



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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City offices, and the Fruita Community Center, will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day.

Trash and recycling services will be delayed by one day next week. Have a great holiday weekend Fruita!

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

There are no proclamations or presentations scheduled for Tuesday night so the meeting will begin with the Council considering seven items on the consent agenda. We do not have any public hearings or items on the administrative agenda. The meeting will end with reports and council updates. Click [here](#) to access the agenda and packet.

3rd of July Celebration on Sunday.

City of Fruita and Canvas Credit Union present the 3rd of July Fireworks. Fireworks will be launched at dusk from Snooks Bottom. Please note that viewing is not available at Snooks Bottom. Fireworks can be seen from many areas of Fruita. **There will be no public access available at Snooks Bottom Open Space for the entire day of July 3.**



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Street Update – Maple St. And Sabil Dr.

On Tuesday, July 5th, the Road Maintenance crew will be patching at the intersection of Maple St. and Sabil Dr. Maple St. will be a narrow one way and Sabil Dr. will be closed on the West end. Our crew thanks you for using caution while driving through our work zones!

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.

- **Question:** Where can I find information on current fire restrictions?
- **Answer:** View current Mesa County fire restrictions with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office's interactive map [here](#). We also have a fire mitigation resource page on our website with tips and resources on how to prevent wildfires. [Click here](#) to view the resource page.

General Updates

- **CML Conference.** Last week, Councilors Purser, Miller, Breman, Kreie, and staff and I attended the annual Colorado Municipal League Conference. We divided and conquered and attended many sessions from leaders in local government around the state and learned a lot. We look forward to sharing what we learned and discussing it in the future with the whole Council.
- **Congrats Dick Pippenger!** Congratulations to Dick Pippenger, Fire Marshall for Lower Valley Fire District, on his retirement! Dick has been Fire Marshall with Lower Valley for over 21 years, and we have worked with him on a number of projects over those years. Staff and I were able to attend his retirement party on Thursday and thanked him for all his years of service to the Lower Valley over the years. Best of luck in retirement!
- **Discover Fruita Podcast is Now Available!** The first episode of the Discover Fruita podcast is now available on our website. This month we talked with Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso and Facility Supervisor Nicole Shires about how the Fruita Community Center was built, what it looks like today, and future plans for the center. [Click here to listen](#).
- **2022 State of the City Premiere.** We are excited to share that the 2022 State of the City video will be released next Tuesday, July 5th on our social media channels and website. This year's video covers the results from the 2021 Community Survey and how the city is working towards improving the priorities that emerged from the survey results. Watch the trailer for the video on [Fruita.tv](#).
- **Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) and Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) Supplemental EIS.** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for two land-use plans for the CRVFO and GJFO. The purpose of this supplemental EIS is to broaden the range of alternatives in the 2015 Colorado River Valley and Grand Junction RMPs with respect to the lands that are allocated as open or closed for oil and gas leasing. The plan will also analyze post-production greenhouse gas emissions that could result from the combustion of fluid minerals extracted from federal mineral estate leases in the planning area. The BLM has opened a 30-day public scoping period and is taking public comment until July 22, 2022. Visit the project website by [clicking here](#).

- **FTAC Meeting Recap.** At the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (FTAC) meeting on Thursday, we celebrated outgoing members Eric Mello and Denise Hight on over 30 years of service to the board. Both members will certainly be missed, and we want to thank them for all of their time and commitment to the board over these years. Thank you!
- **City Council Ice Cream Social.** Even though the Thursday Night Concert Series was rained out, City Council still passed out lots of ice cream to the community! Thank you to City Council for handing out ice cream in the pouring rain!

Administration

- **ARPA Funds.** The City received the 2nd tranche of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds of \$1.69 million this week.
- **Waste Management Update.** Staff is working on details with Waste Management for rolling out a pilot project for automated trash collection services using the 96-gallon carts within the specific areas of the city.
- **Procurement Software.** Staff is also evaluating a new cloud-based procurement platform to assist in the issuance and publication of RFPS, reaching out to vendors, evaluations of proposals and award of bids/contracts for possible implementation in the near future.
- **Outreach for POST Impact Fee.** The first outreach meeting was held with members of the development community regarding an update to the parks, open space and trails (POST) impact fee. The draft impact fee study has been completed and the city is in the process of obtaining input from the development community and parks and recreation advisory board. This information will be presented to the City Council for discussion at a future meeting.

Human Resources

- **Upcoming Blood Drive.** The St. Mary's Bloodmobile will be at the Fruita Civic Center on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, between 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., hosting a blood drive. If you are interested in donating, you can schedule an appointment at this [link](#). Thank you for savings lives!
- **Current Job Openings.** We currently have a variety of job openings including a Fitness Instructor, Seasonal Parks Worker, Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Worker, and a Maintenance Worker II. Interested applicants can view job descriptions and apply at fruita.org/jobs.

Parks and Recreation

- **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 July 7 Stray Grass.** Join us for the FREE Thursday concert with the bluegrass band Stray Grass 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.
- **The Fruita Community Center installed two new pieces of equipment in the fitness area.** Come try out the new leg curl and hip abductor/adductor machines when you visit our upstairs fitness area.

- ***Fitness classes have had excellent numbers this week for group fitness classes!*** Shauni maxed out her BARRE class with 20 in attendance and Michiko had 7 in her new Zumba class. Fitness staff have been doing an awesome job of offering classes that fit our community and help patrons reach their health goals.
- ***Meals on Wheels will resume at the FCC starting July 11.*** This will be held each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in Cherry, at 12:00pm. Every participant MUST RSVP for the following day. That phone number is 970-298-9844. **No walk-ins**, and all participants need to be registered with Meals on Wheels, and RSVP the day prior to food delivery.

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)

Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff serviced the bay doors at the City shops for our Fleet area. They also performed a plumbing repair at City Hall.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet staff performed multiple vehicle services, DOT inspections and vehicle upfits.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff patched asphalt on S. Elm St., S. Peach St., Ottley and Fremont.
- **Utilities Update.** The Utilities crew responded to 13 irrigation calls from citizens and performed 43 utility locates. They also completed two irrigation valve replacements.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** The Wastewater Treatment crew focused most of the week on cleaning and organizing their plant, had facility walk throughs, inspections and performed lighting maintenance.
- **Admin Update.** The Public Works Director attended the Colorado Municipal League annual conference attending sessions concerning water and wastewater infrastructure projects and funding. Attended the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee meeting. Scheduling budget meeting discussions with Division Supervisors and finalizing employee development assessments.

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

- [Fruita Monument graduate earns spot on Paralympic USA Team.](#)
- [Mesa County to roll out COVID vaccines for young children this week.](#)
- [Copper Club, Le Rouge change approaches to serving food.](#)
- [Overall Stats for Country Jam 2022.](#)
- [Highline Lake sees first season of wakeless Wednesday.](#)
- [Public Health Systems Respond to Monke pox Outbreak, No Local Cases Yet.](#)
- [Commissioners OK marijuana cultivation ordinance.](#)
- [Celebrate Independence: Join community celebrations with fireworks, parades.](#)

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.):*

- **July 7 – August 11, 2022** – Thursday Night Concert Series, Civic Center Pavillion, 7:30 p.m.
- **July 2, 2022 – October 29, 2022** – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.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 22, 2022** - Fruita Fourth Fridays, N. Mulberry Street, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.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



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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.