



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: SHANNON VASSEN, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
Date: FEBRUARY 18, 2022
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022, in observance of Presidents Day.

Trash and recycling services are not impacted by the holiday. We hope that you have a great holiday weekend Fruita!

Tuesday's City Council Workshop

We have two items to discuss at the workshop on Tuesday night. The first is a discussion on the general penalties for violations of the Fruita Municipal Code. The second item is to continue our discussion on housing goals and to determine next steps. See you on Tuesday night!

Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update

This week, work has shifted out of the highway and to the north side of Hwy 6 & 50 into parking lots for the duration of the project. Good progress has been made on the mainline. Crossings at Maple Street and Grand will occur in the next couple of weeks. There will continue to be intermittent closures of Hwy. 6 & 50 as crews prepare to tie in the lateral lines with the mainline.

Access to businesses in this area remains open and the city appreciates the community's patience while we work to complete these repairs. Please continue to 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 FRUITA!!

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

General Updates

- **CMU Robinson Theater Briefing.** Earlier this week, Mayor Pro Tem Buck, Councilor Breman, and City Manager Mike Bennett attended a special meeting at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) regarding their efforts to seek state funding for a

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major upgrade to the CMU Robinson Theater. The goal is to make the theater a premier performing arts center on the Western Slope and they would the City of Fruita signing a letter of support for the project.

- **DOLA Visit.** PW Director Kimberly Bullen attended a lunch meeting with Rick Garcia, the Executive Director of the Co. Department of Local Affairs, to share successes in Fruita from DOLA funded projects. Staff also shared future funding needs Fruita has for current and long-term capital projects.
- **State of the State Address.** Mayor Pro Tem Buck and Planning & Development Director Dan Caris also attended a meeting with Governor Polis, where he shared an abbreviated version of his state of the state address in Grand Junction. The group also discussed economic development efforts for the region as a whole.
- **Transportation Mobility Hub Project.** City Engineer Sam Atkins also attended a meeting with the Governor and area leaders regarding the need for a transportation hub in our area.
- **Reed Park Project Update.** This week, our Parks and Recreation Director submitted a concept paper to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for the Reed Park Renovation Project. As part of the Resilient Communities grant through GOCO, local organizations are required to submit a concept paper for each project that they would like to apply for funding. We should know by the middle of March if we are invited to apply for the grant for this project.
- **Coffee & Community Connections Event.** Next Wednesday morning, Feb. 23, Mayor Kincaid will be a speaker at the Coffee and Community Connections event at Timberline Bank, at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Kincaid will be joined by Dr. Korrey Klein (CEO of Family Health West), Curtis Englehart (Director of the Mesa County Workforce Center), Andrea Lopez (External Affairs Manager at Ute Water), and Fire Chief Frank Cavalier (Lower valley Fire District).

Parks and Recreation

- **15th Annual Sweetheart Run.** A HUGE thank all to the runners/walkers who participated in this year's 5k/10k run, we had our third best turnout with 499 registrations. A special thank you to our sponsor Family Health West and volunteers from American Legion Post 2006. See you all next year!
- **Fruita Youth Action Council Job Fair.** Wednesday, February 23rd from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm FYAC will be hosting a Student Job Fair for Fruita Monument High School Students in the Library and common area.
- **Torture the Trainer.** United Way has a fundraiser that will raise funds for the local United Way. The challenge is running February 28th through March 11th and for every dollar that is raised, the trainer will be asked to do a burpee or push up to match the dollar. At this point we have 4 trainers participating and looking for additional participation. Please keep an eye out on how to donate to "Torture the Trainer."

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) (37 Lots)
- VACC North Final Plat (Approved) (1176 18 Rd, Fruita CO 81521) (12 Lots)
- Cider Mills Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521) (47 Lots)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Complete) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521) (18 Lots)
- Orchard Ridge 3 Final Plat (Complete) (Orchard Ridge Subdivision, Fruita CO 81521) (24 Lots)
- Sycamore Estates Minor Subdivision (Approved) (945 E. Pabor Ave, Fruita CO 81521) (9 Lots)
- Kimston Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50) (2 Lots)
- Orchard Ridge 4 (Under Review) (17 Road & K3/4 Road) (21 Lots)
- Shannon Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (377 N. Pine Street) (2 Lots)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Monument Powder Coating (Complete) (1596 Cipolla)
- Raptor Crossing Concept Plan (Under Review) (853 Raptor Rd)
- 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 (Under Review) (155 N Mulberry St.)
- Mobile Vending Land Use Code Amendments - (Under Review)
- Grand Skye Site Design Review (Under Review) (715 E. Grand Ave.)
- Grand Valley Storage (Under Review) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50)
- Fruita Apartments (Under Review) (614 Raptor Road)

Public Works

- ***Building Maintenance Update.*** Building Maintenance staff called out Taylor Fence to repair the fence that was damaged behind the police department building.
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Road Maintenance staff began weed removal on the Highway 340 overpass. They also cleaned up remaining ice piles in the FCC parking lot. Congratulations to Jesse McClaskey and Raymond Mikhail on passing their CDL driving test!
- ***Collections Update.*** Collections staff completed Peach St. storm drain potholing for the Engineering department. 41 utility locates were also performed this week.
- ***Irrigation Update.*** Irrigation staff repaired their first line of the year on S. Mesa St.
- ***Wastewater Treatment Update.*** Wastewater Treatment staff performed their WAS tank inspection and created a preventative maintenance schedule in the work order system for annual inspection. They completed their capsule build for the river temperature project and will plan on installing this in the river soon.

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

- [What's in a name: Kokopelli Trail.](#)
- [Fruita boy has goal to run a mile every day for a year.](#)
- [Grant awarded by City of Fruita for care of local cats.](#)
- [Mindful Room: A safe space for Fruita's young learners.](#)

- [Here's The Story Behind the Bizarre Headless Chicken Statue in Colorado.](#)
- [Peach Street distiller is now a champion moonshiner.](#)
- [Fruita OK's affordable housing development.](#)
- [Employees at Fruita Starbucks raising donations for local family.](#)
- [Fruita Monument sending 11 wrestlers to state tournament.](#)
- [Commercial market seeing local and out-of-area buyers and movement.](#)
- [D51 parents asked to take survey to help develop Safe Routes to School Project.](#)
- [Fruita Captures League Title With Win Over Central.](#)
- [Fruita girls win sixth league title in seven years.](#)
- [Online reporting tool created for Riverfront Trail System.](#)
- [New complex for stores, studios coming to Downtown Fruita.](#)
- [Food Bank distribution event to help those on fixed income.](#)
- [Polis talks broadband, other issues in GJ.](#)

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.):*

- **March 4, 2022** – Night at the Fruita Community Center, 7:00 p.m.
- **March 9, 2022** – Fruita City Council Candidate Forum at the Fruita Community Center, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **March 10, 2022** – Chamber Business After Hours, at the Lady of Perpetual Motion in downtown Fruita, 5:30 p.m. - 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.