



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

To begin our meeting on Tuesday night, we will recognize a student and teacher of the month for October from Rim Rock Elementary. The outstanding student of the month is Renon Pryor, and the outstanding teacher is Marye Helms. Congratulations Renon and Marye! After that, the Council will consider six items on the consent agenda. There are no public hearings scheduled, so we will go straight into the first three of our 2022 budget presentations. Staff will be presenting an overview of the proposed budgets for the Marketing and Promotion Fund, Community Development, and Public Safety. On the administrative agenda, there are two items – the first supporting a resolution for a ballot issue, and the second, appointing members to the technical advisory committee for Fruita Housing strategies. After Council reports, we will go into executive session to receive legal advice from our City attorney. The meeting will be held in-person at the Fruita Civic Center and virtually. When available, the agenda, packet, and link to participate online, can be found [here](#).

2022 Proposed Budget

At our workshop on Tuesday, I was pleased to present the proposed 2022 Municipal Budget for the City of Fruita. In the 2021 Community Survey, the city received exceptional reviews from residents, and the organization is prioritizing this feedback into the proposed budget. Proposed are significant investments in the city's infrastructure and delivery of core services, two priorities for residents. To help fund these efforts, we are projecting that City and regional sales tax collections will remain strong, as they have for four years in a row. 2021 is on track to be another record-breaking year for sales tax collection, and this reflects the success of our local businesses. To view the entire proposed budget and highlights of changes, you can visit this [link](#) on our website. Until the budget is adopted, there will be departmental presentations on each individual program at each City Council meeting and possible adjustments and changes.

Trail Closures For Little Salt Wash Trail

Due to the amount of rain that we received this week, Parks crews closed a few of our local trails on Wednesday due to flooding. The Little Salt Wash Trail (LSWT)

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remains closed between Highway 6&50 and James M. Robb State Park in Fruita. Parks crews have been working on removing water and debris from the trail over the past few days, and the closure may last for several more days. Yesterday, Parks crews removed 60 bucket loads of debris just under the Highway 6&50 Bridge. It should be noted that these closures are common whenever the valley receives as much rain as we have (as the trails were built in the floodplains), and this is the second time we have had to close the LSWT this year. Below are a few photos. To stay up to date on the trail closures, you can visit our Facebook page [here](#).



General Updates

- **Agape Food Bank Closing.** This week, the Agape Food Basket of the Lower Valley announced that it will be closing its location at the Fruita Civic Center on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The closure is due to the number of decreased clients that receive food from the Agape Food Basket. We are sad to see Agape Food Bank closing in Fruita, but want to thank them for their partnership and the service to the residents of Fruita for the past six and a half years. Although Agape is still close, food assistance will still be available in Fruita at the Canyon West Workshop Center and Victory Life Church. Residents can also receive food assistance from the Community Food Bank in Grand Junction and the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach. The full release from Agape Food Bank can be found below.
- **ECycle Event This Weekend.** The annual E-Waste Recycling event is returning this Saturday at the Fruita Civic Center. The event will take place in the parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All electronic cords and cables, CPUs, and cell phones will be collected at no cost. Other electronics will be collected for a fee that varies upon the item. The full flyer for the event can be found below.
- **Events This Weekend.** In addition to the ECycle event this weekend, the Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament is taking place at Adobe Creek, and Community Hospital is hosting a cornhole tournament at the Civic Center, both are on Saturday afternoon.

- ***Bustang Outrider begins service on Telluride – Grand Junction Route.*** Update from CDOT – The Colorado Department of Transportation’s Bustang Outrider celebrated the start of the service on Monday between Telluride and Grand Junction. This route will provide vital connections between Southwestern Colorado and Grand Junction and support Outrider’s existing Durango-Grand Junction line. In addition to Telluride, regularly scheduled stops include Placerville, Ridgway, Montrose, Olathe, Delta, and four stops in Grand Junction. More information from CDOT can be found here.
- ***Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.*** The latest edition of the Mobile Mesa County Newsletter is now available and can be found at this [link](#). It includes information on the GVT 21st Birthday Celebration, Walk and Wheel to School Month, Grand Valley Bike to Work Day, and more.
- ***Western Colorado Economic Summit.*** Hats off to the Grand Junction Economic Partnership for hosting a well-attended and beneficial conference yesterday that Planning & Development Director Dan Caris spoke on a panel about housing strategies and Mayor Kincaid, Mayor Pro Tem Buck, Councilman Breman and I were able to attend. We attended sessions on development, housing, transportation, zoning and keynotes from the state Demographer and CMU President John Marshall.

