



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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### **Tuesday's City Council Workshop**

We have a few agenda items for our meeting on Tuesday. We will continue discussions on the 2023 budget and review the outside agency funding requests, housing strategies, and the housing authority by-laws. Also, before the meeting, please meet at the Fruita Civic Center between 5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for new headshots and a group photo. See you Tuesday night!

### **Truck-N-Treat & Trick-or-Treat Street Tomorrow!**

Head to downtown Fruita this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. to enjoy Fruita's Halloween events! In the streets around the Civic Center, the City's Truck-N-Treat event will be taking place with large trucks dressed up for Halloween. Walk around each truck to explore and collect candy from vendors. On Aspen Street, enjoy the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce's Trick-or-Treat Street event where local businesses will be handing out candy. During these events, Aspen Street from Circle Park to Maple Street and Peach and Elm Street will be closed. This is our first year combining the events now that the Trick-or-Treat Street event has grown large enough to require closed streets.

### **Leaf Pick Up for Waste Management Pilot Areas (Continued)**

To help residents in the Waste Management pilot program dispose of fallen leaves, during the week of November 7, 2022, residents can place extra bags of **leaves** next to their trash can for pick up. Waste Management will pick up extra bags of leaves on your normal pick-up day (depending on volume, they may have to finish the following day).

- Leaves must be bagged.
- Bags must be 3 feet away from your trash cart.
- Only bags of leaves will be picked up.

In August 2022, residents in the pilot program received a 96-gallon cart. If you are unsure if you are a part of the Waste Management pilot program, please review the [pilot program maps](#).

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

## Reed Park Stories (Continued)

The City of Fruita is working on plans to renovate Reed Park. Designs are currently underway! We would love to hear from Fruita residents what Reed Park means to them. By telling us your stories, the City hopes to obtain more funding to go towards the park. Tell us what Reed Park means to you at [bit.ly/reedparkstory](http://bit.ly/reedparkstory).

## 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 is FOG and why is it important for residents to know about it?
- **Answer:** FOG refers specifically to fats, oils, and grease when poured down the drain in homes, apartments, businesses, restaurants, and public facilities. Typically, FOG is a byproduct of cooking. The following are common FOG to avoid pouring down the drain: Butter, lard, shortening, cooking oil, fats and oils from cooked meats, food scraps, milk and heavy creams.

Every week, City of Fruita crews spend an estimated 12 hours per week to remove 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of fats, oils, and grease from the City sewer system. When fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are poured down the sink, large thick grease collects and blocks pipes. This can lead to sewer backups, overflows, and contamination of local waterways. As part of the City's ongoing effort to protect the environment as well as the integrity and operation of public infrastructure, the City of Fruita is asking for your help to encourage the proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease.

## General Updates

- **Re-Imagine Destination Workshop.** On Tuesday, members of the Fruita Tourism Advisory Board and staff attended a joint workshop for Fruita and Palisade's tourism partnership. The workshop was hosted by the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) as part of the Re-Imagine Destination Program. The program also includes 100 hours of free consulting from the CTO to help with tourism projects and \$20,000 for direct marketing support. We had a great turnout with partners from Palisade, Mesa County, the Fruita Chamber, and more in attendance. We discussed current tourism efforts and planned for creating an adventure gravel bike guide to distribute to visitors and locals. We are excited to continue our partnership with Palisade to help strengthen tourism in both destinations.
- **Discover Fruita.** This week on the City's radio show, Discover Fruita, we talked with Steve and Denise Hight about the history of Fruita. Steve shared the history behind the Elmwood Cemetery and a few folks who were part of Fruita's early history like William Pabor and Charles Glass. We also discussed the Historic Preservation Board and how interested residents can join the board. The episode will be available [online](#) as a podcast in the next week or so.
- **First Adopt a Street Clean-Up Event.** Yesterday afternoon, Family Health West completed the first clean up event for the City's newly created Adopt-a-Street program. Family Health West

adopted a portion of Ottley Avenue (between Coulson and Maple Street), and 11 volunteers spent time picking up trash along the stretch yesterday. Thank you Family Health West for your participation in the program! If you are interested in learning more about the City of Fruita's Adopt-a-Street/Trail program, you can visit our website [here](#).



