



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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Fruita Monument High School (cont.)

D51 Board of Education is set to consider approval of renovations to Fruita Monument High School (FMHS) at their Feb. 19th meeting after receiving recommendations at the Feb. 5th meeting. Included in the recommendations was to approve \$8 million for needed renovations to Fruita Monument High School. Since we have a City Council meeting the same night, which complicates attendance at the Board meeting, you may email School Board President, Tom Parrish at t.parrish@bresnan.net or District A (Fruita) Representative Doug Levinson at doug.levinson1@gmail.com. Improvements may be viewed [here](#). Note that the District has already allocated funds and begun contracting the design of the renovations. A letter sent to parents, staff and community leaders from Principal Todd McClaskey is posted below that summarizes the improvements. Also below is the full D51 Board Brief to the public regarding the recommendations.

General Updates

- Planning and Development issued 6 new residential unit permits in January. See full report below.
- Working on final scope and contract with SE Group.
- In January, Fruita residents recycled 59 tons of cans, bottles, paper and cardboard. See full report below.
- Busy week working with the Chamber, Government Affairs committee, celebrating our board and commission members, preparing for our DOLA grant, next steps on the lagoon redevelopment, reviewing final phases for the trail project, and meeting with the Western Colorado Land Trust.
- I was able to attend the Colorado City and County Manager's Association annual conference that has been full of great classes pertinent to the work we are focused on. Look forward to sharing.

Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit:

<https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

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

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Iron Wheel Major Subdivision final plat/plan application under review.
- Garden Estates Final Plat (located at 910 Adams Drive, south of I-70 and west of 18 Road in Fruita, Colorado.)
- Cooper Minor Subdivision
- Brandon Estates PUD Amendment and Preliminary Plan
- Pinedale Estates 3 Minor Subdivision (Replat)
- Mossberg Minor Subdivision
- Oak Creek: (Located at the Northwest Corner of 18 ½ & K 4/10 Rd)
 - Annexation Petition
 - Zoning Petition (requesting CR zoning)
 - Preliminary Plan

Site Design Review:

- Munchies Restaurant: Currently under construction.
- FHE: Currently under construction.
- Raptor Rd Storage (614 Raptor Rd Storage)
- Colorado Canyons (Family Health West) is currently under construction.
- Einstein's Bagels/Qdoba Site Design Review

Other Land Use Applications:

- 213 N Ash St VRBO

Engineering

- Pre-bid meeting is Monday for the re-bidding of the Highway 6 sewer project and bid opening scheduled for Feb. 22nd.
- Cedar sewer project is down to laying asphalt when able.
- Open House for the Maple St. project is scheduled for Feb. 27th.
- Bids for the 4 park pump houses were higher than budgeted. Savings with other projects and narrowing to three priority pump houses at Reed Park, Prospector Park and the Civic Center will begin soon to complete before irrigation season.

Public Works

- Hiring for a custodian position and soon to be for a maintenance worker.
- New carpet was installed at the Police Department in the training room and also in the DMV space.
- DMV moving into the new space and waiting on some of their new equipment from the state.
- 4 staff attended ice-driving training this week.
- Staff and Dave Karisny met with the hired consultant this week to discuss the future of drainage in the valley.

- **Police**
- We have experienced an increase in car break-ins recently. The department has been issuing public service announcements, investigating and increasing related patrols.

Parks & Recreation

- The Fruita Community Center has a new Facility Manager. We welcome Nicole Goertz into her new position. She has been with the City of Fruita for nearly five years as the Guest Services role at the FCC. We know she will continue to be a great asset for the FCC and will diligently work to improve the operations and care of the FCC.

Finance & City Clerk

- CIRSA audits will take place next week with each department.
- Review and work continues on the parameters Ordinance for the Community Center bonds refinancing coming to you at the Feb. 19 Council meeting along with review of other refinancing documents.
- Reviewing new opportunities for mobile usage for various departments.