Engineering

- ***Concrete Sidewalk Replacement.*** Bids were received for concrete replacement with Professional Pipeline submitting the lowest responsive bid.
- ***Iron Wheel Subdivision.*** Concrete alleys continue to be poured and 19 Road turn lane widening placed this week.
- ***Orchard Ridge Subdivision.*** Concrete sidewalk continues to be placed.
- ***Grand Valley Estates III.*** Concrete curb gutter and sidewalk being placed.
- ***Village at Country Creek.*** Storm drainage is being installed. Roadway subgrade is being prepped.

Planning & Development

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

Land Use Code Amendments:

- Vested Right Code Amendment (Approved)
- Development Agreements Code Amendment (Approved)
- [Zoning and Density Bonus Code Amendments](#). (Approved)
- Short Term Rental Code Amendments can be found as this [page](#).(Approved)
- [Parking Standards](#) (Approved)
- Design Standards: The links to the Code Amendments can be found at this [page](#). (Approved)

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Dwell PUD Preliminary Plan (Approved) (1136 17 ½ Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 (Approved) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- Rose Creek Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (1892 K Road, Fruita CO 81521)

- Patron Annexation and Zoning (Under Review) (1123 19 Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- VACC Final Plat (Under Review) (1176 18 Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- Epic Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1092 Wallace St, Fruita CO 81521)
- Cider Mills Rezone (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521)
- Red Cliffs 3 Preliminary PUD Plan (Under Review) (280 Clements Way, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Under Review) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- 1930 Highway 6 & 50 Annexation and Zoning (Under Review) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50 Fruita CO 81521)
- Orchard Ridge 3 Final Plat (Under Review) (Orchard Ridge Subdivision, Fruita CO 81521)
- Sycamore Estates Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (945 E. Pabor Ave, Fruita CO 81521)
- Fruita Copper Creek Annexation and Zoning (Under Review) (954 19 Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- Fruita Mews PUD Amendment (WITHDRAWN) (1138 18 ½ Rd, Fruita CO 81521)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla) (Under Construction)
- Raptor Crossing Concept Plan (853 Raptor Rd) (Under Review)
- Lake Fruita Site Conditional Use Permit and Design Review (Under Review) (1571 Cipolla Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Review) 111 S. Mesa St, Fruita CO 81521)

Parks and Recreation

- ***Pumpkin Dunk Event.*** Friday, Oct. 8 from 4:30 – 6:30 will be a new event at the Community Center indoor pool. We're turning the indoor pool into a floating pumpkin patch! Families are invited to go dunkin' for pumpkins. To ensure the safety of all guests, reservations are required. Last day to register is Thursday, October 7th! Who is going to be the King Arthur of Fruita and get the Gigantic, Greasy Gourd?! Call 970-858-0360 or visit recreation.fruita.org to register 🍠.
- ***Post Maintenance Week.*** The Community Center was back open and spotless clean after a week of elbow grease cleaning and maintenance. It was a busy week of patrons and parking was a challenge. Staff are working with Family Health West on some alterations to help with the parking situation.

Public Works

- ***FOGs Program.*** Wastewater collections and treatment staff reviewed draft report regarding Fats, Oils, & Grease Best Management Practices with engineering firm.
- ***Mountain Water Properties Update.*** Collections staff cleaned out restrooms on Glade Park and completed winterization of Mountain Water.
- ***Irrigation Update.*** Irrigation staff is using GIS app to complete valve inventory and maintenance.
- ***Road Maintenance Updates.*** Road Maintenance Crews completed a road patch on Raptor Road in front of Peterbilt yard. Thermoplastic and painting at Fruita Community Center parking lot completed. Crews also graded Snooks Road and parking lot and graded, rocked, watered, and rolled 19 Road south and Greenway Drive. Crews also swept before and after the parade for

Fruita Fall Festival and installed/removed handicap parking signs at Civic Center for festival. Crews are preparing crack seal equipment as temperatures become favorable to complete more crack sealing.

- **PW Administration Update.** Public Works Director attended a CWLG (Colorado Women Leading in Government) webinar. Participated in the Bike the Riverfront Trail with the City Manager. Participated in the review of the Draft Fats, Oils, and Grease Best Management Practices document. Participated in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) discussion with Mesa County Stormwater Division and attended the Annual Water Seminar hosted by the Colorado River District.
- **New CDOT App for Travelers.** CDOT announced the launch of an all new #COtrip website and app. These mobile friendly tools have exciting new features including:
 - Zoomable and searchable map display
 - Trip Planner Tool
 - Trucker specific resources and tools
 - Real time updates on road conditions and closures
 - Camera images and live streaming video
 - Visit [COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org) for more information.

