



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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**City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. We hope that you have a great holiday weekend, Fruita!**  
 Trash and recycling services will be delayed by one day next week.

### Street Repaving Project

Beginning next Thursday, June 2, the community can expect to see road repaving on the streets listed below. Partial road closures will occur on June 2 and 3 while full road closures will occur on June 12 and 13. In between these dates, roads will be fully open, but users can expect the roads to be bumpy. The following streets will be affected: W. Ottley Ave. From Highway 6 to the Co-Op Country Entrance; Mesa St. From Ottley Ave. To the north end of the bridge on Ottley Ave.; Cherry St. To Mesa St.; and Pabor Ave. From Coulson St. To Cherry St. Project timelines may change depending on the weather. For more information and project updates [click here](#).



## Fruita Fourth Fridays

Fruita Fourth Fridays returns tonight in downtown Fruita! Head downtown to enjoy restaurant specials, live music, local art, dancing, and more between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The flyer with more information can be found below.

## Weekly FAQ

In every weekly update, we will be answering one question we get asked often from the community. These questions will cover a variety of topics from all city departments. If you have any questions you think would be valuable for us to share, let us know by emailing [communications@fruita.org](mailto:communications@fruita.org).

- **Question:** How do I report a problem with city streets or other city infrastructure?
- **Answer:** Community members can submit concerns using the Citizen Request Portal found [here](#). This system lets you submit your concerns and track progress as well. This portal is not intended for emergency uses, however if you need to submit an after hours or emergency issue, you can call the Public Works On Call line at 970-250-7835.

## General Updates

- **DOLA Presentations.** This week, Kimberly, Shannon, and I presented to the Department of Local Affairs Energy Impact Fund Committee on two pending grant applications, the H2S Sewer Mitigation project and the Broadband Middle-Mile fiber project. We should hear a decision on the two projects within the next couple of weeks.
- **Coffee with the City Manager.** Thank you to everyone that joined us for Coffee with the City Manager on Tuesday morning! We discussed current projects in the city, housing, pending grants, and more. The next event that we are hosting is a hike at Snooks Bottom on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!
- **Waste Management Report.** In April 2022, Fruita residents recycled 50 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report from Waste Management can be found below.
- **Fruita Data 2022.** Each year, the City of Fruita provides an updated overview of current demographics, visitor information, and recent efforts related to the community's core values. This information is useful for businesses and individuals looking to relocate to Fruita. [Click here to view the 2022 data.](#)
- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Mobile Mesa County newsletter can be found at this [link](#). It includes articles on Grand Valley Bike Month, Juco Service for the GVT, the District #51 Student Bus Program, and more.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Outdoor Pool Opens Today.** The Fruita Community Center Outdoor Pool will be open to the public starting today, May 27. A full schedule for indoor and outdoor pools is available at the Fruita Community Center and on our website.
- **FCC Hours on Memorial Day.** The Fruita Community Center will have modified hours: the facility will be open 7:00 am-7:00 pm. All Fitness and Aquatic Classes will be cancelled on May 30.
- **Fruita Park Shelters Available to Rent!** If you are looking for an affordable outdoor space to host a party or have a family gathering, check out our park shelter reservations. Learn more on our website or at the Fruita Community Center Front Desk!

- ***Athletics, Art, and Dance Camp Registration Open.*** It is officially summer break for school-aged kids! Sign your children up for our summer programming including everything from tennis to dance to ceramics. All program details are available on our website and at the Fruita Community Center.
- ***Mike the Headless Chicken next weekend, June 3-4.*** Come to the festival to celebrate our famous headless chicken.  
Full schedule available at [www.miketheheadlesschicken.org/mike/page/2022-schedule](http://www.miketheheadlesschicken.org/mike/page/2022-schedule)
  - Friday Night Headliner at 7:30pm: Josh Gracin
  - Saturday Night Headliner at 7:30pm: Natural Chemistry

## 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 (Intersection of 19 & 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 (Issued) (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

- ***General Update.*** Building Maintenance completed a roof repair for a pump. Road Maintenance staff shut off all safe route signs. They also continued to help the chip seal crew with getting gravel swept up. The FOG coating was completed on 5/26. The crew will be replacing thermal plastics for multiple crosswalks and stop bars that were covered by the chip seal soon. Fleet maintenance performed maintenance on the skid steer and did some troubleshooting on some of the trucks. The Utilities department turned water on to Glade Parks users. They responded to 17 irrigation calls and 45 utility locates were completed.

