



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Monday's City Council Workshop with District 51

This Monday we will be hosting a Joint City Council workshop with School District 51. There are four items on the agenda, and these are the new Fruita Elementary School, Fruita grades 6-12 capacity, the Fruita Youth Initiative and our recognition of Fruita's teachers and students, and potential future meeting schedules.

Warning: Dangerous High Water Conditions

Current water levels are creating potentially dangerous river conditions. There is a Flood Advisory Warning for the Gunnison River above Grand Junction affecting Mesa County and we have been notified that the Colorado River is expected to rise over the weekend with projected flows near 36,000 CFS. **For information on current river conditions and safety hazards**, please visit the [Mesa County Emergency Preparedness website](#) at this link. Also, news articles and safety information are provided below.

Fruita Reservoir #2 Alert

Fruita #2 has been drained for the past two years due a water storage restriction as a result of an unstable slope on this significant hazard dam. High runoff into the reservoir has exceeding the capacity of the outlet pipe and the reservoir has reached a full capacity. As a result, a low-level activation of the Emergency Action Plan was enacted on Thursday night to increase awareness. We will be working with the State Dam Safety office to continue to monitor.

Extended Closure of the Colorado Riverfront Trail Expected at Reed Wash

The Kokopelli Section of the Riverfront Trail is closed where Reed Wash underpasses I-70. The water is standing on the trail and it is not safe to use. Staff is monitoring the water levels and will reopen the trail when the water is off, and it has been cleaned of dirt and silt. Because of the high water, it is expected that this will be an extended closure. The photo below is from Wednesday morning, and the river has continued to rise.

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



Fruita in Motion Story Map Update

Want to keep up to date with the Fruita in Motion/Comprehensive Plan progress? The Story Map, Public Engagement Summary and Dates, and the virtual open houses have all been updated at fruitainmotion.org. Check it out [here!](#)

Mike the Headless Chicken Festival Recap

What a weekend at the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival! It is estimated, according to a formula used by LiveGauge, that there were over 21,000 in attendance for the festival. As far as the events, there were 256 runners that participated in the 5K and 66 who competed in the Disc Golf Tournament. Parks and Recreation staff sold \$11,500 in Mike merchandise and products, and the Rotary sold over 20 kegs of beer. Overall, the festival was well attended and went off without any major issues. It is important to note that this year's attendance is only an estimate. We did experience network service disruptions during the festival which made it difficult to track the actual attendance.

General Updates

- DOLA approved our extension request to expand the Kokopelli Section of the Riverfront Trail for an additional year to October 31, 2020. This extension will allow us to construct the connections to the business park during the winter when the water is not flowing through the drainage canals.
- Visit Grand Junction has released its new Visitor Guide. [View it here!](#)

- This Sunday at 3:30 p.m. there will be a ribbon cutting for a new trail (Segment A) at the North Fruita Desert near the Sarlacc Trail and Coal Gulch Road. This trail is one of new trails that are being built on the Edge Loop at 18 Road, and the City of Fruita financially contributed to. If you can make it, the ribbon cutting will be on Coal Gulch Road near the souther end of the trail.
- Lori and Staff attended the Business Incubator Center Annual Tenant Showcase Thursday night. It was great to see and speak to many of the local businesses that are thriving out of the BIC.
- Have a great weekend!

Engineering

- Construction on Maple Street began on Monday and it is expected that Maple (between Ottley and Pabor) will be closed until the beginning of August.
- The Highway 6 Sewer Bid will open this Saturday and the bid date will be July 2nd, 2019.
- CDOT recently completed the restriping on Aspen Ave at the intersection of Highway 340 in front of City Market. We are waiting on CDOT to install a yield sign for those turning right on to Aspen from the highway.

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 Final Plat (located at 910 Adams Drive, south of I-70 and west of 18 Road in Fruita, Colorado.)
- Grand Valley Estates 2 Final Plan/Final Plat (1849 J 2/10 Rd)
- Bradyville Annexation & Zoning Petition (1897 L Rd)
- Legacy 3 PUD Preliminary/Final Plan (1101 Kiefer Ave)
- Oak Creek Estates Final Plan/Final Plat (1149 18 ½ Rd & 1840 K 4/10 Rd)

Site Design Review:

- Raptor Rd Storage (614 Raptor Rd Storage) is ready to pick up their planning clearance.
- Colorado Canyons (Family Health West) is far along on the construction of the hospital expansion.
- Einstein's Bagels/Qdoba: (401 Jurassic Ave #B) has received their planning clearance and has started construction.

Other Land Use Applications:

- Birchwood Conditional Use Permit for 5 horses in a Community Residential Zone
- Land Use Code Amendment: Public Purpose Subdivision: Location & Extent

- Quench Soda Shop Conditional Use Permit (132 W McCune Ave)
- Zeuner Conditional Use Permit for a VRBO
- Mesa Street Conditional Use Permit for VRBO

Police Department

- The start of summer and end of school year have kept us busy. Officers arrested two juveniles for stealing from cars in the Comstock subdivision. Officers have also charged four juveniles after they caused a significant amount of vandalism at Little Salt Wash Park. Three adults have also been charged with breaking into numerous cars around town.

