



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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Municipal Election Results

The full unofficial election results can be found on our website [here](#). Based upon the unofficial results, Joel Kincaid has been elected Mayor of the City of Fruita for a two-year term. In the City Council race, Amy Miller, Jeannine Purser, and James Williams have been elected to the Fruita City Council for four-year terms. The change of City Council is scheduled to take place on April 19, 2022, during the regular City Council meeting. The meeting will begin with old business the current City Council considers, followed by the farewell of Mayor Pro-Tem Buck, and City Council members Karen Leonhart and Kyle Harvey, whose terms were completed. Following old business, Mayor Kincaid and the newly elected Council members Amy Miller, Jeannine Purser, James Williams will take the oath of office to begin their new terms and considering new business on the City Council agenda that night.

Election results are considered to be "unofficial" until after a review, or "canvass" of the election results is completed to verify the results. The "canvass" must be completed no later than 10 days after the election. Military/Overseas voters and voters whose signatures were rejected have until 8 days after the election to return/cure their ballot. In theory, the "unofficial" results could change by a very small amount.

Peach Street Storm Drain Project

The City of Fruita and M.A. Concrete Construction will be installing a storm drain through Peach Way and Peach St. beginning in mid-to-late April this year. Additionally, pavement will be installed on the unpaved portion of Peach Way. The construction is expected to take about a month, during which there will be intermittent closures on the affected streets. Local access will be provided at all times for residents. If you have questions or concerns or need special help with access, please contact City project manager Chris Dehmel at (970) 210-0716 or (970) 858-8377. You can also reach the project manager at cdehmel@fruita.org. We appreciate your patience while we install these needed drainage and pavement improvements.

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

Spring Clean Up

On Saturday, April 23rd, the City of Fruita is hosting a FREE Spring Clean Up. Fruita residents can drop off items they may want to dispose of at the City Shop (900 Keifer Avenue) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A dumpster will be onsite to haul items to the landfill. The city will accept box springs and mattresses but there is a \$25 fee for each that will be collected at the time of drop off. Cash or check accepted. The flyer can be found below.

The following items will not be collected:

- Aerosol cans, air conditioners, air/gas cylinders, ammunition, antifreeze, asbestos materials, asphalt rubble, batteries, concrete rubble, electronics, engines/motors, fluorescent lights, freezers, freon, fuel tanks, gasoline/grease/oil, hazardous waste, insecticides, items longer than 6', large drums, liquids of any kind, major appliances, medical waste, microwaves, paint/stain, pesticides, refrigerators, road flares, shingles, spa/pool chemicals, tires

Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update

The Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project is nearing completion with landscaping, concrete work, striping, and crosswalk work remaining. The city would like to thank all of the businesses along this stretch of Hwy. 6&50 for their patience and understanding during construction. The city also appreciates the traveling public's adherence to traffic control instructions and thanks to M.A. Concrete in maintaining a safe working environment. Thank You!!

The city's contractor M.A. Concrete installed 2,425 ft. of 12" sewer pipe, 310 ft. of 8" sewer pipe, 40 ft. of 6" sewer pipe and 19 new manholes to complete this sewer replacement project.

General Updates

- **Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Event.** Next Thursday, April 14, from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., the City of Fruita is partnering up with the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce to host this month's After-Hours Event. The event will be held at Happy Trails Colorado at 217 E. Aspen Avenue. [Click here to register.](#)
- **Blood Drive.** The St. Mary's Bloodmobile will be at the Civic Center parking lot on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, from 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment [here](#) to donate blood. Don't forget to bring a photo ID and make sure to eat a healthy meal and hydrate before!
- **2022 SOTC Video.** Planning and work continue on the 2022 Fruita State of the City Video. Filming of interviews will start at the beginning of May. We hope to share the final video at the end of May.
- **County Asking for Public Input on Master Plan.** Mesa County is updating its Master Plan and is asking for community input. The purpose of the survey is to allow residents to identify existing and future challenges and opportunities regarding growth and development, transportation, economic development, recreation, environment/natural resources, and other issues in the County. A random sample of Mesa County residents received a statistically valid survey in the mail. If residents did not receive a survey in the mail, they can still provide input through an open version of the survey. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge.** The schedule for the Pine Street Bridge has shifted to ensure no disruptions to the irrigation supply to the residents south of the bridge and Little Salt Wash Park. The utility relocations for high pressure gas, gas, power, communications, and water are being scheduled now so that the bridge can be demolished starting November 1. Relocations of utilities will begin in the coming weeks. Detours will be set for the bridge closure. Once a schedule is set up with the providers, a notice will be sent out to residents.
- **Residential Development.** Sycamore Estates and the final filing of Orchard Ridge will be kicking off construction in the coming weeks.

