



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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City offices will be closed on Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas Day and Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This will be the last Weekly Update of 2018—the next weekly update will be Jan. 4th which will include updates from the next two weeks.

General Updates

- The GJ Airport Director was successful at landing a new direct flight between GJ and Chicago once per week beginning June 8, 2019. The service will be Saturday only and run June 8 – Oct. 26.
- See the memo from Colorado National Monument Superintendent Ken Mabery below regarding possible government shutdown.
- The survey of the lagoon property is nearly complete.
- We are awaiting final execution from DOLA for the Community Plan Update grant, the Lagoon Redevelopment grant and the Best & Brightest grant.
- We had a kick-off meeting with the new City Attorney who is off to a quick start working on several items.
- D51 released a PDF that is attached below regarding the new elementary school in Fruita.
- Busy week meeting with partners: GJEP, Chamber, all area managers, D51 Foundation and with Cores.
- We had a festive week at the Civic Center with crazy hat/ugly sweater day Thursday and Shelledy 4th graders caroling Friday.

Honor the Past – Envision the Future **FRUITA**



Planning & Development

Major/ Minor Subdivision Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit: <https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Iron Wheel Major Subdivision final plat/plan application under review
- Garden Estates Major Subdivision Final Plat
- Grand Valley Estates II Major Subdivision

- Cooper Minor Subdivision
- Brandon Estates PUD Amendment and Preliminary Plan
- Oak Creek Annexation, Zoning and Preliminary Plan
- Village at Country Creek #6

Site Design Review:

- Munchies Restaurant: Currently under construction
- FHE: Construction is underway
- Snooks Bottom BBQ Site Design (132 West McCune Ave)
- Raptor Storage (614 Raptor Rd)
- Colorado Canyons (Family Health West) continues construction of the hospital expansion
- Einstein's Bagels/Qdoba Site Design Review

Engineering

- Cedar Way Infrastructure Improvements project continues with irrigation work progressing in the alley west of Cedar Way and north of Aspen Avenue.
- Highway 6 Interceptor Sewer Extension project has temporarily halted. Mountain Valley Contracting, Inc. and the City have mutually decided to terminate the contract agreement to construct the remainder of the project. City staff is currently working with the second low bidder to pursue the completion of the project.

Public Works

- After an extensive review process, Public Works staff kicked off implementation of a new work order system this past week and plan to spend the next couple of months working on getting things set up and training staff.
- Public Works is currently advertising for two Maintenance Worker positions, one to fill a vacant Building Maintenance position and one for the new full-time position in Wastewater Collections.
- All the door locks in the Civic Center were changed out this week and rekeyed as part of some planned security improvements. Staff will also continue to work with the Business Incubator in the coming year to look at expanding the electronic locking systems on additional doors used by FWorks and rental users in the building.
- 5-2-1 Drainage Authority provided stormwater training for Public Works staff this week and completed the annual stormwater audit. The audit went well and no current deficiencies were noted, but there are additional stormwater requirements that will go into effect in July of 2019 and staff will be evaluating what changes may be needed due to changes in the State permit.
- The two capital projects at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility are wrapping up with the startup of both the air ionization equipment and blower modifications completed over the past couple of weeks. There will be some additional programming and fine tuning into January, but we are expecting that the blower efficiencies will correlate into considerable electrical savings and we should be able to provide actual usage comparisons starting in February.

Parks & Recreation

- The Fruita Community Center will have Holiday Hours over the next couple of weeks. See attached flyer.
- The Fruita Health Club made good use of the FCC during their transition to a new location. There were 153 visits to the FCC by Fruita Health Club members over the past six days.

Human Resources/IT/Tourism

- Open enrollment is complete for 2019 benefits!

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

- GJ lands direct flight to Chicago: https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/gj-lands-direct-flight-to-chicago/article_36a4ad0e-0416-11e9-b6b8-10604b9f7e7c.html
- GJ Council takes up menace issues: drinking, smoking and camping: https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/council-takes-up-menace-issues-drinking-smoking-and-camping/article_00b0499e-0419-11e9-8cba-10604b9ffe60.html
- Vigil held for inclusivity in front of City Hall: <https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/502894721.html>
- Commissioners still confident in BLM move: <https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/502889251.html>
- Eradicating wolves in Colorado was difficult, gruesome endeavor: https://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/columns/eradicating-wolves-in-colorado-was-difficult-gruesome-endeavor/article_49bace42-01c7-11e9-9702-10604b9f6eda.html
- CPW to increase state park prices: https://www.gjsentinel.com/outdoors/hiking/cpw-to-increase-state-park-prices/article_3691f092-0100-11e9-a616-10604b9f6eda.html
- Fees going up at Colorado National Monument: <https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fees-going-up-at-colorado-national-monument/1663240725>
- Superintendent can't seem to call it a career: https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/superintendent-can-t-seem-to-call-it-a-career-just/article_5df8111a-002f-11e9-bce8-10604b9f7e7c.html
- School District 51's reorganization analysis is underway: https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/columns/school-district-s-reorganization-analysis-is-underway/article_08e70f06-00c9-11e9-b2d7-10604b9f6eda.html
- You Said It: https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/you_said_it/you-said-it-dec/article_0686b1d4-00fc-11e9-bc10-10604b9f6eda.html
- Fruita Monument high school Art Show: <https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fruita-monument-high-school-art-show/1665374481>
- HS Football—Zach Rush signs with UNC: <https://www.kjct8.com/content/sports/HS-Football-Zach-Rush-signs-with-UNC-503281121.html>
- Local high schools give back to other students: <https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Local-high-schoolers-give-back-to-other-students-503272511.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please 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 when needed.):*

- **Dec. 25 City offices will be closed in observance of Christmas.**
- **Jan. 1 City offices will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.**
- **Jan. 10** we are hosting the Chamber Business After Hours in the FWorks space at the Civic Center from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
- **Feb. 9** is the 2019 Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet from 5:30 – 10:00 pm at the Community Center (poster below). Details at <https://info.fruitachamber.org/events/details/2019-annual-awards-banquet-fruita-area-chamber-of-commerce-11099>
- **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>.