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

- [Traveling America's scenic byways – CBS Featuring the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway.](#)
- [Fruita infrastructure project completed.](#)
- [Water level, danger high in Rivers.](#)
- [Flood advisory for Gunnison River in Mesa County.](#)
- [Patriot Tour rolls through Fruita.](#)
- [Fruita Fire Department douses townhome fire.](#)
- [Public comments sought on land trust accreditation.](#)
- [Tech and rec an important economic combination.](#)
- [Runoff may peak on Sunday.](#)
- [Bureau of Land Management more likely to relocate to Denver than Grand Junction, Polis says.](#)
- [Visitor guide coming to businesses and residence.](#)
- [Family practice joins Family Health West.](#)
- [Miller moths invade the Grand Valley.](#)
- [River safety.](#)

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.):*

- **Tonight, June 7, 2019** - Food Truck Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park
- **June 8, 2019** – Dinosaur Day at Dinosaur Journey – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **June 8, 2019** – Cornhole for Cancer Fundraising Event – A Cornhole Tournament hosted by Community Hospital at the Fruita Civic Center from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Community Hospital Foundation. Flyer is provided below.
- **June 13, 2019** – Thursday Night Concert– Soul Habit (Funk/Soul) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center
- **June 15, 2019** – Golf Tournament Fundraiser (American Legion Post 2006) at 8:00 a.m. at Adobe Creek Golf Course.
- **June 20, 2019** – Riverfront Concert Series – Sonny Landreth at James M. Robb Fruita State Park, gates open at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets required.

- **June 20, 2019** – Thursday Night concert - Flat Top Seed (Blues/Rock) at 5:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park
- **June 22, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **June 24, 2019** – Fruita Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Breakfast at Lower Valley Fire District. [RSVP here.](#)
- **June 26, 2019** – Bike the Riverfront Trail with the City Manager – Meet at FCC at 4:30 p.m.
- **June 27, 2019** – Riverfront Concert Series – Robert Earl Keen - at James M. Robb Fruita State Park, gates open at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets required.
- **June 27, 2019** – Thursday Night Concert - Centennial Band (American Classic) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park.
- **June 29, 2019** - Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **July 3, 2019** – Fruita 3rd of July Fireworks Display over Snooks Bottom at dusk.
- **July 4** - Independence Day - City offices closed and no Thursday night concert.
- **July 6, 2019** - Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **July 11, 2019** – Riverfront Concert Series – Tab Benoit at James M. Robb Fruita State Park, gates open at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets required. **We will also receive our Starburst Award on stage prior to the concert for the Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail project.**
- **July 11, 2019** - Thursday Night Concert – Bluegrass Offenders (Bluegrass) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park.
- **July 13, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **July 18, 2019** – Thursday Night Concert – Frank Bregar Orchestra (Big Band) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park.
- **July 20, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **July 25, 2019** – Thursday Night Concert – Slim Pickins (Bluegrass) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park.
- **July 27, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 1, 2019** – Thursday Night Concert – Oxymorons (Top 40/Rock Covers) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park.
- **Aug. 3, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 8, 2019** – Thursday Night concert – The Williams Brothers Band (Blues Rock/Grit Country) at 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Park.
- **Aug. 10, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 17, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 24, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 31, 2019** – Fruita Farmers Market at Civic Center Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **September 27-29, 2019** – Fruita Fall Festival, Downtown Fruita
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website or at this [link](#).
- The **2019** Events Information is also available online [here](#).

CC. Department Director



WARNING



High Water Danger

High water levels are creating potentially dangerous river conditions. Hazards will change day by day. Check conditions every time you raft.



BEWARE



Swift Water, Dangerous Currents

Not all hazards can be seen from the surface, even gentle stretches of water can have dangerous undercurrents.



Debris and Tree Snags

It's creating dangerous undercurrents that can trap you underwater. Debris can also puncture rafts.



Cold Water Temperatures

Hypothermia is a very real concern. Water will be colder the deeper the River gets, creating a potentially deadly situation for even the strongest of swimmers.



Unstable Riverbanks

Ground can erode underneath, and breakaway without warning. If you're standing on it, you can get swept away.



SAFETY



Always Wear a Life Jacket

This is NOT the year to skip wearing a life jacket! Life jackets are available to borrow for free at many boat ramps thanks to the Save-A-Life Jacket Program.



Use Proper Equipment

Pool toys and inner tubes on the river can kill you. Use equipment designed for the river, sub-standard equipment won't protect you from river hazards.



Raft Sober & with Friends

Rafting impaired puts your life at risk. Raft with others, not alone. A preferred minimum is three boats. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.



CORNHOLE FOR CANCER



FUNDRAISING EVENT

Enjoy adult beverages and a fun-filled
tournament at the Fruita Civic Center Park.

Food trucks will be available.

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cornhole Set

3rd Place - Gift Card

Double elimination bracket.

Cornhole boards will be auctioned after the tournament.

Cornhole Tournament Team: \$30

Beer Garden Tickets: \$15

Tickets available at Community Hospital.

*Please contact Taryn Warren at 970-644-3043
to purchase your tickets.*

Space is limited.

FRUITA CIVIC CENTER • JUNE 8 • 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds to Benefit:





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.