



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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***The Civic Center is closed to the public today Friday, September 22, 2023, for set up of the Fruita Fall Festival. Administration and Planning will still be available by phone.***

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

We have two items of discussion for our Workshop on Tuesday night. The first is an overview of the 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget. We will spend some time covering the highlights of the budget, and most of that information can be found in the introduction and transmittal letter of the budget. The draft can be found here: [City of Fruita Draft 2024 Budget](#). After that, we will continue our discussion on Board and Commission review following updates. We will then move on to any other items.

### **Fruita Fall Festival Kicks off Tonight!**

The 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Fruita Fall Festival starts today at 3 p.m. The festival runs through Saturday evening. You can view the entire festival schedule on the [Fruita Fall Festival website](#).

### **Changes to Trash and Recycling Services Begin in 2024**

Starting in January 2024, all Fruita households will be transitioned to an automated collection system. We realize this change in service will be an adjustment for residents, so we've worked with WM to provide as many options as possible to help meet the needs of the community. With this, we want to say thank you to all the residents who were part of the initial rollout of service. Your feedback has been extremely valuable and was used to help with the rest of the transition. The full transition will provide more options to residents, including additional services throughout the year. Also, starting in 2024, recycling will become much easier with a single-stream recycling service. Instead of having multiple bins for recycling, residents will receive one 96-gallon container that all recyclables can be placed in. Materials being recycled will no longer need to be separated and sorted.

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### **What to Expect**

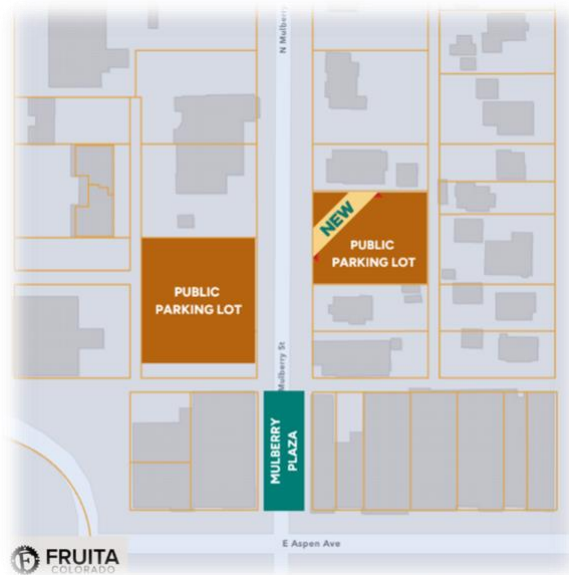
You will receive more information from WM in the mail over the next few months.

- WM will deliver a 96-gallon trash can and recycling cart (optional) in December 2023.
- You will also have the option of receiving an additional trash can, at a reduced rate of \$4 per can/per month.
- Information on how to dispose of old trash cans or recycling bins will be provided by WM. We thank you for your time and patience as this new program starts at the beginning of the year.

Learn more about this change in services online at [fruita.org/trashcollection](https://fruita.org/trashcollection).

### **Temporary Public Parking Signs Installed (Continued)**

Public parking in the gravel parking lot north of the Mulberry Plaza will be available for use later today. Crews are working to install the new signage for the lot, and signage will be installed by the end of the day. The lot will be open for public parking, but trailers/RVs will not be allowed.



### **Fiber Construction Update (Continued)**

Next Week (September 25, 2023), Clearnetworkx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Windsor Park Subdivision (to Red Rocks), Red Rocks. Cotton Woods (Drumlin Circle), J 2/10 Road, Bobcat Way, Catalina Avenue, Satterfield Avenue, Grace Park (East Carolina Avenue). 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 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:** My sidewalk is in poor condition. Can the City of Fruita help me replace the sidewalk in front of my house?
- **Answer:** Yes, with the City of Fruita's Sidewalk Replacement Program, the City of Fruita helps residents with managing the project construction and the cost of improvements. The city will pay 80% of the total cost and the property owner pays 20% of the cost. The city maintains a sidewalk condition inventory and replacements for each year are identified based on the inventory. Crews are currently working on 2023 sidewalk replacements. [To learn more about the program visit fruita.org.](#)

