



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: NOVEMBER 10, 2022  
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

***City offices will be closed tomorrow, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day.***

Thank you to all of the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. If you are a Veteran, the Fruita Community Center provides a free day pass on November 11 each year. Thank you!

**Tuesday's City Council Meeting**

We will kick off our meeting on Tuesday with two presentations, the first from the Fruita Arts and Culture Board for the "Art on the Corner" project, and the second is the annual update on the Fruita Chamber of Commerce from Chamber staff. After the presentations, the City Council will consider several items on the consent agenda and then move on to public hearings. We have two public hearings on the agenda, a Supplemental Budget Amendment to the 2022 Budget, and then the first reading of the 2023 Budget. As part of the first reading, staff will provide a presentation on the Budget Overview and the Economic Health and Development highlights from the budget. We will conclude our meeting with scheduling my upcoming review.

**Arts & Culture Roundabout Project Ceremony**

On Tuesday night, the Fruita Arts and Culture Board had a ceremony for the completion of the informational signage for the roundabout project at the Fruita Visitor Center. The board raised money to design, purchase, and install the signs. A special recognition plaque was presented to Bill Holstein for his support of the Fruita Arts and Culture Board. It was a great evening celebrating the hard work that brought the roundabout project to life.

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



### **Snowstorm Tree Limb Drop Off Closes Today**

Last Friday, Fruita Parks and Public Works utilized the Little Salt Wash overflow parking lot to collect fallen tree limbs from last week's snowstorm. The location was also open for the community to drop off fallen trees from their property. Today will be the last day to drop off fallen tree limbs. The drop off location will close at 5:00 p.m. today.

- Little Salt Wash Park overflow parking
- Free to the community!
- Closes today at 5:00 p.m.

We are so glad the community was able to utilize this service! We hope the drop off location alleviated some stresses that followed the earlier snowstorm.

### **Trail Closure at the Little Salt Wash Trail under I-70 Starting November 14, 2022 (Continued)**

Starting on Monday, November 14, 2022, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be closing a section of the Little Salt Wash Trail under I-70 to perform structural maintenance. With the Little Salt Wash stream running near the I-70 bridge, fast-moving water can remove sediment from around the bridge abutments. When this happens, the structure can be compromised and affect the structural integrity. There are scour holes at both the Little Salt Wash and Big Salt Wash bridges for I-70. So, CDOT will be making repairs to both crossings which will result in a closure of the Lower Little Salt Wash Trail.

CDOT anticipates the closure to last through the winter. Access from the north to the Kokopelli section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail will remain open. CDOT will be sharing more information about the project and detour route next week on the project website - <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i70-salt-wash-bridge-scour>. CDOT is handling the notice on the trail to users and we have been following up with them to get the physical notice on the trails. A map of the 1.75 mile detour route can be found below.

## 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:** Does the City of Fruita plow the streets after a snowfall?
- **Answer:** Yes! You can expect to see City crews out plowing the main roads throughout Fruita during and after snowstorms. When City crews are out plowing, please treat the vehicles the same way you would an emergency vehicle. Crews use extreme caution at streetlights and stop signs, but if there is no traffic in the area, they will proceed forward. Please never pass a snowplow and if you come across a snowplow, please give them the right of way.

## General Updates

- **First Reading of 2023 Budget.** The first reading of the 2023 City of Fruita Municipal Budget will happen during the regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. If you are interested in learning more about the proposed 2023 Budget, you can visit our website [here](#) to find the most recent draft of the budget. A summary of the highlights of the proposed budget can be found in the introduction, the Transmittal Letter from the City Manager to the Fruita City Council and Fruita residents.
- **Working Along Side the Engineering Department.** On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to work with the Engineering Department on surveying land in preparation for the installation of fencing for the dog park. They showed me how they collect spatial information about the land to help choose the best design concepts for the project. As usual, I was completely impressed by their expertise and dedication to the work.



- **Monthly Waste Management Report.** In October, Fruita residents recycled 52 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. The full report from Waste Management can be found below.

