



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

We have a full agenda scheduled for Tuesday night. Our meeting will begin with our Veterans Day Proclamation, and then the Council will recognize outstanding students and staff from Shelledy Elementary School. After several items on the consent agenda, there is only one public hearing scheduled regarding a liquor license application for the Rim Rock Marathon. We will then move onto budget presentations, and staff will be presenting on personnel updates, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Fruita Community Center fund budget for next year. As always, our meeting will be at the Fruita Civic Center and online virtually. The full agenda, packet, and link to watch/participate in the meeting, can be found [here](#).

Free Clean Up Day

Next Saturday, November 6, 2021, our Public Works Department is hosting a Free Clean Up Day at the City Shops Building. Fruita residents can bring items they want to dispose of, between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we will have a dumpster on site to haul them to the landfill. The flyer for the event can be found below, and also details what items we cannot accept.

MCPH Scheduling 1st, 2nd, Additional, and Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

A recent update from Mesa County Public Health – MCPH continues to offer appointments for COVID-19 vaccination and is now offering immediate scheduling for additional COVID-19 doses as well as booster doses for those populations who qualify. The [online appointment scheduling](#) system allows patients to choose which vaccine type they receive. The COVID-19 vaccines continue to be remarkably effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, including against the delta variant. CDC data show that in August 2021, the risk of dying from COVID-19 in the U.S. was more than 11 times greater for unvaccinated people than for fully vaccinated people.

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

Many people who have already been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 should now receive another dose to stay protected. If you are eligible, getting a booster dose can help protect you, your family, and your community from COVID-19. You should get a booster dose if you:

- Are 65 years old or older.
- Live in a long-term care facility
- Are 18 to 64 years old and at high risk of severe COVID-19.
- Are 18-64 years old and at high risk because of where you live or work.
- You receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for your initial dose.

Vaccination occurs at the Community Services Building with appointments between Wednesday and Saturday. The full update from MCPH can be found [here](#).

Happy Halloween from the City of Fruita!

To celebrate Halloween, staff and I will be participating in Trick or Treat Street this afternoon at the Fruita Civic Center. We will be handing out candy until 5:00 p.m., but the event goes on until 6:00 p.m. for participating businesses. We look forward to seeing all those costumes and hope that everyone has a safe and fun Halloween! Here is a picture from our Halloween outfits this year.



General Updates

- **Draft 2022 Budget.** The latest version of the draft 2022 Budget is now available and can be found on our website at this [link](#).

- **Senator Bennet's Office.** Met with the Senator's new western slope staff to cover priorities in Fruita resulting from our long-term planning processes, community survey and capital projects.
- **DOLA.** Dan and I presented to the Department of Local Affairs Executive Director , the Executive Director for the Division of Housing and a representative from the Office of Economic Development and International Trade this week on our housing strategies.
- **Walk with the City Manager.** Next Tuesday afternoon, I will be hosting a casual walk in downtown Fruita at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or anything that you would like to discuss with staff or I, please join us!
- **October Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Mobile Mesa County monthly newsletter is now available, and can be found online [here](#). It includes stories on active North Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian planning projects, transportation projects, safe routes to schools, bike commuting, and more.
- **Mesa County Master Plan Update.** Mesa County has invited the City Council and staff to participate in the County Master Plan Update. To provide feedback, Mesa County is creating several topic-oriented Focus Groups to understand what the residents of Mesa County want to see as far as the future development. If you are interested in participating, you can email this [link](#) and let me know too. Dan, Sam and Henry are participating from staff.

Engineering

- **Subdivision Updates.** Grand Valley Estates III, Orchard Ridge, Village at Country Creek, and Iron Wheel subdivisions all have been paved and are getting dry utilities installed.
- **CDOT Project Work in Fruita.** The Wrong Way Detection Project for CDOT will be working in Fruita on Wednesday with possible ramp closures. For more information, go [here](#). They also worked on patching on Highway 340 over I-70 this week.
- **TMDL Update.** The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment let Mesa County know today that the total maximum load (TMDL) requirement will be dismissed; however, CDPHE will be working on technical issues and reissue the TMDL in February. They will be looking at selenium loads to non-point source, thus reducing the selenium allocations to the MS4 permit. We will keep you posted.

