



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Monday's City Council Special Meeting & Workshop

A quick reminder, the special City Council Meeting and the January Workshop are scheduled for Monday night. There is only one item on the agenda for the special meeting, and that is for the Council to consider a resolution creating a Fruita Housing Authority. After the special meeting, we will adjourn into the January workshop, where we will discuss reoccurring proclamations, housing strategies, and the Council will hear an update on the upcoming election.

Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update

The Hwy 6&50 sewer line replacement project continues, and Plum Street is now fully open providing access to Wave and Fiesta Guadalajara. S. Mesa Street (between McCune and Highway 6&50) will remain fully closed through the weekend and through next week (January 24th – Jan. 31st) depending on soil conditions. The city would like to thank the businesses, Wave and Fiesta Guadalajara, for their understanding and patience during construction.

Next week, construction will move out into Hwy. 6&50 to avoid conflict with several underground utilities. Please be advised there will be intermittent closures on Hwy. 6&50 for the next several weeks and we encourage people to use detour routes. Please slow down and use caution when traveling through this area and please support those businesses who have been impacted by this construction project.

Thank you to M.A. Construction for continuing to maintain safe practices and a safe job site.

General Updates

- **Wayfinding Project.** The maps for the wayfinding project are scheduled to be installed today throughout Fruita. After that, the contractor will be installing several color-coded bike and pedestrian signs along the routes, and the project will be complete. If you would like to learn more about the new wayfinding routes, you can visit our website [here](#).

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

- **Internet and Phone Outage.** On Monday, there was a long internet and phone outage at all City facilities that started around 1:00 p.m. Both services were restored around 8:30 p.m. on Monday night. We apologize if we missed any calls from residents during the outage!
- **DOLA Meeting.** Staff and I met with our Co. Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Regional Manager to discuss grants and the upcoming funding cycle for the Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF). We anticipate that we will be applying for an EIAF Grant this cycle for one of the capital projects that is included in the 2022 budget. The cycle is open until March 1st, and any grant that we apply for will go before the City Council for approval and support.
- **GJ Ride Magazine.** Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso and I participated in a planning meeting for this year's edition of Ride Magazine. Ride Magazine is published annually by the Daily Sentinel, and we recommended potential articles that may be of interest to readers. Specifically, the new wayfinding system installed throughout Fruita, the success of the Co2UT Race and gravel riding in Fruita, the new trails being built out at the North Fruita Desert, and more.

Engineering

- **Watershed Plan.** Staff met this week with other local agencies to discuss the Grand Valley Watershed Plan. Draft materials will be available in the coming weeks.

Parks and Recreation

- **Night at the FCC tonight is Canceled.** Unfortunately, due to the rising COVID-19 cases in the community, we have decided to cancel the January 21, 2022, Night at the FCC. The next one is scheduled for March 4, 2022.
- **CARA Basketball Challenge.** The Cara Basketball Skills Challenge (formally known as the Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge) was very successful and there are 4 first place winners that have the opportunity to participate at sectionals.
- **Youth Co-ed Volleyball and Youth Basketball.** Practices for youth Co-Ed Volleyball and Youth Basketball have begun with the first games taking place on January 29th.
- **Sweetheart Run, 5k/10k.** The Sweetheart Run is on February 12, 2022, at the Fruita Community Center at 10:00 a.m. You can register until February 9th at the Fruita Community Center (FCC). The entry fee is \$25 for 5k and the 10k is \$30. First 400 registered participants receive a custom Sweetheart race shirt. The 5k race starts promptly at 10:15 am, the 10k will start promptly at 10:00 am. This year the Sweetheart race will be taking on a new course! We are utilizing Fruita's nature and running on the Riverfront Trail. There will be course marshals and aid station along the trail to help you with the transition. If you are interested in signing up, you can visit this [link](#).

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:

- 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 Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521)
- Red Cliffs 3 Final PUD Plan (Approved) (280 Clements Way, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Complete) (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 (Complete) (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)
- Monumental Provisions 155 N Mulberry St. (Under Review)
- Mobile Vending Land Use Code Amendments - (Under Review)
- Grand Skye Site Design Review (Under Review)

Public Works

- **Work with GVDD.** Public Works staff is working with Grand Valley Drainage District (GVDD) and Insituform on the Ottley/Holly Park drain line and right-of-way permits.
- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance working with a contractor to repair the five load centers for equipment plug-in in Public Works yard. BM is working with Parks and Rec for state bid purchasing of custodial supplies. Using the state bid purchasing system, may drastically reduce costs for these supplies.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff continue to support the Hwy 6 sewer project by delivering materials to job sites. Staff completed potholes on 19 Rd. From Hwy 6 to J Road, removed snow from the alley between Peach St. And Mulberry St. On north side of Aspen, installed city limit sign on west side of city, cold patched Plum St. for sewer project.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet staff has documents prepared to order replacement vehicle for 1-ton truck and is working on the replacement vehicle for combination mag/sand plow/dump vehicle. Staff is working on fuel site inspection standard operating procedures and have completed several preventative maintenance items.
- **Collections Update.** Collections crew continue with training on lift stations and Vactor truck, repair of irrigation trash cleaners, removed grease from I-70 lift station, cleaned and adjusted we well levels and transducer settings at I-70 lift station, cleaned vacuum priming chambers at all lift stations and completed 48 utility locates.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Staff completed maintenance projects including cleaning and calibrating probes, oil samples taken from influent pumps, transfer pumps and motive pumps

for evaluation. Staff is working to compile data and reporting for biosolids and annual Infiltration and inflow report.

- **PW Administration Update.** Staff met with engineers to discuss capital projects for the wastewater treatment plant and collections system. Met with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to discuss grant funding opportunities.

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

- [COVID hospitalizations rise in Mesa County, but not to crisis level.](#)
- [MLK Day 2022 march.](#)
- [Black Citizens and Friends of Grand Junction Annual MLK march.](#)
- [How to opt-in to receive Emergency Alerts in Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties.](#)
- [Polis Administration providing free KN95 and surgical grades face masks at various Colorado libraries.](#)
- [Fifth graders win \\$2k for carnival game idea.](#)
- [Case investigators work to keep up with increase in positive cases.](#)
- [Six elected to Fruita Monument Hall of Fame.](#)
- [Lions Club donates to Monument Ridge after class creates booth for carnival.](#)

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.):*

- **February 12, 2022** – Sweetheart Run, 5K/10K, Fruita Community Center at 10:00 a.m.
- **March 4, 2022** – Night at the Fruita Community Center, 7:00 p.m.
- **April 2, 2022** – Fishing is Fun Day at Snooks Bottom Open Space, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **April 13, 2022** – Easter Egg Scramble, Fruita Community Center, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **April 23, 2022** – Co2UT Gravel Bike Race, Downtown Fruita and the North Fruita Desert.
- **May 6-8, 2022** – Fruita Fat Tire Festival, North Fruita Desert and Downtown Fruita.
- **May 6-7, 2022** – 18 Hours of Fruita, Highline State Park.
- **June 3-4, 2022** – Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, downtown Fruita.

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.