



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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### **Fruita City Council Accepting Applications for One Vacancy**

The City of Fruita City Council is currently accepting applications to fill one vacant Councilmember position. **Applications will be accepted until Thursday, September 22 by 5:00 p.m., and the Fruita City Council will conduct in-person interviews for the position on October 10, 2022.** The application for the position can be found at [fruita.org/citycouncil](http://fruita.org/citycouncil).

### **Bike Park Construction Slated to Begin September 19, 2022**

Beginning September 19, 2022, the Fruita Bike Park will be closed to the public for renovations. The trail building team from Singletrack Trails will start the process of updating and adding new features to the park. Given the amount of use, there has been wear to some of the features as well as erosion from weather. To keep the park in a desired condition, reworking some of the elements is required. The project will provide a more durable and longer-lasting set of features and make it more attractive to the users of the bike park. The project is expected to be complete by the end of October. We ask the community to please respect the closure so crews can work safely and efficiently to get the construction done and the bike park back open to the public. We are excited to see this project begin!

### **Busy Weekend in Fruita!**

It's going to be a busy weekend in Fruita. Tonight, is the last Food Truck Friday of the season at Reed Park today from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. There will be a variety of food options, live music, a beer garden, and more! Also tonight is the final Riverfront Concert at the State Park, and Little Texas is headlining in the concert and will be joined by the Williams Brothers Band. Finally, tomorrow morning, a few members of our Boards and Commissions will be hosting a booth at the Fruita Farmers Market if anyone is interested in learning more about how they can get involved in the City.

### **Sidewalk Grinding Begins Monday, September 12.**

As part of the larger 2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project, crews will begin the sidewalk grinding portion of the project next week. The sidewalk grinding is expected

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to take one week and will have minimal sidewalk closures. Some concrete locations throughout the city are candidates for grinding instead of full replacements which is less expensive and takes less time. A map of the affected areas can be found below.

### **Visit the Community Center to Update Contact Information! (Continued)**

The Fruita Community Center is excited to be transitioning to a new and more user-friendly software platform in October. We will need to update the billing information for all monthly FCC pass holders and you may be contacted via phone by staff for this information. If you get billed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (both ACH and Credit Card) please call or stop by the front desk to provide us with this information for the new software by October 3. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a smooth transition. See you soon!

### **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 find out when City Council meets and what's on the agenda?
- **Answer:** Fruita City Council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Regular City Council meetings begin at 7 p.m. and City Council Workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fruita Civic Center Council Chambers. A full calendar of meetings can be found online at [fruita.org](http://fruita.org). Agendas, minutes, and packets containing detailed info on each item on the agenda are also posted online the Friday before the meeting date and can be found [here](#).

### **General Updates**

- ***Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.*** Enjoyed attending this event hosted by Family Health West's Physical Therapy Department who walked us through interactive trials of their equipment and services. It was very informative and such a great resource in the community.
- ***Update on EV Charging Stations Project.*** Last week, staff applied for and was granted an extension for the \$75,000 grant the City received from the Colorado Energy Office for our EV Charging Stations project at the Civic Center. Unfortunately, this project has been delayed due to the availability of materials, and due to the design needed for the electric upgrades to accommodate the stations. The grant was extended until April of next year, and the project will be carried over in the 2023 Budget.

