



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's Planning Commission Meeting

On Tuesday night, we will be holding our first virtual planning commission meeting. There is one item on the consent agenda and three public hearings items. If anyone would like to submit a comment, please email Planning and Development at kmclean@fruita.org. Attendees can provide a public comment during the meeting by raising their hand on the web program or by dialing *9 on the phone. Full instructions on how to participate in the meeting as well as the agenda/packet can be found [here](#).

Coronavirus Update

Below are a few updates, but I would strongly encourage all to continue to follow www.fruita.org/covid19 for all updates we are posting. This also links to important Mesa County Public Health sources, as well as many others.

- **Fruita Community Center Reopening Next Week** - The Community Center ("FCC") is scheduled to reopen next Monday (May 11, 2020). In order to comply with regulations, set forth by both Mesa County Public Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, there will be several policy and procedural changes being implemented to keep visitors and staff safe. These changes are summarized below. To view all changes, you can visit this [link](#).
 - The FCC will be open for working out/exercise only. All common areas, pool areas, locker rooms, and the Senior Center remain closed.
 - The FCC is moving to reduced hours.
 - All patrons are always required to wear a mask or facial covering, even while working out at the facility, even when exercising, per the Mesa County Public Health Order.
 - Patrons will be required to maintain a minimum distance of six feet from one another
 - All equipment will need to be disinfected after individual use. Guests will be provided, upon checking in, a bottle of disinfectant to sanitize equipment.
 - The FCC has also created one-way entry and exit ways. Guest must enter through the North Entrance and exit via the West entrance.
 - Guests and employees will be monitored for symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone experiencing symptoms will not be allowed to use the facility.

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- Only Mesa County residents can use the facility.
- To ensure that participation does not exceed 30% capacity, guest will need to sign up for a work-out slot online for specific equipment.
 - Staff is using sign-up genius to coordinate the reservations of available equipment and areas. Instructions on how to sign up can be found [here](#).
- Billing remains suspended for current memberships due to that the facility is opening in a limited capacity. Guests who want to use the facility will need to purchase a punch pass for visits. These prices have been reduced and revised since the City Council meeting to better reflect limited use. The fees are as follows:
 - Current FCC pass member: \$15 for 5 punches
 - Not a current FCC pass member: \$25 for 5 punches
- FCC staff also prepared a video on what to expect for the opening as a guest. View the video [here](#).
- **Sales Tax Deferral** – This week, Governor Polis formalized the extension for March sales tax until May 20, 2020. Fruita sales taxes are collected by the State, not directly by the City. Colorado retailers that are required to file a sales tax return and remit sales tax on April 20, 2020 may extend their filing and remittance deadline to May 20, 2020. This is a one-time extension of the April 20, 2020 filing and remittance deadline for state and state-administered sales taxes (which includes Fruita). [Click here to see all Colorado Department of Revenue updates.](#)

Fruita Small Business Emergency Assistance Fund Now Accepting Applications (cont'd)

Applications became available and live on Wednesday, April 29th at 9am. At a special remote meeting on April 23, 2020, the Fruita City Council approved up to \$60,000 in designated funds for economic development to create a loan fund for Fruita businesses that are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This loan fund has been established as the “Fruita Small Business Emergency Assistance Fund.” Business in Fruita that have been impacted can apply for up to two months of operating costs or \$3,000. More information on the program can be found [here](#), and the application to apply can be found at this [link](#).

General Updates

- In April, Fruita residents recycled 46 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard. The full report can be found below.
- For those of you that were registered for the annual Colorado Municipal League (“CML”) conference in June, CML announced that the in-person event has been cancelled. CML is working a virtual conference/training session later in year and we will keep you updated on this. More information can be found [here](#).
- The monthly variety show at the Cavalcade is going virtual tomorrow night! You can watch it [here](#).
- We had a great showing and participation on our Land Use Code Update committee virtual meeting Thursday. Thanks to all for participating and we look forward to the next conversation.
- I was able to walk through the Community Center this week and very impressed with the organized effort to prepare the facility to open Monday in a limited capacity meeting the Mesa County Health Department Order that includes the variance from the state on fitness centers.

- We continue to coordinate with all our regional and statewide partners in our efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Engineering

- Quotes were requested for our miscellaneous concrete replacement program with Accurate Construction and Excavation Inc. submitting the lowest bid at \$13,300.