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

- High School seeks approval for new project: <https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/high-school-seeks-approval-of-bond-and-mill-levy/1758324558>
- School panel recommends funding full-day kindergarten, upgrading district's buildings: https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/schools-panel-recommends-funding-full-day-kindergarten-upgrading-district-s/article_bb7265fa-2a98-11e9-ac7d-20677ce07cb4.html
- Wellness at Family Health West offers program for people with Parkinson's: <https://thebusinesstimes.com/wellness-at-family-health-west-offers-program-for-people-with-parkinsons/>
- Three Fruita athletes honored on signing day: <https://www.kjct8.com/content/sports/Three-Fruita-athletes-honored-on-signing-day-505477431.html?ref=431>
- Fruita Community Center hosts paddle board yoga: <https://www.kjct8.com/content/news/Fruita-Community-Center-hosts-paddle-board-yoga-505289621.html>
- Fighting Parkinson's like a pro: <https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fighting-parkinson-s-like-a-pro/1748674601>
- D51 says Safe2Tell helps get info out during emergencies: <https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/505219501.html>
- Reported threat prompts extra security at Fruita school: https://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/reported-threat-prompts-extra-security-at-fruita-school/article_32953946-264d-11e9-8705-af1c03c69113.html
- Trio accused of robbing, assaulting teen at gunpoint: https://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/trio-accused-of-robbing-assaulting-teen-at-gunpoint/article_2fe6ebc0-2b18-11e9-9795-7347070cfaef.html
- Driver identified in fatal Fruita crash: https://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/driver-identified-in-fatal-fruita-crash/article_b927e35a-2a3a-11e9-9782-1ffed5021e74.html

- Fruita sees increase in car break-ins: <https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fruita-sees-increase-in-car-break-ins-505333731.html>
- D51's tough choices: https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/editorials/d-s-tough-choices/article_e2015fb2-2b35-11e9-83b0-20677ce05640.htm

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.):*

- **Tomorrow, 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>
- **Feb. 16** is the Sweetheart 5k/10k Run from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Community Center.
- **March 9** is An Evening of Art in Fruita from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the Community Center.
- **March 30** is the 9 Health Fair from 7:00 – 11:00 am at the Community Center.
- **The Business Incubator** calendar of events is below.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2019** Events Information is also available online at: https://www.fruita.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks_and_recreation/page/302/2019_calendar_of_events_1.4.19.pdf.

CC. Department Directors



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

Thursday 1/31 • 6-9pm
Tuesday 2/12 • 9am-12pm
Friday 3/1 • 1-4pm

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	2/14/19 3/21/19
Business Planning	
Write a plan to help ensure the success of your business	2/7/19 3/14/19
Internet Strategies	
Learn how to be accessible through the internet	1/31/19 3/7/19
Licensing	
License your business online	1/17/19 2/21/19
Cash Flows	
Learn how to do a cash flow budget using Excel	2/28/19 4/4/19



Leading Edge Business Planning and Management Course

The Leading Edge Program is a 12-week program that helps move your business to the next level. This intensive training course provides business owners and entrepreneurs expert guidance in the areas of cash flow management, marketing, finance, personnel, legal issues, and more. Each participant will receive hands-on assistance in preparing a complete business plan.

Who can participate?
Owners of start-ups and existing businesses

Class schedule: Feb. 19 - May 7, 2019
Every Tuesday evening from 6-9pm
See the front desk or visit our website to fill out an application

Cost: \$275/person, +\$100 for business partner

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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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...

Outsmart the Scammers

Feb. 22 • 12-1:30PM
Cost: Free

Incidents of fraud are on the rise and scammers' tactics are becoming more complex. This presentation will help provide the information you need to Outsmart the Scammers.

During the program, we'll discuss how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter, resources you can turn to in the vent you or loved one is targeted, and steps you can take now to help protect yourself and your loved ones.

Long Range Planning Committee Budget Presentation

Members of the district's Long Range Planning Committee presented the board with an update on facilities master planning and prioritization efforts the committee has

been working on since last fall. This work has included hosting three workshops, creating a shared vision, asking principals to review what does and doesn't work about their buildings, and making short-term (1-2 years), medium-term (3-5 years), and long-term goals (6-10 years) for D51 facilities. Those who weighed in during this process include students, teachers, local government representatives, Colorado Mesa



Calendar Discussion

The board voted 5-0 on Tuesday to adopt a 2019-20 school calendar that will significantly chip away at the number of weeks that include fewer than five school days. Board members adopted one

University, business leaders, community members, nonprofit organizations, and parents.

Long Range Planning Priorities

Based on feedback from the workshops, the committee developed a list of facility priorities, including building a new elementary school in Fruita, performing renovation work necessary to have all-day kindergarten district-wide, replacing Grand Junction High School and seeking a BEST grant to do so (as with all BEST grants, the district would have to match the grant funding with a revenue stream that doesn't currently exist, most likely with a future bond measure), make improvements to Fruita Monument High School and Central High School, and build a fifth high school to alleviate crowding on the west end of the valley and make it more feasible for ninth-graders to attend FMHS and use Fruita Middle School and the Fruita 8/9 School for grades six through eight.