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:

- Title 17 & 2 Land Use Code Update (Complete and Approved by City Council 10/19/2021)

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Dwell PUD Final Plan/Plat (Final Plan / Final Plat) (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 Construction) (1176 18 Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- Epic Minor Subdivision (Approved) (1092 Wallace St, Fruita CO 81521)

- Cider Mills Rezone (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521)
- Red Cliffs 3 Preliminary PUD Plan (Approved) (280 Clements Way, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Under Construction) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- 1930 Highway 6 & 50 Annexation and Zoning (Approved) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50 Fruita CO 81521)
- Orchard Ridge 3 Final Plat (Under Construction) (Orchard Ridge Subdivision, Fruita CO 81521)
- Sycamore Estates Minor Subdivision (Approved) (945 E. Pabor Ave, Fruita CO 81521)
- Fruita Copper Creek Annexation and Zoning (Approved) (954 19 Rd, Fruita CO 81521)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla) (Complete)
- Raptor Crossing Concept Plan (853 Raptor Rd) (Under Review)
- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) 111 S. Mesa St, Fruita CO 81521)
- 241 S Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction)

Parks and Recreation

- ***Trunk N'Treat Recap.*** Thank you to everyone that participated in the Trunk and Treat last Saturday! We had a great turnout, and it was great to see all of the costumers.

Public Works

- ***Sewer Line Issue Between Peach and Mulberry Street.*** City utility crews responded to a possible plugged sewer line at Peach Street and Hwy. 6&50. Staff identified several sections of the line that have issues. Staff used the Vactor truck to pump out the line and continued to monitor it during a 24-hour period. Crews assembled a bypass line and installed a pump at the corner of Peach Street to continue the flows while staff develops a permanent solution. Peach Street and Mulberry Street remain open at this time. The repairs will likely extend more than one block and it will be a costly repair.
- ***FOGs Program.*** Public Works staff continues to work on implementing Fats – Oils – Grease Best Management Practices and will be sending out to businesses to gather more information.
- ***I-70 Billboard Upgrades Completed.*** This week, the final lights were installed on billboard on I-70 and the project is now complete.
- ***Civic Center Improvements.*** Building maintenance staff coordinated electrician work to complete upgrades in FWorks portion of Civic Center. Building Maintenance staff also rented a manlift to clean gutters and windows at City facilities.
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Road Maintenance staff set up and took down for Truck – or – Treat event last weekend, continue to sweep and pick up leaves, crack sealed Pisces Circle, Pisces Lane, Lonnie Way, and Myers Lane, sprayed weeds on Hwy.340 roundabouts and overpass, assisted utilities with monitoring sewer line and installing bypass line and pump, and proof rolled in Village of Country Creek and Grand Valley Estates.
- ***Wastewater Update.*** Wastewater Treatment staff continued with bi-annual electrical cleaning, continued to work on categorizing assets within the workorder system, pumped down clarifier 1 for the winter as offline basins are typically stored with a volume of water sufficient to overcome ground water pressure during irrigation months and then drained during the winter months. Electric switch gear maintenance will be completed this week as will annual

maintenance on the grinder that masticates waste activated sludge before it enters the rotary drum thickener. DMR and 3rd quarter WET and analytical metals were submitted to the State.

- **Public Works Administration Update.** Public Works Director and I met with the Department of Local Affairs Regional Manager to discuss upcoming grant cycles and potential projects the city may submit. The PW Director also attended a meeting with the Colorado Transportation Asset Management Group to discuss region-wide asset management within the regional transportation plan updates.

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

- [Free COVID rapid tests offered to D51 students and staff.](#)
- [Mesa County polling centers now open to voters.](#)
- [Fruita veteran Calvin Davis served in three military branches, three wars.](#)
- [Mesa County Public Health now offering immediate scheduling for COVID-19 boosters.](#)
- [Delta variant almost makes up 100% of all COVID-19 cases in Colorado.](#)
- [Student-driven idea comes to fruition through FHW-D51 partnership.](#)
- [Census numbers show Mesa County keeps growing.](#)
- [Recent snow brings good news for ski resorts.](#)
- [Fruita Monument senior dispenses with taboo.](#)
- [Colorado Parks and Wildlife issues warning to pet owners.](#)
- [Grand Valley Transit will be implementing temporary service reductions.](#)
- [Lack of drivers forces GV Transit to cutback on services.](#)

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 29, 2021** – Trick or Treat Street in Downtown Fruita, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **October 30-31** – Trek Dirt Bike Camp at Little Salt Wash Park, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **November 2, 2021** - Walk Downtown Fruita with the City Manager at 4:00 p.m. - meet at the Fruita Civic Center.
- **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

FRUITA RESIDENT CLEAN UP DAY

November 6
8am – 2pm

Public Works Facility
900 Kiefer Avenue



WE WILL NOT COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:

Aerosol Cans
Air Conditioners
Air/Gas Cylinders
Ammunition
Antifreeze
Asbestos Materials
Asphalt Rubble
Batteries
Box Springs
Concrete Rubble
Electronics
Engines/Motors
Fluorescent Lights
Freezers
Freon
Fuel Tanks
Gasoline/Grease/Oil
Hazardous Waste
Insecticides
Items longer than 6'
Large Drums
Liquids of any kind
Major Appliances
Mattresses
Medical Waste
Microwaves
Paint/Stain
Pesticides
Refrigerators
Road Flares
Shingles
Spa/Pool Chemicals
Tires



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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.