Parks and Recreation

- FCC staff continue to prepare for the reopening next week. In addition to what is mentioned above, the exercise equipment is spaced out 15 feet, zones are outlined and marked for specific use, and each floor has disinfectant bottles for guests to use. Here are a few pictures from the facility:



Planning & Development

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

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Dwell PUD Concept Plan
- Bradyville Minor Subdivision

- Cider Mills Preliminary Plan

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Coloramo Site Design Review (333 W Aspen)
- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla)
- Pediatric Dental Specialist (197 & 101 Jurassic)
- Sycamore St ROW Vacation
- Lithic Arts Building Site Design Review

Public Works

- The City implemented a pilot ventilation system on the sewer system last fall near 15 ½ Road in the industrial park to mitigate high levels of H₂S gas. The system has proven to be effective but this past week we have seen the levels start to climb again and we have received complaints about the odors. It does not appear that there are any public health hazards but we are continuing to monitor and evaluate options to address the odors.
- Road crews graded and applied dust suppression products to the dirt roads (19 Road, Greenway Dr., etc.) this week.
- The City only received one bid for the conversion of a dump truck to a water truck, which was a budgeted capital item for this year. The proposal that was received came in over budget and did not meet the vehicle specifications. This purchase will be postponed for 2020 and reevaluated with the capital needs for the upcoming budget cycle.
- The mountain water pipeline was turned on this week to start delivering water to Glade Park customers. Unfortunately, the pipeline was leaking in multiple spots and had to be shut down. The GPPWUA is scheduled to make some repairs over the weekend in hopes of turning the system back on next week.

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

- [Fruita Community Center to reopen on May 11](#)
- [Fruita Community Center one of two allowed to reopen.](#)
- [Farmers markets will be a different experience amid COVID-19](#)
- [Parks looked toward reopening facilities.](#)
- [Last day of remote learning for all D51 students is May 14th](#)
- [Keep Calm and Carry-Out](#)
- [Churches prepare for services under Mesa County's safer-at home plans.](#)
- [Mesa County Real Estate sales slow.](#)
- [Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Office Reopens.](#)
- [State issues protocols for graduations.](#)
- [Colorado community testing site map.](#)
- [Honor your health and our public lands.](#)
- [Camping at Colorado State Parks and State Wildlife Areas will remain closed until further notice.](#)
- [Canfield Bikes Supports Goggles for Docs. Sets Up Drop-Off Location in Fruita, Co](#)

- [May 6 COVID-19 County Briefing.](#)
- [Pleased with loosened restrictions, county health looks to bolster COVID-19 testing.](#)
- [Dry April dents snowpack, heightens drought.](#)
- [Quick Picks: May is Grand Valley Bike Month; Photos for Mother's Day; Cavalcade's Monthly Variety Show goes online.](#)
- [Lower Valley Fire election results in.](#)

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.):*

- No upcoming events currently.

CC. Department Directors

Do you have questions about anything in the Weekly Information Update? Please feel free to email us at communications@fruita.org.



April 2020 Recycling Benefits for the City of Fruita

In April 2020, we recycled 46 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard.

Recycling these materials will save the following resources:

565 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 9,602,000 sheets of printing and copy paper!

107 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 122 people!

78,803 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

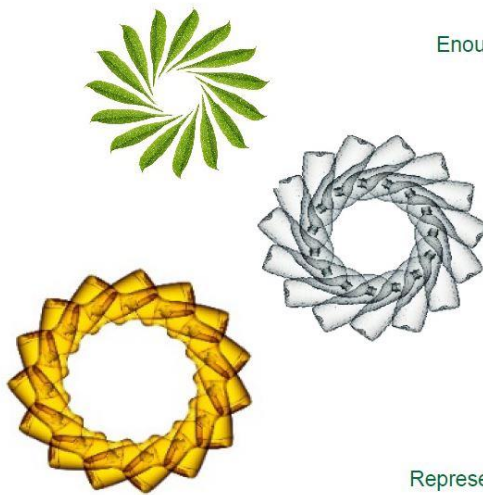
Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 7 homes!

Avoided 101 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

The recycling of these materials prevented these GHG emissions!

192,846 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 2,571 people!



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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.