GJHS Programming and Planning

Six Grand Junction High School staff members discussed with the board what they would like to see in a new Grand Junction High School if the current one can be replaced. Select staff recently toured Alexandria Area High School in Minnesota to gather ideas for a new school. The school is nearly five years old and features flexible seating, glass walls to increase visibility and accountability, and moveable walls.

Preliminary design ideas for a new Grand Junction High School would place the new building on the north side of the current GJHS property and put student parking and sports fields in the center and southern portions of the property. Board members voted 5-0 during the business portion of Tuesday's meeting to approve the application for the BEST grant. BEST grant applications for the 2019-20 cycle are due Feb. 25.

Short-Term Options for Long Range Planning Committee

The board must decide how a combination of bond premiums, \$14 million in 2017 bond funding offset by the Orchard Mesa Middle School BEST grant, and \$4 million in project savings from 2018 bond projects will be spent. The board has already agreed to reserve \$25 million of those funds for a new elementary school in Fruita, leaving an estimated \$17 million for other projects. The Long Range Planning Committee, with community input, recommends spending \$700,000 on Central High School, \$3 million on renovations needed at 10 elementary schools to allow them to house all-day kindergarten for all of their kindergarten students, and \$8 million on security remodel and addition projects at Fruita Monument High School. The Central improvements would include a STEM fabrication lab, flexible casework for science labs, an outdoor classroom, enlarging Classroom 331, and relocating a modular building. Fruita Monument's initial improvements would include reducing the

of two draft calendar options presented to the board last month by the District 51 Calendar Committee. The calendar, presented as Draft Calendar A, begins the school year on Aug. 12, 2019, and ends school on May 21, 2020. It also includes seven fragmented weeks with between two and four school days, down from 17 such weeks in the 2018-19 calendar. You can find the 2019-20 calendar [here](#).

The board still plans to address more calendar-related topics at future meetings, including Early Release Wednesdays and school start times.



STA Transportation Costs

One of three major calendar issues D51 School Board members prioritized this year was the possibility of changing school start and end times. Making this shift may necessitate the purchase of more buses if some buses could no longer be used to transport both middle and high school kids and elementary kids on a single route/bus. Board members discussed this

number of exterior doors in the building, bringing administrative offices into a unified location, and enclosing the open courtyard.

The committee advised prioritizing these projects because workers will already be at Central this summer working on other bond projects, delaying Fruita work would require re-bidding, and construction inflation is 6-10 percent per year. It was also noted that further work will be needed at both Central and Fruita, but they are expected to outlast the GJHS building, as they are more structurally sound.

If all three of these projects are approved, that still leaves approximately \$5.6 million for additional projects. The committee recommends spending that amount on items such as a gap analysis, purchasing additional land, or creating an alternative middle school.

subject Tuesday with Student Transportation of America, the district's busing contractor. STA plans to present an analysis to the board on Feb. 19 that will estimate costs for a 30-minute, 45-minute, and 55-minute difference between the start and end times for middle and high schools and elementary schools.

FMHS

FRUITA MONUMENT

Todd McClaskey - Rocio Roybal - Newt Klumire - Brian Pendleton - Denny Squibb
Principal Asst. Principal Asst. Principal Asst. Principal Athletic Director

Cultivating innovation, passion and achievement through a learner centered environment

Fruita Monument is seeking your support for the approval of funds from the 2017 Bond and Mill Levy for renovations that are vital to the educational well-being as well as the safety and security of our students and staff. On February 19, the school board will vote to determine where the remaining mill and bond dollars will be spent within the district. Most of the upgrades listed below were included in the original scope for FMHS back in 2017. We are asking that members of our community show their support by attending the school board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 5.

Projects designated for Fruita Monument High School pending board approval:

- Design and build a secure main entrance. The existing FMHS layout contains 49 exterior doors with multiple entrances and corridors. This poses a dire security risk to our students and staff. The lack of clarity of a main entrance poses additional security risks as visitors to the campus are confused and often found wandering the campus looking for the main entrance. The new design creates a central corridor that runs through the school from north to south. It will feature a large vestibule with adjacent attendance offices, creating a security checkpoint and aiding wayfinding. Additionally, a new entrance will create a prominent and visually dynamic gateway into the school.
- Infilling the courtyard. This will allow flexible year-round use of the space and will improve connectivity between northern parts of the building. South of the courtyard infill will be a larger, more open corridor to ensure a central corridor through the school.
- Overlay the parking lot with asphalt and provide new curb cuts to Wildcat Avenue and a new striping layout.
- Improve storm drainage (some of this work began summer 2018).
- Relocated a modular classroom that is in the path of the new drive to the southeast parking lot.
- Re-roof selected areas, including removal and replacement of photovoltaic system.
- Complete the installation of fire sprinkles throughout the main building.
- Refinish locker room floors.
- Renovate/update restrooms
- Add or replace exhaust systems in the restrooms and locker rooms.