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

- [Fruita hosts its annual fall festival.](#)
- [Fruita welcomes the return of the Fruita Fall Festival for the 106th year.](#)
- [Local transportation newsletter wins state award.](#)
- [Tour of the Moon bike ride returns to Grand Valley after hiatus.](#)
- [North Fruita Desert Campground accepting reservations beginning October 4.](#)
- [RV caught on fire in Fruita City Market Parking Lot.](#)
- [Snooks Bottom to postpone fishing event after an increase in dead fish.](#)
- [Fruita local Ellen Roberts celebrates 100 years!](#)
- [North Fruita Desert to Implement Camping Reservation System.](#)
- [Bustang launches Telluride-Grand Junction Outrider.](#)
- [City of Fruita closes popular trails due to rain.](#)

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.):*

- **October 2, 2021** – E-Waste Recycling Event, Fruita Civic Center, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **October 2, 2021** – Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament, Adobe Creek Golf Course, 1:00 p.m.
- **October 23, 2021** – Truck N'Treat, Downtown Fruita, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **October 29, 2021** – Trick or Treat Street in Downtown Fruita, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **November 6, 2021** – Rimrock Marathon, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Colorado National Monument and Fruita Community Center.
- **December 11, 2021** – Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- **December 11, 2021** – Hometown Christmas and Parade of Lights, Parade is at Dusk, in Downtown Fruita.
- **December 15, 2021** – Cookies N Claus at the Fruita Community Center – 6:30 p.m.

CC. Department Directors

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

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September 21, 2021

Dear Friends,

"Providing nutritional, emergency food assistance, with dignity and respect, to residents of the lower Grand Valley during their time of need" – since our opening ribbon cutting in March 1995, Agape Food Basket has had this same mission. That we have been successful following our mission for more than 25 years is thanks to the generous monetary support from lower valley non-profits, businesses & individuals, awesome school-sponsored & community food drives, dedicated volunteers, the City of Fruita, and the Sacred Heart Catholic and Fruita United Methodist churches. Thank you!

Times have changed for us though. The number of clients served is now a small fraction of past years' numbers when we provided food for 30,000 meals to nearly 1000 households annually. Consequently, Wednesday November 17, 2021, will be our final day open. Agape Food Basket will be closed permanently thereafter.

Options going forward for people seeking emergency food assistance include:

Canyon West Worship Center 456 Kokopelli Blvd, #G, Fruita 81521	970 858-9995 https://canyon-west-worship-center.faithlivesites.com/food-bank	Pantry 2 nd Sat ea month 9-11
Victory Life Church 2066 Hwy 6&50, Fruita 81521	970 858-4852 www.vlcqv.org	Pantry W & Th 11-1
Community Food Bank 476 - 28½ Rd, GJ 81501	970 640-0336 https://foodbankai.org/	Pantry M/Tu/Th 12:30-5:30
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach 245 S 1 st St, GJ 81501	970 241-3658 www.catholicoutreach.org	Pantry M-F 9-11:30 Meal M-Sa 12-1

Additional food pantry locations or donation information can be found through:

Food Bank of the Rockies	970 464-1138 relations@foodbankrockies.org www.foodbankrockies.org	
Western Colorado 211	211 www.wc211.org	Helps people connect to services

Sincerely,

Karla Tanner, Director of Operations
Agape Food Basket of the Lower Valley

EWASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, Oct. 2

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fruita City Hall
325 E. Aspen Avenue

The City of Fruita and Waste Management is proud to offer residents an opportunity to responsibly recycle their old and unwanted electronics at this annual event.

All electronic cords and cables, CPUs, and cell phones will be collected at no cost. Other electronics will be collected for a nominal fee.



Recycle for Free

- Cell Phones
- Laptops
- Cords/Cables
- CPUs
- Speakers
- Mice & Keyboards

Recycle for a Fee

Computer Monitors	\$12
Desktop Printers/Copiers	\$5
Flat Screen/CRTs (measured diagonally)	
Up to 27"	\$1 per inch
Over 27"	\$2 per inch
All Other Electronics	\$3 and Under





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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.