruita Civic Center parking lot at 325 E. Aspen Ave. All cords, cables, CPUs, laptops, speakers, mice, keyboards and cell phones will be collected at no cost. All other electronics will have a nominal fee. These include:

- Computer monitors..... \$12.00
- Desktop printers/copiers ..... \$ 5.00
- Flat Screen and CRT TVs (measured diagonally):
- Up to 27” .....\$1.00/inch
- Over 27” .....\$2.00/inch
- All other electronics: .....\$3.00 and under

Residents can feel confident that their electronics will be recycled in an ethical and environmentally sound manner with Waste Management’s involvement. Please call 858-3663 if you have any questions.





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## GEARING UP FOR IRRIGATION Who to call with Irrigation Issues?

With spring on the way, residents are encouraged to make sure their irrigation systems are prepared for irrigation water by April 1st and that they know who to call if they have any irrigation issues. Common irrigation contacts are shown (right) since this can often be confusing due to the variety of irrigation systems and providers in Fruita.



## Upcoming Events in Fruita

March 28	Easter Egg Scramble	4:00 – 4:15 pm	Fruita Community Center
April 6	Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament	9:00 am	Adobe Creek Golf Course
April 21	Family Health West Health Fair	8:00 am – noon	Fruita Community Center
May 4-6	Fat Tire Festival	Open venue	I8 Road Trailhead
May 4	I8 Hours of Fruita	Open venue	Highline State Park
May 6	Rose Hill Rally	7:00 am – 2:00 pm	Reed Park
May 12	Girls on the Run 5K	9:00 am	Fruita Community Center
May 18	Bike to Work Day	6:30 am – 9:00 am	Fruita Community Center
June 1-2	Mike the Headless Chicken Festival	Open venue	Downtown Fruita