## General Updates

- **Draft 2024 Budget Available Online.** The first draft of the 2024 Budget is included in the packet this week and can also be found at our website here: [City Manager's Recommended 2024 Budget.](#)
- **Regional Broadband Meeting.** On Thursday morning, Shannon and I attended a regional broadband meeting hosted by the Co. Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and Region 10. The meeting was well attended and included staff from all of the communities implementing broadband projects between Glenwood Springs and Fruita. Region 10 provided an update on the overall project and then each jurisdiction provided an individual update. Work on our middle-mile broadband project is progressing well, as the Carrier-Neutral location has been built and we are just waiting for concrete to be poured before placing the building. Work on the lateral will begin soon and should be complete by the end of the year. After that, it is a matter of obtaining the optical equipment and executing the lease and then our project will be mostly complete. Thank you to our partners at DOLA for hosting the meeting! It was great to hear from the other communities and updates on the project.
- **GOCO Community Dinner.** Marc Mancuso and I attended the regional Great Outdoors Colorado regional dinner last night and enjoyed catching up with GOCO staff, board members and regional partners.
- **CDOT US 6 & 50 Construction.** CDOT continues work on US 6 & 50 on the railroad crossing. There will continue to be a full closure of the railroad crossing. 20 Road is also restricted to a right turn in and right turn out only. Recommended detour routes are 19 Road (north) to J Road (east) to 22 Road (south). [See updates from CDOT on the project website.](#)
- **Waste Management Monthly Report.** In August, Fruita residents recycled 53 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Year-to-date, the community is exceeding its recycling goal by over 15 tons – great job Fruita! The full report can be found below.
- **169 South Mulberry Purchase.** We officially closed on this property Thursday.

## Communications and Engagement

- **Welcome Ammon!** Our new Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Ammon Pierce, started this week. We are excited to have him on board supporting Parks and Recreation's marketing efforts and working on Fruita's tourism marketing. Welcome to the team!
- **Discover Fruita Radio Show.** On this month's episode of Discover Fruita, Tina Ross and Hannah Bihr from the Fruita Community Center shared about maintenance week and recreation programs. Thanks for being on the show! You can listen to [episodes of Discover Fruita online](#).
- **City Link Newsletter.** The fall edition of the City Link landed in mailboxes throughout Fruita this week. This newsletter is produced once per quarter and is mailed to all Fruita residents. You can also view an [online version at fruita.org](#).
- **City Engagement Recap.** It was a beautiful day on Wednesday for a city engagement event! Thank you to Dr. Klein for joining us and telling the community about the services available right here in Fruita. Join us at our next event on Wednesday, October 12, for a walking tour around Fruita. Meet at the Mulberry Plaza at 9 a.m.