Show your support by reaching out to board members or by attending the school board meeting on Tuesday, February 5 at 6pm, Harry Butler Board Room, 455 North 22nd Street, Grand Junction.

Thank you,



Todd McClaskey, Principal

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School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY

Home of the Wildcats



January 2019 Recycling Benefits for City of Fruita

In January 2019, we recycled 59 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard.

Recycling these materials will save the following resources:

396 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 4,908,000 sheets of printing and copy paper!

212 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 272 people!

143,598 kWh of Electricity

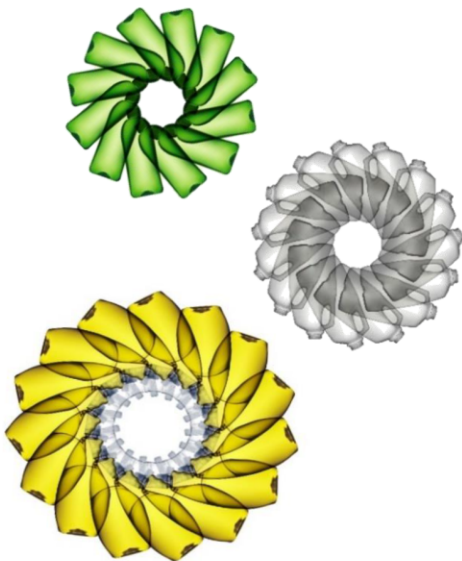
Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 13 homes!

Avoided 135 Metric Tons of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Recycling these materials helps create cleaner air!

231,074 Gallons of Water

Represents enough fresh water to meet the daily needs of 3,080 people!



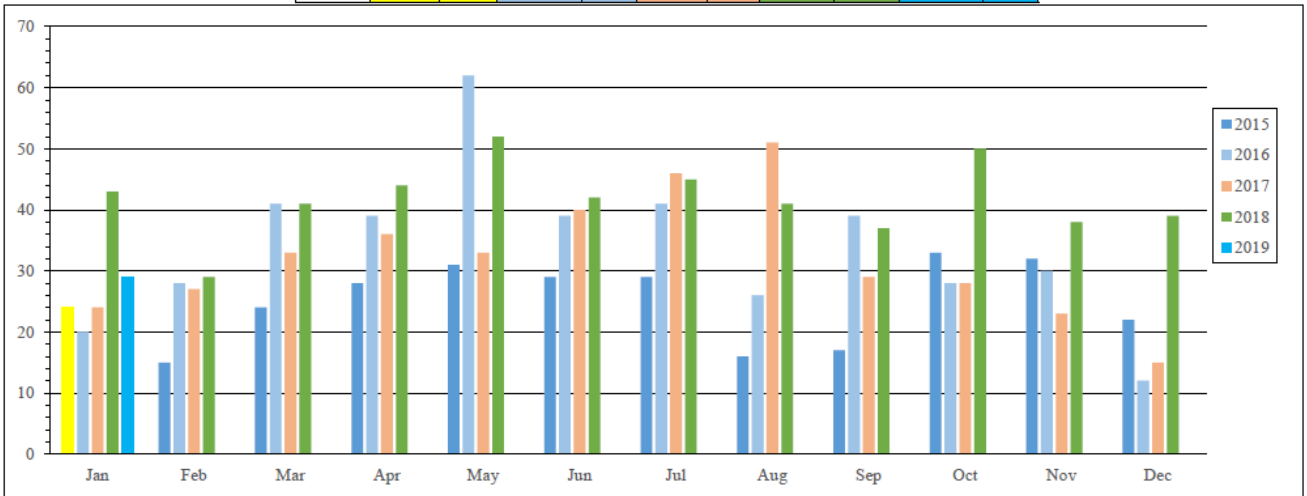
Prepared by Waste Management

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, International Aluminum Institute, National Association for PET Container Resources, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Earth Works Group Recycler's Handbook, One Earth Recycle, Bring Recycling.org, National Recycling Coalition, US Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management. © Waste Management 2016

