



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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***City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.***

We hope that you have a great holiday weekend, Fruita! Many city facilities and services will have modified hours on Monday, September 5th.

- City offices will be closed all day.
- The Fruita Community Center (FCC) will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Monday is the last day of the season for the FCC outdoor pool! The pool will close at 6:30 p.m.
- Trash and recycling will be delayed by one day next week.

**Tuesday's City Council Meeting**

We have no proclamations or presentations scheduled for our meeting on Tuesday night, so the meeting will begin with the City Council considering several items on the consent agenda before moving on to public hearings. There are three quasi-judicial hearing items on the agenda, and those include two special event liquor permit applications and one planning item. For legislative hearing items, we an amendment to the 2023 budget to be considered, and two planning items. Our meeting will conclude with the formal review of the City Attorney. When available, the full agenda and packet can be found at this [link](#). See you all on Tuesday night!

**Visit the Community Center to Update Contact Information!**

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!

**Sidewalk Replacement Project Starts Next Week**

The 2022 sidewalk replacement project is kicking off this week, with most of the work focused on the Heritage Meadows and Village at Country Creek subdivisions.

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

Residents can expect partial street closures in affected areas during working hours, but streets will be open in the mornings and evenings. Staff anticipates that construction will move from the south area of town to the north and for the entire project to last until late fall. We appreciate your patience while we work to improve pedestrian safety throughout town. A map can be found below, and more information on the City's sidewalk replacement program can be found [here](#).

### **Full-Time and Part-Time Positions Available at the City of Fruita (Continued)**

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

### **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:** What services are offered in the Fruita Civic Center?
- **Answer:** The Fruita Civic Center is located at 325 East Aspen Avenue in downtown Fruita. Inside you'll find city departments including Administration, Planning, Engineering, Municipal Court, the City Manager, and Human Resources. For help with utility services, visit the Administration window on the first floor. City Council meetings also take place here in the City Council Chambers. In addition, the Department of Motor Vehicles runs an office from the building open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This building is home to F-Works Co-Working, dance classes, and tons of events that take place outside in Civic Center Park such as Thursday Night Concerts and the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival. Check out this short video tour on the City of Fruita's Instagram account [here](#).

### **General Updates**

- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The August edition of the Mobile Mesa County newsletter is now available. Read about the new Safe Routes to School app to help families find the safest route to school, new funding for Mesa County to purchase four new Compressed Natural Gas buses, and upcoming events for Mesa County's Fall Bike Month. [Click here](#) to view the newsletter.
- **Civic Center Parking Lot Closed Today.** The Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot is closed today from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for restriping. This project was originally scheduled for Monday, but was postponed to today.
- **Reception for Dalida Bollig, Executive Director, GJ Business Incubator Center.** On Thursday night, Mayor Kincaid, Mayor Pro-Tem Breman, and I enjoyed meeting the new director of the Grand Junction Business Incubator Center. We are excited for Dalida and look forward to continuing our partnership with the Incubator.

- **Community Open House for Mesa County Master Plan.** On September 13, 2022, Mesa County is holding a Community Open House for the Master Plan update at the Fairgrounds. Mesa County will share what they have learned and some of the ideas from the community for the Master Plan. They will also be receiving feedback from the community on the Master Plan. More information can be found [here](#). The workshops are throughout the day at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and at 6:00 p.m.
- **Fill the Rack Donation Drive.** Throughout the month of September, Colorado Mesa University Career Services and the Student Business Closet is hosting a Fill the Rack Donation Drive. The donation location in Fruita is the Fruita Chamber Building, at 432 E. Aspen Avenue. Career Services is looking for new or lightly used business attire, such as suits, professional dresses, shoes, jewelry, ties, purses, bags, briefcases, etc.
- **Guest Speaker at Monument Ridge Elementary School.** The Mayor and I enjoyed interacting with the Monument Ridge Third graders this week who were prepared with insightful questions and a pleasure to engage with discussing the role of the city and services we provide the community.



## Engineering

- **Sidewalk Replacement Project.** Bids for the Sidewalk Replacement Project closed last Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We received two bids with the lowest bid being \$91,214. There is \$100,000 budgeted for this project, so staff may look at other areas to complete as part of the program.

## Marketing and Promotion

- **FTAC Accepting Applications for Special Event Funding.** Each year, the City of Fruita and the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (“FTAC”) are excited to partner with individuals, organizations, and businesses to promote and sponsor special events in Fruita. The FTAC is currently accepting applications for special event funding for next year. In the past, this funding has helped sponsor events such as the Rim Rock Rodeo, the Fruita Fat Tire Festival, the Fruita Fall Festival, and more. If you are planning on hosting a special event in Fruita next year, more information and the application to apply for funding can be found at this [link](#).

## Parks and Recreation

- **Dog Daze Next Week!** Next Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., bring your dog to swim in the outdoor pool. Donations will benefit Roice Hurst Humane Society with Chow Down Pet Supplies bringing toys and supplies and Harmony Animal Matchmaker having adoptions available.
- **Night at the FCC September 16, Code of Conduct Required.** 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders can enjoy the entire Fruita Community Center all to themselves with live dj, inflatables, basketball, swimming and more. We are introducing a new Code of Conduct for this event that must be signed by parent/guardian and student 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.
  - Code of Conduct can be found at: <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/night-fcc>
- **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 7pm-10pm. Learn more at [fruita.org/jobs](http://fruita.org/jobs).
- **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. More information can be found [here](#).

## 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.*** The Lower Valley Fire District completed fire inspections at the Public Works Shop, Civic Center, and Police Department.
- ***Fleet Maintenance Update.*** Fleet staff replaced the thermostat in the asphalt roller and performed multiple equipment and vehicle services.
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Staff patched on Jasper Dr. and Mica Dr. Thermal plastic was repaired on Ottley Ave. and Coulson St. They have also proceeded with Right of Way mowing and street sweeping.
- ***Utilities Update.*** Staff began training sessions with our newest crew member on the Vector truck. They trimmed trees near David Ct. to clear a walking path. 50 locates were completed.
- ***Admin Update.*** Public Works Director attended a Grand Valley Stakeholder meeting with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads(TMDL). Public Works staff met with a representative from Hensel Phelps who was selected as the city's Construction Manager at Risk to discuss the H2S Mitigation Project for the sewer system. Attended a webinar on doing more with less and the importance of being proactive in maintenance. Completed and submitted the Department of Local Affairs Energy Impact Assistance Grant for the WWRF Aeration System project. Notice of awards will happen

sometime in December. The Public Works Superintendent position has been posted and will close on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** WeatherPort has completed the installation of a fabric roof replacement for one of the Wastewater outbuildings. Staff have been working on reducing polymer costs for the autothermal thermophilic aerobic digestion (ATAD) system. So far this summer, pounds per ton of polymer have been reduced by 35% compared to wintertime operations. One of the clarifiers will be taken down for maintenance and repair.



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

- [Book Notes: August 28.](#)
- [Fruita Monument shines at cross country invite.](#)
- [Fruita softball takes two of three in Front Range tourney.](#)
- [Fruita churns out low-scoring win over Central.](#)
- [D51 Superintendent Listening Tour.](#)
- [Specialized Bicycles Joins Roam Fest as Title Partner of the World's largest Women's MTB Festival.](#)
- [Fruita delivers statement win over Montrose.](#)

**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 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.