## Parks and Recreation

- **2 Days Left for Food Drive at the Fruita Community Center.** We will be collecting nonperishables until November 13 at the Fruita Community Center in the gift-wrapped boxes by

the front desk. Some items that are great donations are peanut butter, pasta, tuna, soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.

- **6 Spots Left in Teen Weightlifting.** Teens who are 14 by start date of the class will learn proper form for weightlifting. Sessions are held on Sundays 9:30-11am starting 11/13. More sessions will be available in January, February and March.
- **Night at the FCC November 18, 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. A Code of Conduct must be signed for this event 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. [Click here for the Code of Conduct.](#)
- **Boys Basketball Open for Registration.** The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program is registering now. Early bird fee of \$50 until December 18. Practices will begin on January 16.
- **Basketball and Volleyball in need of Coaches.** If you are interested in coaching our youth athletics, we have opportunities for our winter boys' basketball league and co-ed volleyball league. Learn more by emailing Rylie Vavra at [rvavra@fruita.org](mailto:rvavra@fruita.org).

## 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 Department

- **Law Enforcement Records Personnel Week.** This week was Law Enforcement Records Personnel Week. We are thankful for our wonderful records staff who support us and keep the office going.

### Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** The Civic Center second floor is going through shuffling of rooms. The Heritage Room moved to the old Rotary Room and the Rotary Room moved to the old Independence Room so that FWorks can expand their space where the Heritage Room was, which adjoins FWorks. We appreciate the cooperation of each group and the help of Building Maintenance and the Road Crew with the moves.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** The sprocket for the pump coupler and keyway were replaced on the Vactor. Two dump trucks were worked on, one for plow wiring and one for erratic engine oil pressure. The monthly forklift inspection was completed. Temperature sensors and wiring were replaced on the crack sealer.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** The crew continued to haul dirt for the Bike Park. The dirt road on the East side of Rim Rock Elementary was bladed and a road base was added. They also aided in shuffling the Heritage and Rotary Room at the Civic Center.
- **Utilities Update.** The I-70 Lift Station foul air fan was rewired, and connectors were replaced. The IIG Lift Station force main was cleaned, and priming sensors were replaced. After the snowstorm, the crew spent a lot of time cutting and hauling tree limbs off.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Influent pump #2 was greased and pump #3 was cycled to primary. The ATAD (Autothermal Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion) motive was greased and transferred pump #1 motors. They flushed and swapped the solids processing feed and dosing pumps. Monthly cleaning and calibration checks on process instrumentation probes were performed. Oil heaters for ditch mixers were turned on.

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

- [Rim Rock runners key their eyes on family – and prizes.](#)
- [Western Slope Football Playoffs First Round Recap.](#)
- [Mesa County real estate activity slows.](#)
- [Wildcats take care of Warriors in crosstown playoff game.](#)
- [National Signing Dat Fall - 2022.](#)
- [Warriors, 'Cats continue RMAC Invasion.](#)

- [Long-running fund-raiser supports local theatrics.](#)
- [VA Hospital back to 24/7 emergency room.](#)

**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.):*

- **November 26, 2022** - Downtown Holiday Lighting, Downtown Fruita, 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 10, 2022** – Fruita Parade of Lights, Downtown Fruita, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 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)

### Detour Route for CDOT Little Salt Wash Trail Closure



#### Legend

 Fruita Riverfront Trail closure

 Recommended detour route for Riverfront Trail users



CITY OF FRUITA

## OCTOBER 2022 RECYCLING BENEFITS

52 tons of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard were recycled by the community this month.

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

### 839 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 14,269,200 sheets of printing and copy paper!

### 121 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 154 people!

### 120,886 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 11 homes!

### Avoided 143 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 30 passenger vehicles!

### 255,614 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,408 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit [WM.com/RecycleRight](https://www.wm.com/RecycleRight).

### Always remember to Recycle Right



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Environmental Paper Network-Paper Calculator V4.0, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO<sub>2</sub>E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent





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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.