Parks and Recreation

- **MTHC Schedule Released.** The 2022 Mike the Headless Chicken Festival schedule was released this week. The entertainment lineup this year includes Josh Gracin with Peggy Malone opening on Friday and Natural Chemistry, Head for the Hills, Stray Gras, Big Dominguez, and The Lip on Saturday. Other activities include a 5k run/walk, peep and wing eating contest, and vendors, merchandise, and games.
- **FCC Speaker Series.** Face your fears and overcome anxiety April 16th, 11:00 am. Learn about anxiety, why it impacts our lives, daily activities, and what tools are most useful in battling anxiety. This seminar will focus on how to help both you and adults better manage stress and anxiety. This program will be led by Kimberly Langston, MA, LPCC.
- **DinoMites Summer Camp.** DinoMites registration opened on April 6th and registrations will be accepted until we hit max capacity. The camp runs weekly June 6 - August 5 with a week break for Independence Day (July 4 - 8).

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

Police Department

- ***Congratulations!*** Congratulations to Clem Rodriguez, who was recently promoted to Sergeant, and James Queen, recently promoted to Corporal. We have a great supervisory/leadership team here at the police department.

Public Works

- ***Building Maintenance Update.*** Building maintenance staff have been performing maintenance on all HVAC and swamp coolers, to prepare for the summer season. Armando Romero attended a virtual APWA Facilities and Grounds Management program.
- ***Fleet Maintenance Update.*** Fleet maintenance has performed all DOT services and inspections.
- ***Utilities Update.*** Collections staff located, cleaned and inspected an irrigation line for a resident. 54 utility locates were performed.
- ***Irrigation Video.*** Working with Utilities Supervisor, John Carillo, a video was created to help inform the public about Fruita irrigation. [Watch the video on the City of Fruita's Facebook Page here.](#)
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Road Maintenance staff piped the Pabor Way irrigation ditch and tied services to residents. A walkway over the berm surrounding our Mag Chloride tank was completed. Torie Tucker completed her Traffic Control Technician certification class and passed her exam. Good job, Torie!
- ***Wastewater Treatment Update.*** The UV system, a system used to disinfect wastewater effluent, was cleaned. All idle equipment was rotated which prevents equipment to develop flat spots on bearings and to relubricate with a fresh coat of oil. Staff had to troubleshoot the Grit pumps and create a new frequency where pumps aren't running at the same time.
- ***Admin Update.*** Public Works Director Kimberly Bullen participated in discussion regarding potential congressional directed funding for capital projects. She also participated in the MS4 Stormwater Program Technical Advisory Committee meeting to discuss intergovernmental agreement with Mesa County. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will be in the Grand Valley later this month to discuss Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and tour areas of the valley. Met with City Attorney to review the Glade Park Pipeline Water Users Association Agreement for renewal.

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

- [As GJ pain clinic approaches closure, Fruita pain clinic provides alternatives.](#)
- [Powderhorn Mountain Resort closes for the season.](#)
- [All speeds welcome: Mesa Monument Striders appreciate Western Colorado's beauty on foot.](#)
- [Mesa County real estate trends diverge.](#)
- [Food Bank of the Rockies successfully accommodating increased demand for food assistance.](#)
- [Unofficial results for City of Fruita Municipal Election.](#)

- [Fruita, Palisade voters weigh in.](#)
- [Fruita receives tourism management grant.](#)
- [Fruita elects three new city council members.](#)
- [Fruita Colorado's Mike the Headless Chicken Fest Returns June 3rd.](#)
- [Growers still dealing with impacts of fall '20 freeze.](#)
- [Festival Buzz: Honeybees usher in Grand Valley's festival season.](#)
- [Mesa County to update its Master Plan.](#)

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 13, 2022** – Easter Egg Scramble, Fruita Community Center, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **April 14, 2022** – Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce After Hours, Happy Trails Colorado, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 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 Bestslope 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

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April 23
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Drop Off Location

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**Fruita Residents,
Drop off items you
want to dispose of
for *FREE!**

***Mattresses and box
springs can be
dropped off for \$25
each. Cash or check
accepted.**

We WILL NOT collect the following:

Aerosol cans, air conditioners, air/gas cylinders, ammunition, antifreeze, asbestos materials, asphalt rubble, batteries, concrete rubble, electronics, engines/motors, fluorescent lights, freezers, freon, fuel tanks, gasoline/grease/oil, hazardous waste, insecticides, items longer than 6', large drums, liquids of any kind, major appliances, medical waste, microwaves, paint/stain, pesticides, refrigerators, road flares, shingles, spa/pool chemicals, tires





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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.