CC. Department Directors

From Colorado National Monument Superintended Ken Mabery:

Just FYI

The Official word is that "We remain hopeful that . . . a spending bill will pass and be signed."

However, in the event of a Government Shutdown at Midnight tonight, Monument personnel, including me, will not have access to any government equipment: offices, telephones, email, cell phones included. I am sorry, but that effectively cuts me off from contacting you.

We can only respond to preserve life and property (electrical and gas can remain to prevent freezing). So, we also must discontinue all public services, including mail and trash service. We have already contacted our cooperator Public Safety Agencies. The East Hill to Glade Park is plowed by Mesa County and that will continue in the event of snowstorms.

We do not know anymore than what the news services are saying. In the event of a shutdown, we are instructing employees to listen to the news for orders to come back to work - generally, the day following signing of the funding bill.

I have several meetings scheduled with stakeholders in the Valley and apologize that I will not be allowed to attend during a shutdown.

[Merry Christmas]

Ken Mabery

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"Do not let the Service
become just another
government bureau..."
--Horace Albright -1933

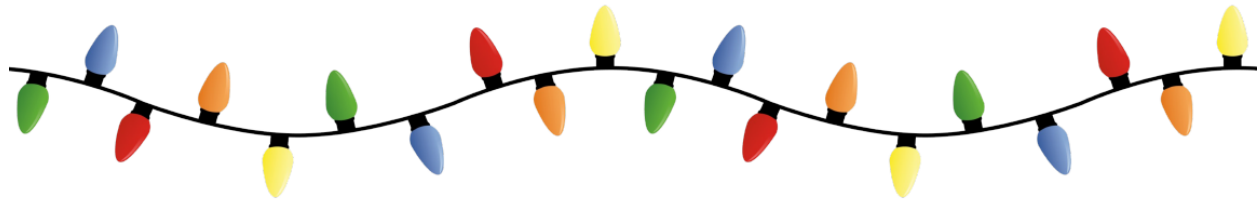


Holiday Hours



Christmas Eve
(Monday, December 24)
Open at 5:30 AM
Closed at 5:00 PM

Christmas Day
(Tuesday, December 25)
CLOSED



New Years Eve
(Monday, December 31)
Open at 5:30 AM
Closed at 5:00 PM



New Years Day
(Tuesday, January 1)
CLOSED



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 12/11 • 9am-12pm

Wednesday 1/9 • 1-4pm

Thursday 1/31 • 6-9pm

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	1/10/19 2/14/19
Business Planning	
Write a plan to help ensure the success of your business	1/3/19 2/7/19
Internet Strategies	
Learn how to be accessible through the internet	12/20/18 1/31/19
Licensing	
License your business online	12/6/18 1/17/19
Cash Flows	
Learn how to do a cash flow budget using Excel	12/13/18 1/24/19



The Gathering

Join FWorks, FACTORY, JXN Station, and Vault Real Estate Community, the local Western Slope coworking spaces, for a night of business, networking, and community.

The Gathering is a quarterly meeting, hosted at different coworking spaces. No charge, and there will be beverages and snacks available as you mingle and network.

When: Thursday, December 6, 2018
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: JXN Station • 571 25 Road, Grand Junction, CO

Register: <https://members.factorycoworking.com/events/6-dec-2018-the-gathering>

Call (970) 243-5242 to register or visit www.gjincubator.org

All Date & Events Are Subject to Change

Events in Fruita will be held at FWorks Coworking
325 East Aspen Avenue
Fruita, CO
www.fruitaworks.org



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Become a Confident Decision Maker and Take Control of Your Business

Jan. 11 • 12-1:30PM

Cost: Free

Go from agonizing over decisions to making choices that serve you and your business.

This presentation is for entrepreneurs and business owners who want to grow, but feel stuck where they are at currently and know that they need support to create the change they are looking for.

- Learn what could be keeping you stuck
- How to overcome common obstacles all entrepreneurs face
- Why listening to your intuition is so important
- And why putting yourself first will actually help your business

The Importance of Taking a Lunch Break

Feb. 1 • 12-1:30PM

Cost: Free

This presentation is meant for entrepreneurs and business owners who want to learn how to create a self-care routine that works for them, and their business.

Bring your own lunch and learn:

- Why putting off self-care is bad for your business
- Identify easy ways you can put yourself first in your business
- How to set boundaries to support yourself and your clients
- Get ideas and tips about what you can do in 15-20 minutes a day
- And more...

Fire & Ice Masquerade Ball



Save the Date

February 9, 2019

5:30pm - 10:00pm

Fruita Community Center

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Your Community Connection



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.