



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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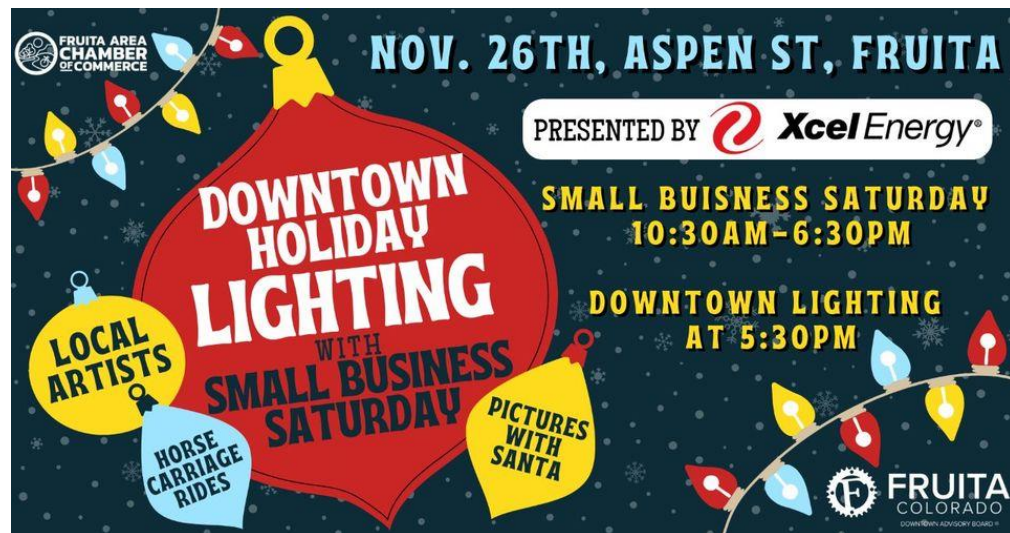
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City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th & 25th, for Thanksgiving.

We hope that you have a great Thanksgiving, Fruita! The Fruita Community Center will be closed tomorrow but open on Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (no water aerobics or fitness classes on Friday), and trash and recycling scheduled for Thursday is delayed until Friday.

Downtown Holiday Lighting Event This Saturday

Join the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Advisory Board for an official holiday lighting event! The Parks team has been working on hanging up holiday lights around downtown Fruita and on Saturday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m. the lights will be turned on for the season! Enjoy local shopping by supporting Small Business Saturday, take pictures with Santa, there will be art vendors, hot chocolate, and more.



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

Community Meeting for Skate/Wheel Park Design (Continued)

Join us on Tuesday, November 29 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Fruita Civic Center to provide input and ideas on the conceptual design of a future skate/wheel park at Reed Park. After the meeting, the City of Fruita and Design Workshop will utilize the input received to create different design variations. The community will then have the opportunity to review the design options and provide more feedback. In 2020, the City of Fruita completed the PHROST Master Plan to understand community needs when it comes to parks and recreation services. Based on the Master Plan, Reed Park was identified as a prime location for a skate/wheel park in Fruita. [Learn more about the project here.](#)

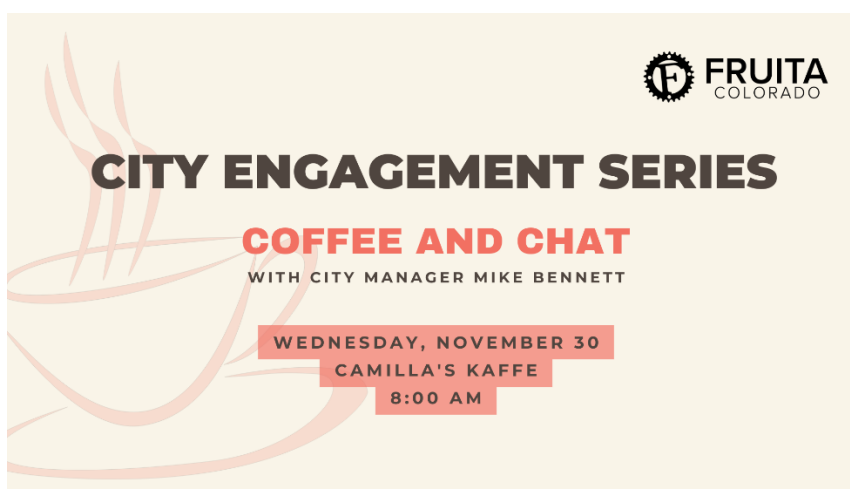
Weekly FAQ

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.

