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## Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: OCTOBER 6, 2023  
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

### Movie Night Tonight

Don't forget! Head to the Fruita Civic Center Park tonight for a free movie in the park! Tonight's movie is Back to the Future and will begin at sunset. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy this classic movie under the stars.

### E-Waste Recycling Event TOMORROW

Tomorrow, residents can drop off unwanted electronics during the annual E-Waste Recycling event. The event is from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Fruita Civic Center parking lot. Most electronics are accepted for free, but some do have a fee associated with disposal.

- **Recycle for FREE:** Cell Phones, Laptops, Cords/Cables, CPUs, Speakers, Mice & Keyboards
- **Recycle for a FEE:** Computer Monitors - \$12, Desktop Printers/Copiers - \$5, Flat Screen/CRTs (measured diagonally) - Up to 27" \$1 per inch, Over 27" \$2 per inch, All Other Electronics \$5

### Fiber Construction Update (Continued)

- Next Week (October 9, 2023), Clearnetworkx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Windsor Park, Cotton Woods, Grace Park, Red Rocks, Cedar Park, Cedar Glen, East Pabor Avenue, Encanto Court, Palo Verde Court, Wolf Creek Court, Black Ridge Drive, Vista Valley Court, and Westwater Circle. For questions and comments on fiber internet, please call Clearnetworkx/Deeply Digital at 970-240-6600. Learn more about fiber internet in Fruita at [fruita.org/fiberinternet](https://fruita.org/fiberinternet).

### 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

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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:** Where can I learn more about the City of Fruita's budget?
- **Answer:** The City of Fruita's annual budget is available online at [fruita.org/budget](https://fruita.org/budget). City of Fruita staff and City Council are currently working on the draft budget for next year. The draft 2024 budget is available online as well.

## General Updates

- **Walk to See Fruita.** Next Thursday, we are hosting our monthly engagement series. This month, residents can enjoy a walk around downtown Fruita while asking questions and learning about what's new in the city! We will meet at the Mulberry Plaza at 9 am.
- **Mesa Talks.** Join Mesa County on Tuesday, October 10 to learn about Mesa County Behavioral Health's comprehensive report. The day will also include speakers on mental health and substance abuse. [Learn more on Mesa County's website.](#)
- **Localism Committee.** [The application for the Localism Committee is now available online.](#) This committee will review the possible creation of a new City Board, the "Localism" Board. The committee will identify how a localism board would operate, including goals and priorities. Learn more at [fruita.org/bc](https://fruita.org/bc).
- **Enoch's Lake Real Estate Listing.** Enoch's Lake was listed on the real estate market this week and will be on the market until November 8, 2023. [You can view the listing online.](#) After the listing ends, Fruita City Council will review all offers submitted during a City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023. After reviewing the offers, the Fruita City Council can decide to move an offer forward to the next steps, which include Ute Water's first right of refusal and the City's ordinance process with two public hearings.

## Engineering

- **Reed Park Improvements.** A pre-bid meeting was held on Friday, October 6. Next Friday at 1:30 p.m., city staff will open bids for the project.
- **Kismet Minor Subdivision Construction.** CW Construction began work on the Kismet Subdivision this week. Mesa Street was closed to through traffic north of the Ottley Avenue intersection to allow the extension of the sanitary sewer main. Ute Water is scheduled to complete the live taps to the existing water main in Mesa Street next week, allowing continuous service to the existing residents on that main (barring unforeseen difficulties.) Mesa Street will remain closed to through traffic until the work for the water services is complete, and the trenches are backfilled. Mesa Street will close in the future for asphalt patching.



## Parks and Recreation

- **Monthly Newsletter.** The [Parks and Recreation monthly newsletter is now available](#). Learn about new programming happening right here in Fruita!
- **Waterslide Update.** The contractor and engineer met on site last week to finalize a plan for the water slide at the FCC. The final drawings should be completed by the end of the month. The project is anticipated to start in early 2024.
- **Locker Room Re-Tile Project.** FCC maintenance staff have been meeting with contractors throughout the week to finalize their response to our RFP for the re-tile project. The Men's and Women's locker rooms as well as the family restrooms will be getting new tile.
- **Youth art and youth dance started this week.** Youth art started this week with our new art instructor Carlee Warden. Youth Dance also started on Tuesday night and our PreK class is full.
- **Aquatics lessons and programs.** We have nearly 45 kids signed up for our Tuesday/Thursday swim lessons, and 6 kids signed up for our youth diving program. Special Olympics started up again this week as well!
- **Parks Winterization has begun.** Parks crews will begin the winterization process in our parks in anticipation of colder temperatures.

## Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit:

[https://www.fruita.org/projects?field\\_project\\_status\\_value=All&field\\_project\\_type\\_tid=36&keys=](https://www.fruita.org/projects?field_project_status_value=All&field_project_type_tid=36&keys=)

## Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Copper Creek West Preliminary Plan (Approved) (954 19 Road) (138 Lots)
- Iron Wheel 2 Final Plat (Under Review) (19 Road) (46 Lots)

- Adele’s Acres Subdivision (Under Review) (1024 19 Road) (48 Lots)
- Kismet Minor Subdivision (Under Construction) (460 N. Mesa St) (3 Lots)
- PSE Minor Subdivision (Approved) (1558 River Road) (2 Lots)
- LaPointe Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1050 E. Ottley Avenue) (4 Lots)
- Sunset Pointe Preliminary PUD Plan (Under Review) (Parcel # 2697-091-80-001) (122 Lots)
- North Mesa Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (155 N. Mesa Street) (2 Lots)
- Weston Estates Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (1877 J 2/10 Road; Parcel # 26997-164-00-050 & 2697-164-00-074) (109 Lots)

#### **Site Design Review/ Other Applications:**

- Ottley Suites Site Design Review (Approved) (722 Ottley Avenue)
- Pediatric Dental Specialists Site Design Review (Approved) (101 Jurassic Avenue)
- The Fruita Mews (Under Construction) (1138 18.5 Road)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Site Design Review (Under Construction) (417 E Ottley Ave)
- A Storage Place Site Design Review and Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1960 & 1966 Hwy 6 & 50)
- My Storage Fruita (Approved) (1930 Highway 6 & 50)
- Raptor Crossing (Under Review) (853 Raptor Road)
- 535 W. Aspen Apartments (Under Construction) (535 W. Aspen Avenue)

#### **Police Department**

- ***Calls for Service Statistics.*** In September 2023, the Grand Junction Regional Communications Center logged 858 calls for service for the Fruita Police Department. This compares with 682 calls for service in September 2022, showing a 26% increase. Year to date, we are at 8,306 calls for service in 2023 compared with 6,294 this time last year, showing a 32% increase. It should be noted that the majority of that increase results from a change in the way we are tracking officer-initiated activities.

#### **Public Works**

- ***H2S Mitigation and Aeration Project.*** The H2S Mitigation Project and Aeration Project continue to make good progress. The contractor is expected to install the final manhole on Saturday morning, which is ahead of schedule. Next week, the installation of the rebuilt and new bearing assembly for the mixers in the oxidation ditch will occur.
- ***Thermal Crosswalks.*** Road Maintenance crew is installing thermal crosswalks on chip sealed roads.
- ***Irrigation Update.*** Irrigation is expected to be shut off either the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> or October 23<sup>rd</sup> ,depending on the weather.

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

- [Enoch’s Lake group searching for partner to purchase reservoir.](#)
- [Some municipalities say they would consider making all CORA requests public.](#)
- [School District 51 sees biggest decline in enrollment since 2020.](#)

- [Done deal: Costco is coming to Grand Junction.](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS** (*Please let Jennifer Cupp know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP for you*)

- **October 6, 2023** – Movie Night at Civic Center Park, Movie will Start at Sunset.
- **October 7, 2023** – E-Waste Recycling Event, Civic Center Parking Lot, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **October 7, 2023** – REXY, Queen of the Desert Race, Little Salt Wash Park, All Day
- **October 12, 2023** – City Engagement Event - Walk to See Fruita, Meet at the Mulberry Plaza, 9 a.m.
- **October 22, 2023** – Truck-N-Treat, Civic Center Parking Lot, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m..
- **October 31, 2023** – Trick or Treat Street, Downtown Fruita, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **November 5, 2023** – Rim Rock Marathon, Colorado National Monument
- **November 25, 2023** – Small Business Saturday, Downtown Fruita

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.