



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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City Offices will be closed November 25-26, 2021, to celebrate Thanksgiving.
The Fruita Community Center is only closed on Thursday. Trash and recycling services on Thursday will be delayed until Friday. We hope that you have a great holiday!

Open House on Kokopelli Trail System

One last reminder, tonight at Over the Edge Fruita, COPMOBA is hosting an open house to discuss the future and the expansion of the Kokopelli Trail System. COPMOBA has put together proposals for new trails, re-routes, and where the trails should be repurposed. The event is at 6:30 p.m., and if you are interested, come and share your feedback!

Reminder on How to Dispose of Leaves

A friendly reminder from our Public Works Department: Fruita Residents, if you need to get rid of any fallen leaves from your yard, you can bag them and Waste Management will haul them off on trash day. Unfortunately, our street sweeper cannot collect leaves blown out into the street. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Public Works Office at 970-858-9558.

Small Business Saturday – November 27, 2021

Next Saturday, November 27, 2021, is Small Business Saturday! This holiday season, we like to encourage all residents to shop local to support our economy and help our neighbors and community members.

General Updates

- **City Council Workshop Rescheduled.** As a reminder, our City Council Workshop that was originally scheduled for next Tuesday (November 23, 2021), has been rescheduled to November 30, 2021.
- **Budget Meetings.** This week, I went around to every City department and presented the draft 2022 Budget. In addition to the budget, we discussed what the staff is most excited about moving forward, what concerns they may have, and we took time to celebrate some of the accomplishments from this year and last. It is always great to be able to spend time with each department and to hear from them.

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

We also discussed the importance of managing expectations, over communicating, customer service, proactivity, mastering our individual trades and emulating our core values.

- **City Manager Event Series.** Enjoyed a “Coffee with the Manager” session this morning at Bestslope Coffee and appreciated Mayor Kincaid and Councilman Kreie for joining us. The final and 12th event of this year will be as part of the FWorks Coffee Club on Dec. 17 at 9am in FWorks.
- **Welcome Marc!** Marc Mancuso, the new Parks and Recreation Director, started this week. Welcome Marc!
- **Infrastructure Bill.** Staff attended a webinar put on by the International City/County Manager’s Association on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the recent federal \$1.2 trillion legislation for infrastructure projects. It sounds like, initially, the funding will be available through a competitive grant cycle, and the states will receive some of this fund that individual communities can apply for. We will provide more updates to the Council on the bill and if funding will be available, as we continue to learn more.
- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Mobile Mesa County is available online and can be found [here](#). It includes updates on service reductions for Grand Valley Transit, Student and TANF Bus Pass Programs, Free Ride Saturdays, and more.
- **Winter Driving in the Wild Video Series.** This week, the Colorado Dept. Of Transportation launched a new video series, “Winter Driving in the Wild”. These educational videos are meant to provide entertaining reminders for safe winter driving, as the state prepares for winter travel. The first video can be found [here](#), if you are interested in watching. The series includes videos about Passenger Vehicle Traction law, tire and snowplow safety, winter preparedness tips, and a guide for winter driver resources. Helpful information!
- **Update from Dept. Of Human Services: November is Adoption Month.** Today, at noon, Mesa County Department of Human Services observed National Adoption Month with a virtual celebration. In Mesa County, there are approximately 40 children each year who become available for adoption and are in need of a permanent and stable home. If you are interested in learning more about adoption services provided by Human Services, you can visit [FosterAdoptMesaCounty.org](https://www.fosteraadoptmesacounty.org).
- **Campus to Career Conference.** Colorado Mesa University, and the GJ Career Passport Program, is hosting the Campus to Career Conference at CMU on November 30, 2021. This is part of the Senior Send-Off program, connecting CMU students and alumni with employers. We have been invited to attend, and the full schedule of events can be found at this link, if you are interested in attending.

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

- ***Holiday Decorations.*** Parks crews are finishing Christmas decorations around the City and will be completed prior to Thanksgiving.
- ***Bimonthly Parks and Recreation Newsletter.*** The latest edition of the bimonthly Parks and Recreation Newsletter can be found here: [Happy Thanksgiving!](#) It includes a link to the Winter and Spring Activity Guide, information on upcoming closures at the Fruita Community Center, and upcoming events.
- ***Night at the FCC.*** Night at the FCC is tonight from 7-10:00 p.m.! More information can be found [here](#).

Public Works

- ***Hwy 6&50 Sewer Repair.*** Public Works continues to work on the Hwy. 6 & 50 sewer line repair. Bids from contractors are due today.
- ***FOGS Update.*** Fats-Oils-Grease (FOG) letters were sent to local food establishments requesting information on how they manage FOGs. A copy of the letter and the questionnaire can be found below:
 - [FOG Letter](#)
 - [Restaurant Questionnaire](#)
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Streets crew replaced the No U-Turn sign at Pine St. and Wildcat. Crews continued with crack sealing on Ash, Columbine, Beech, Maple, and Sycamore streets. Replaced Loading Zone No Parking Sign on bus stop by City Market and replaced a faded sidewalk crossing sign on Wildcat. Staff also received pricing on city limit sign that was hit on the west end of the city.

- **Building Maintenance** Building Maintenance staff is working on mortar repairs with contractor and working on repairs to HVAC system at the Police Department.
- **Collections Update.** Sewer Collections staff is reviewing information on GIS as it pertains to concrete, clay and orangeburg pipe to prioritize camera work on these lines. Staff completed a confined space entry for removing a large rock from a manhole near South Mesa and South Mulberry. Sections of bypass hose have been replaced and has sent out the FOG letter to local businesses.
- **Wastewater Update.** Wastewater Treatment staff completed monthly cleaning of the Ultraviolet Transmitter, effluent weirs, and calibration check of the effluent pH and temperature probe. Staff also completed monthly compliant requirements. Staff worked with IT company to address updates and SCADA issues.
- **PW Admin Update.** The Public Works Director attended the GVRTC meeting, participated in review of floor plans for Civic Center, participated in a zoom meeting with the State of Colorado Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management about possible funding for planning of Reservoir #2, met internally with staff to discuss process for H2S Mitigation project in 2022 and participated in the New Infrastructure Funding overview provided by ICMA.

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

- [Fruita budget to include park, bridge upgrades.](#)
- [Mesa County Public Health busy with booster appointments following Gov. Polis executive order.](#)
- [Mesa County building permits on rise.](#)
- [Erie runs past Fruita in second round of playoffs.](#)
- [First Lego League Challenge held at Fruita Monument High School.](#)
- [BLM seeks public input on proposed changes along the Gunnison River.](#)
- [Meet Casey Sullivan, Fruita Monument's new baseball coach.](#)

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.):*

- **November 17, 2021** – Small Business Saturday! All Day.
- **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 – 6:00 p.m.
- **December 17, 2021** – FWorks Coffee Club at FWorks, 9:00 a.m.
- **December 17, 2021** – FYAC Free Movie Night, Polar Express, at the Fruita Community Center – 7:00 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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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.