- **Question:** How can I learn more about the City of Fruita's proposed 2023 budget?
- **Answer:** If you would like to learn more about the proposed 2023 budget, you can review the draft document at fruita.org/budget. At the beginning of the document, you will find the Transmittal Letter from the City Manager to the Fruita City Council and Fruita residents outlining highlights of the budget. You can also find presentation slides from past City Council meetings that provide an overview of each area of the budget. These presentations can be found [here](#).

General Updates

- **Fifth Tuesday.** As a reminder, we do not have a Fruita City Council meeting or workshop next Tuesday, November 29th. Our next meeting will be a regular Fruita City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 7 p.m.
- **City Engagement Event.** Join City Manager Mike Bennett next Wednesday, November 30 at 8 am for a coffee at Camilla's Kaffe. These events are set up to have casual conversations with community members. Come with questions or just learn about what projects are happening at the City. See you soon!



Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge Construction Schedule.** Below is the anticipated schedule for the construction of the Pine Street Bridge project. The Engineering Department has worked with the contractor, GA Western, to put this schedule together.

| Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction Project | | |
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| Anticipated Project Schedule | | |
| Task | Duration (Working Days) | Time Frame |
| Mobilization/Existing Bridge Demolition | 16 | Nov 14 - Dec 7 |
| Pile Installation | 10 | Dec 5 - Dec 16 |
| Retaining Wall Construction | 15 | Dec 12 - Jan 6 |
| Wet Utility Construction | 20 | Jan 9 - Jan 20 and Feb 6 - Feb 17 |
| Abutment Construction | 20 | Jan 23 - Feb 3 and Feb 20 - Mar 3 |
| Bridge Deck Construction | 35 | Mar 5 - Apr 21 |
| Guard Rail Installation | 10 | Apr 24 - May 5 |
| Dry Utility Installation | 30 | May 8 - Jun 16 |
| Concrete Sidewalks/Paving | 30 | Jun 19 - Jul 28 |
| Project Cleanup/Demobilization | 6 | July 31 - Aug 7 |

Human Resources

- **Current Recruitment Efforts.** Recruitment continues for an Automotive & Equipment Technician. The application period for this position closes on December 7, 2022. The application period for the Recreation Coordinator position recently closed and interviews will be scheduled soon. The City is also hiring for a variety of part-time positions including Fitness Instructors, Sports Officials, Lifeguards, and more. Learn more about current job openings at fruitsa.org/jobs.

Parks and Recreation

- **Night at the FCC Recap.** Last weekend the FCC hosted another Night at the FCC event. We had 254 5th-7th graders attend the event.
- **Dinomites Days Off are Filling Up.** Dinomites Days Off, offered as childcare for parents on days when there is no school, has reached capacity for both dates in November and December. There are only a few days left for January dates as well.

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)
- 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

- **H2S Mitigation Project.** Reviewing Biofilter proposals and bypass options for the H2S Mitigation Project scheduled to begin in 2023.
- **Traffic Control and Civic Center.** Working with the Chamber of Commerce on the Parade of Lights Traffic Control Plan and finishing up work at the Civic Center for the rearrangement of rooms on the 2nd floor.

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

- [Less than a week until Powderhorn Mountain Resort opens.](#)
- [Officials talk birding possibilities at Highline expansion.](#)
- [Mesa County Crime Stoppers: Holiday Safety Tips.](#)
- [Fresh Air Friday allows free entry to all Colorado State Parks.](#)
- [Grand Junction listed among the top travel destinations on Earth.](#)

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



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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.