



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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### Tuesday's City Council Workshop

We have two agenda items for our meeting on Tuesday, and both focus on our ongoing discussions on housing. Our consultant, Economic Planning Solutions, will kick off the meeting with presenting the final draft of the Community Housing Needs report, and then Dee Wisor will discuss housing strategies moving forward.

### Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event

Thank you to everyone that attended our Boards and Commissions Appreciation event on Thursday night! Despite a little rain, we still had a great turnout for the event. Thank you to our hosts of the event, Imondi Wake Zone, and to Big Mike's Food Truck for catering and providing a delicious dinner for guests. This event was an opportunity to thank all of our Boards and Commission members for their hard work throughout the year, and we were excited to host the event in person again. Thank you! If you are interested in learning more about Fruita Boards and Commissions, you can visit our website [here](#).



### Full-Time and Part-Time Positions Available at the City of Fruita

We are currently hiring for a wide variety of positions throughout the City. If you are looking for a part-time job with flexible hours, check out open positions within the Fruita Parks and Recreation Department! From Basketball Sports Officials to Lifeguards and Park Workers, these positions are perfect for those looking to work a part-time job. We are also recruiting for two full-time positions – A Public Works

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Superintendent and a Recreation Coordinator – Athletic/Programs. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please visit [fruita.org/jobs](https://fruita.org/jobs).

### Current Job Openings

- Fitness Instructor - Open until filled
- Seasonal Parks Worker - Open until filled
- Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Worker – Open until filled
- Sports Officials - Open until filled
- Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors - Open until filled
- DinoMites Staff - Open until filled
- Adult Basketball Sports Officials - Closes September 20, 2022
- Public Works Superintendent - Closes September 30
- Recreation Coordinator - Athletics/Programs - Closes September 12, 2022

### Civic Center Parking Lot Closed Friday Afternoon and on Monday, August 29.

The Civic Center Parking lot is going to be closed at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon, Friday August 26, 2022, as Food Trucks set up for the final Fruita Fourth Friday tonight and the Fruita Brews and Food event. On Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Civic Center parking lot will be closed from 6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for crews to restripe the parking lanes.

### 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 many parks does the City of Fruita operate?
- **Answer:** There are thirteen parks owned and operated by the City of Fruita. A full list of parks can be found online by [clicking here](#). Online you can find addresses for each park and a list of amenities. Some of the more traditional neighborhood parks with playgrounds and picnics include Heritage Park and Prospector Park. A few unique parks include the Fruita Bike Park equipped with beginner and intermediate pump tracks, the Fruita Riverfront Park with a disc golf course, and Little Salt Wash Park home to organized athletics.

### General Updates

- **2023 Budget Preparation.** Departments were busy this week with another round of budget preparation meetings and we prepared the proposed 2023 annual budget for the Council and public process that begins at the September Council workshop.

### Parks and Recreation

- **Bi-Monthly Newsletter.** Check out the latest Fruita Parks and Recreation newsletter to learn about upcoming events and activities. [Click here](#) to view the newsletter.

- **Senior Potluck celebrated Ellen Roberts' 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.** The Senior Center had a special cake, decorations, a tiara, and lots of smiles to celebrate local senior Ellen Roberts' 101<sup>st</sup> birthday at Thursday Potluck last week.
- **September 5, Fruita Community Center Hours.** The Fruita Community Center will be open 7:00 am-7:00 pm in observance of Labor Day. The final day for the outdoor pool will also be September 5 with the pool closing at 6:30 pm for the season.
- **We are hiring for Adult Basketball Sports Officials!** If you love basketball and have experience officiating recreation adult basketball, this is the job for you. Positions are for work on Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm-10:00 pm. Learn more at [fruita.org/jobs](http://fruita.org/jobs).
- **Do you know someone with a large vehicle or piece of equipment?** The City of Fruita Parks and Recreation is looking for entries into the Truck-n-Treat event held on October 22. This event gives kids a chance to explore heavy equipment, trucks, and other exciting vehicles while trick or treating for candy. If you have information on a company or individual that would like to participate, please reach out to [mkimball@fruita.org](mailto:mkimball@fruita.org).
- **Vendor applications are open for the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair!** Calling all craft and art vendors interested in selling their goods at our fair on December 10. Applications are available on our webpage and will be due on October 14. [Click here](#) for the application.
- **Take our survey for a chance to win a City of Fruita Swag Pack!** Help us to learn more about how best to get you our activity guide information. This 3-minute survey will help us better communicate program information to you. Surveys completed by August 31 will be entered in a chance to win a City of Fruita Swag Pack. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

## 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)
- Dogleg 1 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.** Staff serviced all swamp coolers in the Fleet shop.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet staff replaced a front axle seal, draglink, repaired a rock chip, performed a front-end alignment, serviced and performed a DOT inspection on a Public Works truck. Two services were performed on mowers. A draglink bracket was also replaced on the street sweeper.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Staff replaced thermal plastic at the intersections of W. Pabor Avenue, Coulson Street, Pine Street, and Ottley Avenue. Asphalt patches were completed on McCune Avenue and Maple Street. They have also continued with right-of-way mowing, weed spraying, and street sweeping.
- **Utilities Update.** Staff had to perform a confined space entry for an electrical repair for the Heritage Park sewer pump. They also assisted the Parks Department with hydro excavation and electrical locating at Little Salt Wash Park for irrigation repairs. We want to welcome our new seasonal employee, Kevin DeLong, we're excited for him to be a part of our team!
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Staff worked on troubleshooting the solids handling drum speed. They continued with ground maintenance and weed control. WET (Whole Effluent Toxicity) testing will begin next week.
- **Admin Update.** Public Works Director participated in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) & Biosolids Stakeholder Workgroup. PFAS are a family of chemicals used in some firefighting foams and other products and are present throughout the environment. Under Regulation, 64 additional monitoring of biosolids will be required through sampling and testing. The State of Colorado is currently working on sampling guidance. The Public Works Director also Participated in the MS4 Technical Advisory Committee meeting with Grand Valley representatives and completed a mini grant application to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District to purchase two variable message signs.

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

- [Fruita teenager at the end of year-long running goal.](#)
- [Fruita's Eyre is emerging as a leader.](#)

- [Colorado Mesa University classes begin Monday.](#)
- [Fruita, Palisade make first CHSAA football poll.](#)
- [Fruita Teenager Completes 365 Mile.](#)
- [County accepts more FAA runway grants.](#)
- [Commissioners OK permit for Fruita solar garden.](#)
- [Final Fruita Food and Brews.](#)
- [Friday Night Pick: Check Out Fruita Food & Brews.](#)
- [Mesa County Public Health Prepares to Administer New COVID-19 Booster Vaccine.](#)

**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.):*

- **August 26, 2022** – Fruita Fourth Friday, Downtown Fruita, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **August 27, 2022 – October 29, 2022** – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- **September 7, 2022** – Colorado Municipal League District Meeting at 4:00 p.m., Rio Blanco Fire Protection Building in Meeker (please let Deb or I know if you would like to attend, and we will register you for the meeting).
- **September 9, 2022** – One Riverfront Concert, James M Robb Colorado River State Park, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 22, 2022** – City Engagement Event - Cupcakes in the Park, Circle Park, 1:00 p.m.
- **September 23 – 24, 2022** – Fruita Fall Festival, Downtown Fruita
- **September 29, 2022** – City Engagement Event – Walk Downtown Fruita, Downtown Fruita, 9:00 a.m.
- **October 8, 2022**, E-Waste Recycling Event, Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot, 9:00 A.m. - 1:00 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)



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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.