



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Monday's City Council Meeting

As a reminder, our regular City Council meeting was rescheduled to Monday, June 20, 2022, because we have a few members of the Council attending the annual Colorado Municipal League Conference next week. On the agenda for the meeting, we do not have any proclamations or presentations scheduled to begin the meeting. The Council will consider ten items on the consent agenda, before moving on to our only public hearing, considering a resolution to opt-out of the Family Medical Leave Insurance program. After that, Finance Director/City Clerk Margaret Sell will provide the Council with a presentation on the 2021 Financial Statements. We will then formally cancel our August 2, 2022, meeting and schedule our strategic planning retreat for the same night. See you on Monday night!

\$964,050 Awarded in Grants this Week!

It paid off to travel in person to present to the Energy & Mineral Impact Committee in Golden recently. This week we received awards in our full requests for two important projects: Broadband Middle-mile & H2S Mitigation Sewer. Staff did an outstanding job writing these grants and we appreciate the Department of Local Affairs for recognizing these projects' importance to the Fruita community. For the **Middle-mile broadband project**, once finish up the last portion of design work for the lateral connection, we can then put the work out to bid later this year to ultimately to complete fiber to the community and allow for open access for last mile (to residents & businesses). For the **H2S Sewer Mitigation Project**, we were awarded \$600,000 from the Department of Local Affairs. This funding, paired with our match, will help the City replace multiple manholes and several miles of sewer lines that have deteriorated to the high presence of H2S Gas.

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.

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

- **Question:** What is the biosolid program the city's Wastewater Reclamation Facility offers?
- **Answer:** Biosolids can be used as a low-grade fertilizer or can be added to soil to improve the quality of soil on lawns and flower gardens. These biosolids are carefully treated and monitored to meet all requirements of the health department. Interested Fruita residents can pick up biosolids for free at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Please call 970-858-4081 for more information.

General Updates

- **Financial Reports.** City financial reports for April 2022 are now available and can be found in the council packet for our next meeting. A few highlights from the report – in April 2022, City sales tax was 12% higher than April 2021, and is trending at an increase of 6% year-to-date. We also saw increases in use taxes on motor vehicles (up 40% compared to the previous April, up .5% year-to-date), use taxes on building materials (up 62% in April, trending at 51% above 2021), and the County sales tax collections (up 3.5% in April, year to date up 9%) all increased. Lodging tax collections decreased 15% when compared to April of the previous year but is still ahead of 2021 by 3.5%.
- **2023 Budget Preparation.** We are in full swing of budget season with departments combing through long-term plans, operations, 2021 community survey results and performance measures to begin drafting a proposed priority based 2023 annual operating budget.
- **Discover Fruita Radio Show Premier Next Week!** The City of Fruita is now hosting a monthly radio show that will take you behind the scenes and highlight what is going on in our community. Our first episode is next Tuesday, June 21, at 12:00 p.m. on KAFM 88.1. If you miss it, we will be posting links of each episode in a podcast format after the shows. We look forward to discussing our community and hearing from residents about what they love about Fruita!
- **Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG) Implements Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.** At 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2022, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions were implemented on the Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests and the Fruita Division of the Grand Mesa National Forest. To learn more about the stage 1 fire restriction, please [click here](#).
- **Hike with the City Manager.** While it was a lower turnout than normal, we enjoyed visiting with an engaged resident while walking around Snooks Bottom, and look forward to the next engagement July 12, 9am at Aspen Street Coffee with Council member Amy Miller and me.

Engineering

- **2022 Street Overlays.** Streets that were slated for overlays were paved this week. Pavement markings were also applied. More work may occur with valve and manhole adjustments.

Parks and Recreation

- **Bimonthly Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Fruita Parks and Recreation bimonthly newsletter is now available and can be found here: [Thursday Night Concerts Now Through August 11](#). It includes facility updates for the Fruita Community Center, upcoming youth programming, summer athletics offerings, and more.

