



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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### **Tuesday's City Council Meeting**

Our meeting on Tuesday will begin with a proclamation for Arbor Day in the City of Fruita. After that, the Council will consider seven items on the consent agenda, before moving on to public hearings. We have three public hearings on the agenda, and the first is to discuss a special event liquor license for the Museum After Hours event at Dinosaur Journey. The second is on short-term rental limitations, and the third is on amending the Fruita Municipal Code concerning penalty for violations of the code. See you all on Tuesday night!

### **Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update**

Paving on Highway 6&50 should be complete by the middle of next week with street striping to follow. It is anticipated that most, if not all, of Hwy. 6&50 will be open by Friday evening but there may be additional paving and striping next week near Mesa St. and in some of the parking lots along Hwy. 6&50. Thank you to M.A. Construction for continuing to maintain safe practices and a safe job site.

### **Municipal Election Next Tuesday**

The City of Fruita will conduct its regular Municipal Election next Tuesday, April 5, 2022, by mail ballot. As a reminder, all voted ballots must be returned to the Fruita Civic Center by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters can drop off ballots at the drop-off box in the Civic Center parking lot, or at the drop box inside the Civic Center. For information on this year's Municipal Election, you can visit this [link](#).

### **Irrigation Water Update**

The City of Fruita will begin turning City supplied irrigation water on the week of April 11th. If you belong to an HOA, you will need to contact your HOA for their scheduled date. Also, if you belong to an HOA, our Public Works Department is asking that the head of the HOA contact them to update contact information, in the event of an irrigation issue or emergency. HOAs can email Amanda Downie at [adownie@fruita.org](mailto:adownie@fruita.org) to update contact information.

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

## General Updates

- **Tour of LADA Cube.** Had the opportunity to join representatives from the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) this week and tour the Lada Cube facility, a company we worked with years back that is growing and innovating.
- **EPS Updates.** EPS is working on adjustments and updates on the ongoing housing study and analysis after Tuesday night's workshop. We are also working with a different team from EPS on the region-wide economic recovery & resiliency process with the state where they are diving into economic advantages of the various communities in Mesa County to work together as a whole in economic growth.
- **Brand Launch for FHW.** On Wednesday, Mayor Kincaid, most of our leadership team, and I were able to attend the brand reveal for Family Health West. Congratulations to Family Health West and all of their team on a successful brand launch! We are thankful for their continued partnership and all that they do for the Fruita Community. In case you missed it, you can watch the brand launch at Family Health West's Facebook page [here](#).



## Engineering

- **2022 Road Overlays.** Three Bids were received for this year's overlay project and the apparent low bidder is Asphalt Specialties at \$284,710. The full notes on the bid openings will be available on our website [here](#) this afternoon.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Thursday Night Concert Series Line Up Announced.** The days are getting warmer, and the sun is staying up longer, and 10 weeks from yesterday, is our first Thursday Night Concert! The full line up for the 2022 Thursday Night Concert Series can be found in the flyer below. Grab a blanket and a lawn chair and join for the concerts from June 9-August 11 at Civic Center Park!

- **Back to Summer Fair.** The Back to Summer Fair will be at the Fruita Community Center next week on April 6, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Join us to learn about programs for the whole family from athletics to art and more. Parks and Recreation staff.
- **Fishing is Fun Event.** The Fishing is Fun event is tomorrow at Snooks Bottom! More information can be found [here](#).

## Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit: <https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

### Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- 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)
- Rose Creek Preliminary Plan (1892 K Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- Cider Mill Estates Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mountain Drive. Fruita, CO 81521) (47 Lots)

### Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (111 S. Mesa St, Fruita CO 81521)
- 204 S. Mulberry Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (204 S. Mulberry St, Fruita, CO 81521)
- Monumental Provisions (Under Review) (155 N Mulberry St.)
- 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)
- West Pabor Right-of-Way Vacation (north of 535 W. Pabor Avenue)
- North Mulberry Street Conceptual Street Design

## Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff have completed the monthly inspections of each City-owned building's fire system lights for CIRSA. The crew supervisor is beginning to gather data from all HVAC units to enter into our work order system to begin tracking the life cycle of each asset.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet staff completed the repair of the motor grader. They have started to disassemble snow removal implements from vehicles.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff completed the cleaning of all irrigation ditches throughout the city and pulled debris out of the Little Salt Wash. Raymond Mikhail has been awarded a Spring Street Conference Scholarship to attend the 2022 Spring Street Conference on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Raymond wrote an essay describing how attendance at this conference would boost his experience in the Public Works field and provide benefit to the City of Fruita. Congratulations Raymond!!

- **Collections Update.** Collections staff completed a force main and pump repair for Heritage Park. All HWY 6 sewer inspections have been completed. 56 utility locates have been completed.
- **Admin Update.** Public Works Director attended the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee meeting. Participated in Work Order system training across two days. Participated in a micro-trenching discussion with City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, participated in Capital Improvement Planning discussion, and met with USFS to discuss the NRCS Watershed Program.

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

- [Fruita receives grant for additional 18 Road expansion.](#)
- [Walking the Walk: Fruita man tests limits in 14er feat.](#)
- [What's in a Name: James M. Robb Colorado State Park.](#)
- [House fire in Fruita Saturday morning.](#)
- [Fruita trails good investment.](#)
- [Hospitalizations down in Mesa County.](#)
- [Fruita's Back to Summer Fair returns for another year.](#)
- [The best baked goods in the world are located at this Colorado farm market.](#)
- [Rim Rock Elementary unveils new mural.](#)
- [Search and Rescue Crews urging hikers to keep dogs safe on the trails.](#)
- [New 'Wildfire Learning Network' open to the community.](#)
- [What is the weather like in Fruita, Colorado? & Seven Facts You May or May Not Know About Fruita.](#)
- [BLM to begin new fees for Rabbit Valley.](#)
- [SAW co-creators launch sister-project, FARM in Fruita.](#)
- [Colorado Canyons Family Health rebrands to Family Health West.](#)
- [CDC Recommends Additional Boosters for Certain Individuals.](#)
- [6 Great Western Colorado Farmer's Markets to Visit in 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.):*

- **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 19, 2022** – Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager, Copper Club Brewery at 5:00 p.m.
- **April 23, 2022** – Co2UT Gravel Bike Race, Downtown Fruita and the North Fruita Desert.
- **April 26, 2022** – 2022 GJEP Western Colorado Economic Summit @ the Grand Junction Convention Center.
- **May 4, 2022** – Grand Valley Bike to Workday, Downtown Fruita. Join Fruita elected officials and staff for a ride around Fruita and breakfast provided by Family Health West.
- **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.
- **May 7, 2022** – Girls on the Run 5K at the Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- **May 14, 2022** – Adventurefest presented by Gemini Adventures, 18 Road at 8:00 a.m.
- **May 24, 2022** – Coffee with the City Manager at Bestlope Coffee, 9:00 a.m.

- **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)

City of Fruita's  
*Thursday Night  
Concert Series*



Presented by



**FRUITA**  
COLORADO  
PARKS & RECREATION

Thursdays June 9 - August 11

7:30pm | FREE entertainment

Civic Center Park | 325 E. Aspen



Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating

\*schedule subject to change

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June 9	Devon Worley Band	<i>Country/Rock</i>
June 16	HeyDay	<i>Modern Rock/Pop</i>
June 23	Yak Attack	<i>Progressive Jazz/Jamband</i>
June 30	Centennial Band	<i>American Classics</i>
July 7	Stray Grass	<i>Bluegrass</i>
July 14	Tiffany Christopher	<i>Singer/Songwriter</i>
July 21	Jason Abbott Band	<i>Country</i>
July 28	Frank Bregar Orchestra	<i>Big Band</i>
August 4	Still House String Band	<i>Bluegrass</i>
August 11	Wave 11	<i>Reggae/Hip Hop/Funk</i>

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# FRUITA COLORADO



*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.