Photo by Family Health West

## Engineering

- **North Mulberry Outdoor Space Project Update.** The construction for the North Mulberry Outdoor Space Project is scheduled to be available for bids in early December with documents available in early November.
- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** Various utilities are continuing to be relocated prior to the removal of the existing Pine Street Bridge at Little Salt Wash.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Maintenance Week 2022 Was a Success!** Our one-week closure of the facility allowed us to train for our new software, install a new filter and climbing wall for the pool, resurface wood floors, deep clean carpets and windows, maintain and clean fitness equipment, and much more. We are back to normal hours this week. Come visit our shining facility to see all the hard work our staff and contractors put into refreshing the Community Center!
- **New Software in place at the Fruita Community Center.** We have installed new software in the Fruita Community Center. Please be prepared to stop and check in at the front desk to re-issue your membership key fob or to receive a QR code. Please be patient and understanding with staff as we navigate this new software.

- ***Pumpkin Dunk on Friday, October 21.*** Our indoor pool will become a floating pumpkin patch from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on October 21. There is a \$10 pre-registration fee required to reserve a pumpkin.
- ***Alzheimer's Education Series Returns to the Fruita Community Center.*** The first in a two-part series about Alzheimer's will be held on October 19 at 1:00 pm. Join us to learn about "Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research". This program will have light refreshments and snacks, please pre-register.
- ***Boys Basketball Open for Registration.*** Register now for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program. The early bird fee is \$50 until December 18. Practices will begin on January 16.
- ***New Youth dance and art session starting in November.*** New sessions of DIY Art, Passport to Art, and a variety of dance classes will be starting the first week of November. Register now!

### **Planning & Development**

- ***Welcome Matt!*** Matt Carson, the City's new Code Enforcement Officer, started this week. Matt is a retired firefighter and most recently served as Battalion Chief in charge of training, recruitment, and new fire stations at the City of Grand Junction. We are very excited for Matt to be joining the team and know that his experience and expertise will be a great resource for residents and the organization. Welcome!

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

- **Fruita Monument High School Softball Team.** The Fruita Police Department had a great time escorting the Fruita Monument High School Softball Team to their big game on Thursday!



## Public Works

- **Congratulations to John Carrillo!** After a national search, a new Public Works Superintendent has been chosen. We are excited for John Carrillo, our current Utilities Supervisor, to take on this role. John started his career with the city as a Maintenance Worker and has steadily progressed his career over the past 14 years in Public Works. John holds a State of Colorado Class 4 Collections Operator certificate which is the most advanced level for Wastewater Collections, a Class D Industrial Wastewater certificate and a Class D Wastewater Operator license. He is a certified Traffic Control Supervisor, Heavy Equipment Operator, holds a Class A CDL driver's license and has successfully completed the Grand Valley Leadership Academy.
- **Building Maintenance Update.** The emergency fire doors at the Civic Center were repaired.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Cutting edges were replaced on the moldboard and front tires were installed on the motor grader. Multiple preventative maintenance services were performed on various vehicles. Docking stations were worked on in Police vehicles.

- **Road Maintenance Update.** The Fruita Community Center parking lot was crack-sealed, and stalls were painted. Weeds were removed on the Highway 340 overpass. Several members from the crew took a trip to the Fruita Reservoirs 1, 2 and 3 and continued with dam maintenance.
- **Utilities Update.** A damaged sanitary sewer service line was repaired during the Pine Street Bridge project. They continued with jetting sewer lines and completed 27 utility locates. Multiple Public Works departments came together to shut down city-supplied irrigation in one day. Great teamwork to the crews who were able to lend a hand!
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** An airline to the Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) tank was sheared off and an emergency repair was completed. This tank is where the biomass, from the secondary system, is pumped and stored for later processing. The Discharge Monitoring Report was completed for the WWRF, no violations were reported.
- **Admin Update.** Public Works and Parks staff attended the Mesa County's Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Training for Municipal Operations and completed the annual facility audit/inspection.

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

- [Fruita advances to state softball tournament.](#)
- [Fruita Monument's braniac.](#)
- [Fruita school keeping students inside after bear cub sighting.](#)
- [Mesa County's 2023 proposed budget.](#)
- [Fire at Fruita pet business leaves animals dead.](#)
- [Fruita's Truck-N-Treat event.](#)
- [Fruita beats central in the regular season finale.](#)

**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.):*

- **October 22, 2022** – Truck-N-Treat, Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **October 22, 2022** – Trick or Treat Street, Downtown Fruita, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **November 2, 2022** – Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager, Suds Brothers Brewery, 5:30 p.m.
- **November 30, 2022** – Coffee and Chat with the City Manager, Camilla's Kaffe, 8:00 a.m.
- **December 10, 2022** – Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair, Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- **December 14, 2022** – Hot Chocolate with the City Manager and Councilor Amy Miller, Starbucks Coffee, 4:00 p.m.
- **December 15, 2022** – Cookies & Claus, Fruita Community Center, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 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.