



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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City Offices will be closed November 25-26, 2021, for 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 Fruita!



City Council Workshop

We have three items on the agenda for our City Council workshop scheduled for next Tuesday night. We will begin the workshop by discussing any outstanding budget issues with the 2022 Budget, before the adoption in December. After that, we will move on to a discussion on Food Trucks in Fruita. Finally, we will conclude with

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presenting potential upgrades to the Civic Center, a project that is included in the budget for next year. See you on Tuesday night!

Small Business Saturday – November 27, 2021

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



General Updates

- **Holiday Traffic Season to Start.** Ahead of the holiday, here is an update from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT is remind drivers to expect heavier than normal traffic for the next few days as people travel for Thanksgiving and begin shopping for the holidays. State construction and maintenance projects will be suspended by Wednesday afternoon to help minimize traffic impacts. Due to the possibility of now, motorists heading to the mountains should check road conditions at www.cotrip.org and review weather forecasts before traveling. In addition to checking CoTrip, drivers can get the latest information on the status of the state's roadways by calling 511. Specific information regarding Interstate 70 is available at <https://goi70.com/>. CDOT also provides winter driving tips, which can be found at this [link](#).
- **Have a great Thanksgiving!** Short update this week! We hope that each of you have a fun and healthy Thanksgiving.

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

- ***Pictures with the Grinch.*** On December 15, at the Fruita Community Center, the Family Health West Foundation is hosting pictures with the grinch from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come and snag a free photo!

Public Works

- ***FOGs Notice.*** Restaurants are encouraged to complete the questionnaire and contact information form as it relates to how the business manages Fats-Oils-Grease and return it to the PW Department. The questionnaire and contact information can be found on our website [here](#).
- ***Hwy 6&50 Sewer Update.*** Public Works staff met with CDOT and Contractor to discuss Hwy. 6 & 50 sewer line replacement project to discuss alignment, utilities, lane closures, etc.
- ***Building Maintenance Update.*** Building Maintenance staff continues with window cleaning at the Civic Center. Agape Food Bank has moved out of the Civic Center and staff will work on cleaning and painting this space. Staff has completed HVAC repairs at the Civic Center and contractor will begin on 11/29/21 making mortar repairs to the building.

- ***Congratulations Dave!*** We want to congratulate our Fleet Supervisor Dave Wolfe for passing his ASE recertification tests A-4 Steering & Suspension, A-6 Automobile Electronics/Electrical, T-6 Med & Heavy Truck Electronics/Electrical.
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Streets Division crack filled Oakwood, Dean Lee, Darcie Jo, and Maple Streets. Traffic Safety is pricing and ordering way finding signs for city project.
- ***Collections Update.*** Wastewater Collections crews took readings for H2S on the Hwy. 6 & 50 sewer project. Staff continue to train on the Vactor truck and monitoring the bypass pump. Staff has scheduled installation of VFD's for the week of the 29th. Staff continues to jet sewer lines and haul grease from I-70 lift station.
- ***WWRF Update.*** Wastewater Treatment staff completed monthly preventative maintenance around effluent weir cleaning, air ionization cleaning and filter replacement, cleaned and calibrated effluent pH probe and tubing replacement on both influent and effluent samplers. Staff sold approximately 28 yards of bio-solids.
- ***PW Administrative Update.*** Public Works Director submitted a Letter of Intent to the Colorado Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management for possible grant funding to complete design for repairs to Fruita Reservoir #2.

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

- [Colorado's unemployment rate drops again.](#)
- [Potential mid-week storm could affect Thanksgiving travel.](#)
- [Hospitals still tight with COVID-19 patients.](#)
- [Mesa County Public Health suggestions for a safe thanksgiving.](#)
- [GJEP launches website for remote workers, employers.](#)
- [Grand Junction-Off-Road is done but races will return in May 2022.](#)

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 27, 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 15, 2021** – Pictures with the Grinch, at the Fruita Community Center, hosted by Family Health West – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 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.