PC = Planning Clearances; NR = New Residential



Monthly Development Report 2015-2019										
	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	PC's	NR	PC's	NR	PC's	NR	PC's	NR	PC's	NR
Jan	24	6	20	1	24	4	43	16	29	6
Feb	15	2	28	5	27	2	29	7		
Mar	24	2	41	5	33	0	41	14		
Apr	28	3	39	11	36	5	44	5		
May	31	1	62	11	33	4	52	10		
Jun	29	2	39	4	40	1	42	11		
Jul	29	4	41	6	46	2	45	6		
Aug	16	3	26	2	51	11	41	4		
Sep	17	3	39	7	29	2	37	6		
Oct	33	3	28	2	28	4	50	5		
Nov	32	3	30	3	23	9	38	7		
Dec	22	3	12	2	15	2	39	2		
TOTAL	300	35	405	59	385	46	501	93	29	6



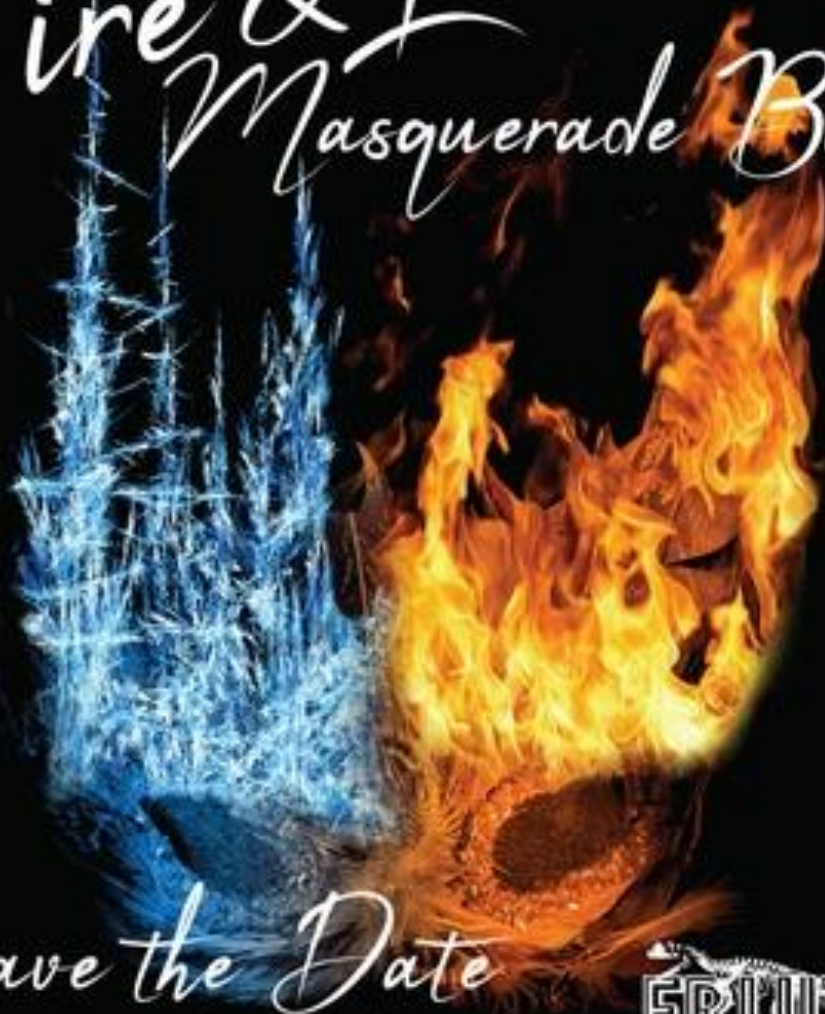
Breakdown of Planning Clearance's Issued by Type

	Fence	Com	Com Remodel	Res Remodel	Utility Upgrade	Roof	Garage/Carport	Addtn	Sign	Shed	Demo	Mobile	Porch/Patio	Misc.	Total	
Jan	4	0	1	3	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	29
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	4	0	1	3	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	29

Breakdown of New Code Enforcement Issues 2019

	Weeds	Trash	Junk Vehicles	Permits	Business	Snow	Obstructions	Trailer	Signs	Tires	Trees	Other	Total
Jan	0	4	3	0	0	8	0	2	2	0	2	1	22
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	0	4	3	0	0	8	0	2	2	0	2	1	22

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.