### **Engineering**

- ***Pine Street Bridge Closure Beginning October 3, 2022.*** A full road closure at the Pine Street Bridge north of K.4 Road and south of K.6 Road will begin on October 3, 2022 and will last through June 2023. During the closure, the bridge will undergo a full replacement and necessary safety enhancements by widening the bridge to three lanes, installing a curb, gutters, and a five-foot wide sidewalk on each side of the bridge. Below or by [clicking here](#), you can view the recommended detour during the closure.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Night at the FCC September 16, Signed Code of Conduct Required.** 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders can enjoy the entire Fruita Community Center all to themselves with a live DJ, inflatables, basketball, swimming, and more. We are introducing a new Code of Conduct for this event that must be signed for students to attend. Bring your printed and complete Code of Conduct to the event or plan to complete one at the door. Remember Parent Sign in/out is required for this event as well. The Code of Conduct can be found at: <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/night-fcc>
- **Dance Programs start September 12.** Dance classes are available in a variety of styles: ballet, contemporary, tap, rhythm boppers, and jazz. Classes are available for ages 3-5, 6-10, and 11-14 years. The full schedule and registration details are available in the [Activity Guide online](#) or at the Fruita Community Center.
- **Fruita Mile Running Club starts 9/21.** Join Fruita Parks and Recreation to improve your running skills and your form through drills and games. 9/21-10/26 on Wednesdays (no class October 12), times: 4:30 pm -5:30 pm at the Fruita Community Center Backyard with a fee of \$25. Register now at the Fruita Community Center!
- **Try out one of our new fitness classes!** We now offer tabata, total body toning, dance, functional yoga, and new times for traditional yoga. Learn more about our new class offerings online at <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/current-fitness-schedule>.
- **Do you know someone with a large vehicle or piece of equipment?** City of Fruita Parks and Recreation is looking for entries into the Truck-n-Treat event to be 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. <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/holiday-arts-crafts-fair>.
- **Bi-Monthly Newsletter is now available!** Check out the Parks and Recreation newsletter to learn more about upcoming activities, events, and important updates. [Click here](#) to read.

## 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**

- ***Coffee with a Cop.*** Officers enjoyed meeting and talking with some residents who attended Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday Morning. Many thanks to Aspen Street Coffee for hosting the event.



## Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Staff continued to work on replacing swamp cooler pads and removing calcium buildup from swamp cooler units at the shop. They are working on correcting any fire inspection issues for City owned buildings.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** A flat tire was repaired for the WWRF mower. A Parks ATV had a new gearbox installed for its broom attachment. The paint striper was cleaned due to pressure loss. Multiple inspections and services were completed.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Staff painted the Civic Center parking lot and shop parking lot. Alley maintenance behind Copper Club and Base Camp was completed. They also began prepping for multiple patches throughout the city. Jesse McClaskey and Raymond Mikhail both attended traffic control technician training and passed their exams. Congratulations Jesse and Raymond!
- **Utilities Update.** Staff installed bollards at I-70 lift station to secure their valve exerciser. They cleaned inspection bulbs at IIG due to alarm call outs. Electrical repairs and a utility transfer switch replacement were completed at the Raptor Rd. lift station. Staff completed CIRSA training for traffic control and CDOT flagging.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** With the new fabric cover for their storage outbuilding, the crew is busy organizing their space.
- **Admin Update.** Public Works Director met with a representative from Waterworth to discuss financial management for wastewater system. Reviewed past maintenance of alleyways and reviewed current allocation of water shares in the irrigation system.

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

- [River district, CMU to host water events.](#)

- [Fruita annexes 15 acres on 19 Road.](#)
- [Behind the scenes of the FHW Foundation.](#)
- [Fruita climbs 4A Ranking.](#)
- [BLM and partners to host multiple National Public Lands Day volunteer events in western Colorado.](#)
- [Grand Junction Police Department warns about 'rainbow' fentanyl.](#)
- [Fruita ends losing streak with win over central.](#)
- [Man arrested for attempted murder in Fruita.](#)
- [D51 board receives updates on security and safety in schools.](#)
- [Bivalent Booster now offered at Mesa County Public Health.](#)
- [Fruita author and landscaper renowned for work on crevice gardens.](#)
- [Singletrack, world-famous pizza, and a headless chicken in Fruita.](#)
- [RiversEdge West receives \\$10,000 for various riparian programs.](#)

**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.*):

- **September 9, 2022** – One Riverfront Concert, James M Robb Colorado River State Park, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 14, 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 (**Amy is attending**)).
- **September 14, 2022** – Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (OREC) invites you to join them for a community presentation and listening session in GJ at Base Camp Beer Works, 2575 US 6&50, Unit C from 3-8pm to hear an economic impact report from Dr. Perry, CMU, and OREC presentation and listening session, happy hour and concluding with campfire conversations hosted by The Wright. (**Mike, Shannon, & Ciara are attending**). Click [here](#) to RSVP.
- **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)

**Sidewalk Grinding Areas**





Pine Street Bridge Closure Recommended Detour









# 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.