- ***Aquatics Upgrades.*** Two new UV units are being installed on the indoor pool and hot tub this week. This secondary disinfection system will remove chloramines from the pool as well as protect the public from waterborne illnesses such as Cryptosporidium and E coli.
- ***July Dance, Athletics, and Swim Lesson Registration Open.*** Our many athletic camps, dance and art camps, and aquatic opportunities have July sessions open for registration. Learn more at www.fruita.org/parksrec
- ***Thursday Night Concert Series June 23 Yak Attack.*** Join us for the FREE Thursday concert with the Progressive Jazz/Jamband Yak Attack at Civic Center Park. Bring a chair or blanket for the show starting at 7:30. Please leave pets at home for this concert series.

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)
- Dana Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (317 Pine Street) (3 Lots)
- East Grand Townhomes Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (600 Grand Avenue) (4 Lots)
- Copper Creek West Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (954 19 Road) (138 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
- Dogleg 1 Annexation (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-078)
- Dogleg1 Rezone (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-078)
- Dogleg 2 Annexation (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-094)
- Dogleg 2 Rezone (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-094)
- Latigo Annexation (Under Review) (1834 J Road)
- Latigo Rezone (Under Review) (1834 J Road)
- Adele's Acres Annexation (Under Review) (1024 19 Road)

- Adele's Rezone (Under Review) (1024 19 Road)
- The FARM Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace (Under Construction) (158 Park Square)

Police Department

- **Junior Citizen Police Academy.** The Fruita Police Department is bringing back the Junior Citizen Police Academy! This program is for 12-17 year olds interested in learning about what it's like to be a Police Officer. Students will learn about DUI detection and enforcement, crime scene investigation, and the importance of community involvement. This is a great opportunity for youths and officers to build a stronger relationship with each other. Applications can be picked up at the Fruita Police Department at 101 W McCune Ave. The academy is every Thursday from July 7-28 from 2 pm –4 pm. The flyer for the program can be found below.

Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff corrected all CIRSA safety issues concerning electrical and roofing.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet Maintenance staff worked on a mower blade replacement belt for one of the Parks Department's mowers. They fabricated a convenient sign and tool holder for our Traffic Safety department. The asphalt roller's radiator has been shipped out for repair and they're also beginning the process of a hopper liner replacement for the street sweeper, for Road Maintenance.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** All City dirt roads were treated with Earthbind, a dust control application, last week. The crew is beginning asphalt patching this week.
- **Utilities Update.** Utilities staff performed maintenance on the Vactor truck. They hauled grease from the I-70 lift station, responded to 8 citizen irrigation calls and completed 26 utility locates.
- **Wastewater Collections Update.** Wastewater Collections staff have installed a new ditch pump. They have also been replacing multiple pop-up sprinkler nozzles and filters. The crew has also greased all HVAC unit's blower motor and shaft bearings.
- **Admin Update.** In preparation for 2023 budget staff reviewed the capital equipment replacement fund information and capital project lists.

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

- [Fruita Monument hires new AD.](#)
- [COVID-19 Community Level Moves from Medium to High.](#)
- [Bike trail safety.](#)
- [Area governments receive multi-modal transportation grants.](#)
- [Colorado Canyons Association honored with national BLM volunteer award.](#)
- [Here's where to watch July 4th fireworks in Colorado.](#)
- [Fire danger increasing again, rain will help this weekend.](#)
- [Monument ahead of the game in minimizing plastic waste.](#)
- ['Jurassic Park' in Colorado: Discover dinosaurs at these 8 sites.](#)
- [Here's where to watch July 4th fireworks in Colorado.](#)

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.):

- **June 16 – August 11, 2022** – Thursday Night Concert Series, Civic Center Pavillion, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 11, 2022 – October 29, 2022** – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- **June 23-25, 2022** – Country Jam, Open Venue, Country Jam Ranch
- **June 24, 2022** – Fruita Fourth Friday, downtown Fruita – 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **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

Fruita Police Department Junior Citizen Police Academy

Ages: 12-17

Where: Fruita Police Department

When: Every Thursday July 7th-July 28th

Time: 2pm-4pm

Join us for an introduction into the operations of the Fruita Police Department and the role law enforcement plays within the community.

Applicants will learn about various functions such as: DUI detection and enforcement, crime scene investigation and the importance of community involvement. The academy is designed to develop a greater partnership between the police department and our youth.





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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.