



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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### Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update

M.A. completed installation of the 12" sewer main on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and is prepping the pumphouse area for the concrete trail on Friday. The remaining project work includes connecting the lateral connections from the side streets, which will begin on Monday. M.A. will start from the east end of the project at Peach St. and will work their way west. This will require some intermittent road closures in the west bound lane as they complete the tie-ins.

Please continue to use caution when driving through this area and please continue to support businesses impacted by this construction project. Thank you to M.A. Construction for continuing to maintain safe practices and a safe job site.

### General Updates

- **City Council Candidates Forum.** As a reminder, the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Fruita City Council Candidates Forum next Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the Fruita Community Center. The candidate forum is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and can also be watched on the Chamber's Facebook page. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Mountain Water Properties Discussion.** On Tuesday morning, our Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments facilitated a meeting with federal and state public land agencies, adjacent property owners, and other partners to discuss the Mountain Water properties. It was a great turnout (almost all three meeting rooms at the Community Center were full!) and a good discussion about broad goals and challenges and opportunities for sub-committees to work on before reconvening. We will continue these discussions soon. Also, our Public Works Department is working on a grant application for design of dam project at Fruita Reservoir #2.
- **Fruita Business Park.** I met with the owner's representative of the vacant land in the Fruita Business Park and GJEP staff this week to receive updates on progress in the park and plan for updates to their marketing materials and coordinate updates to their covenants.

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

## City Clerk

- **2022 Municipal Election.** The Election Commission met on March 1, 2022. They adopted bylaws, appointed election judges, and discussed procedures needed if a tie vote occurred in the election, per the City's Charter. They are scheduled to meet on March 8, 2022, to test the election tabulation equipment. Minutes of their meeting will be posted on the City's website after their adoption on March 8. Mail-in ballot packages are currently being printed and are scheduled to be mailed from Phoenix, AZ on March 14, 2022, and should be in registered voters' mailboxes shortly thereafter

## Engineering

- **XCEL Energy Fruita-Uintah 69-kV Rebuild Project.** Xcel Energy is in the planning stages of replacing the transmission lines that run from the Fruita Substation (south of the Colorado River, just east of Hwy-340) to the Uintah Substation (west of downtown Fruita between I-70 and US-50). The new line will need to be installed prior to taking the old lines down. There is an online public meeting scheduled for March 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Details about the alternate alignments as well as the virtual open house are available [here](#). XCEL is currently in their public involvement phase prior to going through the permitting process, including with the City.
- **Pine Street Bridge.** Staff and consultants are still working on completing right of way and easement acquisitions, which has taken far longer than originally anticipated.
- **Peach St. Storm Drain Project.** Bid opening for this project is scheduled for next Friday, March, 11, 2022. Details about the project can be found [here](#).

## Parks and Recreation

- **Night at the FCC.** Have you ever wanted to have the entire Community Center to yourself? Well, if you are in 5th-7th grade, you can! Night at the FCC is offered 4 times per year, in January, March, September and November. \$10 gets you in the door for this 7pm-10pm event. There will be live music and dancing with DJ Ryan Griz, games in the gymnasium, swimming and a fun free attraction such as a photo booth or bungee run at each event. Pizza and a drink will be served. Come out for a night of fun! Parents must sign their children in and out.
- **FCC Facility Closure March 4th.** The FCC will close early on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> for Night at the FCC.
- **FCC New Free Motion Coach Bike.** The FCC has purchased an interactive coach bike that will allow the rider to choose from several trails and intensity.

## 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)

#### **Police Department**

- **Promotion Announcements.** With Sergeant Paquette retiring soon, there was a need to select a new Sergeant. The Fruita Police Department recently held a competitive, joint Sergeant/Corporal promotion process to select a Sergeant and prepare for a Corporal promotion if one of the existing Corporals was promoted. Congratulations to Clem Rodriguez for being promoted to Sergeant! Also, congratulations to James Queen for being promoted to Corporal!

#### **Public Works**

- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance continues to monitor cold patches for Hwy 6 project. Completed an earthen secondary containment for the Mag Chloride tanks at the PW facility.
- **Collections Update.** Collections crews cleaned and rebuilt trash cleaners in preparation for irrigation season which will begin early April. Crews continue to haul grease from I-70 lift station. Most Fats-Oils-Grease questionnaires have been returned from local restaurants with a few remaining. Staff will schedule visits to businesses to provide educational material and complete the remaining questionnaires. 134 utility locates have been completed for the month.
- **PW Administration Update.** The Public Works Director submitted the DOLA Grant for the H2S Mitigation project this week. The department is also preparing for the EPA Stormwater Audit.
- **Welcome Jonathan!** Jonathan Lewis joins the City of Fruita as the newest member of the Public Works team. Jonathan is a wastewater operator at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

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

- [Governor Polis announces plan to move past COVID-19 emergency.](#)

- [CDC eases mask wearing guidance in low-risk communities.](#)
- [Ute Water general manager has seen a lot in 27 years.](#)
- [Fruita famer making it work using less water.](#)
- [What's in a Name: Snooks Bottom.](#)
- [County eyeing several ways to deal with mental health issues.](#)
- [This Colorado Airbnb Used To Be a Church And You'll Want to Stay.](#)
- [Spring Open Burn Season permits available for purchase.](#)
- [Mesa County Animal Services helping reduce spray and neuter costs at local vets.](#)

**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](mailto: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.