- **Admin Update.** The Public Works Director and staff completed a tour of the Mountain Water properties and presented the city's grant presentation along with the City Manager to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the H2S Mitigation project.
- **Irrigation Water Update.** The city is experiencing some irrigation issues due to the muddy water in the system. Those at the end of irrigation lines may experience a lack of water due to mud in the line. The city is flushing, cleaning sump pits, and cleaning headgates on a regular basis to help keep the lines clean. If you are experiencing these problems and are part of an HOA please contact your HOA. Residents who are on city irrigation water are asked to clean filters more often to help keep water flowing.

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

- [Waking dream: One-of-a-kind Colorado water park surprises on Western Slope.](#)
- [7 Incredible Festivals to Experience in Colorado.](#)
- [Colorado recovering from pandemic faster than 47 states; job growth outpaces U.S. average for April.](#)
- [Re-branded mountain bike race returns to Grand Junction.](#)
- [State of the valley: Local officials discuss priorities.](#)
- [Highline Lake State Park expecting big crowds for Memorial Day Weekend.](#)
- [Bird flu found in owls in Mesa County.](#)
- [Region to be busy with summer roadwork, so make your travel plan accordingly.](#)
- [Whooping cough in Mesa County.](#)
- [D51 response after Robb Elementary School shooting.](#)
- [Stuck in the Rockies: Switching Gears in Fruita.](#)
- [Weekend Picks: Fit these events into your holiday weekends.](#)
- [CPW reminds public of boat safety.](#)
- [Grand Valley Transit offering free rides during JUCO.](#)

**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.):*

- **May 27, 2022** – Fruita Fourth Friday, downtown Fruita, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **June 1, 2022** – State of the Community Breakfast, hosted by the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce. Absolute Prestige Ranch in Loma, 7:30 a.m.
- **June 3-4, 2022** – Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, downtown Fruita.
- **June 9 – August 11, 2022** – Thursday Night Concert Series, Civic Center Pavillion, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 10, 2022** – Food Truck Fridays, Reed Park, 5:30 p.m.
- **June 11, 2022** – October 29, 2022 – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- **June 14, 2022** – Hike with the City Manager, Snooks Bottom, 9:00 a.m.
- **June 23-25, 2022** – Country Jam, Open Venue, Country Jam Ranch
- **June 30, 2022** – Fruita City Council Ice Cream Social, Civic Center Lawn, 7:30 p.m.
- **July 3, 2022** - Fireworks Display, City of Fruita, Dusk
- **July 12, 2022** – Coffee with the City Manager and Councilmember Amy Miller at Aspen Street Coffee, 9:00 a.m.

- **July 26, 2022** – Ice Cream with the City Manager and Mayor Kincaid, 4:00 p.m.

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)

**FRUITA**

**FREE!**

**BOOTH INFO:**

**HAPPY TRAILS  
COLORADO  
970.639.8165**

**FOURTH**

**Mulberry Street  
Fruita, CO**

**FRIDAYS**

**April 22 • May 27 • June 24  
July 22 • August 26**

**5:00-7:00 pm  
2022**

**DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT SPECIALS  
LIVE MUSIC • DANCING • LOCAL ART**

Presented by the Fruita Downtown Advisory Board



CITY OF FRUITA

## APRIL 2022 RECYCLING BENEFITS

50 tons of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard were recycled by the community this month.

**This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:**

### 609 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 10,355,600 sheets of printing and copy paper!

### 112 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 143 people!

### 96,385 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 9 homes!

### Avoided 108 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 23 passenger vehicles!

### 207,980 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 2,773 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit [WM.com/RecycleRight](https://www.wm.com/RecycleRight).

### Always remember to Recycle Right



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Environmental Paper Network-Paper Calculator V4.0, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO<sub>2</sub>E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent



# 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.