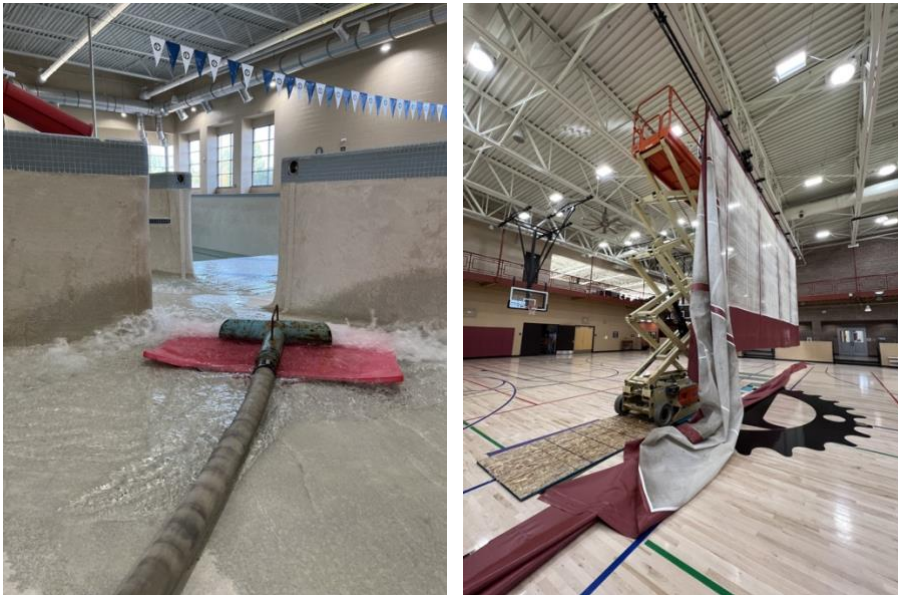
## Engineering

- **Reed Park Bid is Open.** The City of Fruita will be taking bids for the Reed Park project until Friday, October 13, 2023.
- **Sidewalk Replacement Project.** Work continues for the 2023 sidewalk replacement project. Crews will be working this weekend on a portion of sidewalk in front of the Fruita Middle School. Work should be done by Monday before school is back in session on Tuesday.
- **Upcoming Road Closure.** The Kismet Minor Subdivision will begin work on Mesa Street on October 2, 2023. The work will necessitate the full closure of Mesa Street between Ottley

Avenue and the bridge at Little Salt Wash. The contractor will place signs next week to inform the public of the upcoming road closure. The work should be completed within 10 days of the road closure.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Maintenance Week.** Thanks to all of the Staff that helped with maintenance at the FCC. Starting Sunday evening September 17, all full-time staff, and a plethora of part-time staff helped clean and perform maintenance on the facility. The facility had a new diving board, gym curtain, and outdoor pool cover installed during the closure. Parks crews assisted with hauling away the old diving board and grounds maintenance outside of the facility.



- **Fall Festival Set Up.** Parks crews have been working with the Fruita Chamber and contractors to get festival fencing, electrical boxes, and additional trashcans set up for the festival this weekend.
- **Movie in the Park recap.** The Super Mario Bros Movie that was held last week was a huge success, filling Civic Center Park with grateful families. We are excited to host Back to the Future on October 6<sup>th</sup> for the final Movie in the park of the year.
- **Tree Trimming at Civic Center Prior to Fruita Fall Festival.** Parks crews noticed some large limbs hanging in the trees above Civic Center Park and had them removed prior to the festival eliminating the hazard.

## 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 (Approved) (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)

#### **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 (Approved) (535 W. Aspen Avenue)

#### **Public Works**

- **Utility Update.** Utilities staff assisted with hydro-excavating for the H2S Manhole Replacement Project. Staff continue with irrigation calls and routine headgate checks, utility locating and continued sewer collection lines cleaning.
- **Chip Sealing Project.** Annual Chip Seal/Fog coating has been completed except for the area where contractors are working on Ottley between Maple St. to North Sycamore Street. The City would like to thank Mesa County Road and Bridge for their partnership with chip sealing this year. It is greatly appreciated.
- **Street Striping.** Annual Street Striping is completed. A total of 197,418 feet of yellow striping was completed and 123,127 feet of white striping was completed for a total of 320,545 feet.
- **Pavement Assessment Project.** The City received the sidewalk, curb and gutter, and sign data and will be reviewing the information as we continue to move forward with the overall project.
- **Progress Update H2S/Biofilter Project.** The contractor has fully mobilized to the site; excavation of existing manholes #2-14 has been completed. Bypass equipment from manhole #6 to the headworks influent, including the road crossings at the United Companies entrance and County Road 15 is in place and operating. Excavation crews have staged manholes #1-12 in preparation for the full replacement. The contractor has set manhole #1 and is working to set manhole #1A.



- **Progress Update Aeration Equipment Replacement Project.** Access stairway into oxidation ditch #1 has been installed by the contractor. Existing diffusers have been removed from the oxidation ditch.



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

- [CMU promise covers 100% tuition for families of modest income.](#)
- [The World Comes to Grand Junction.](#)
- [20 Road, River Road closed at U.S. 6 intersection.](#)
- [Fruita to list Enoch's Lake property for sale.](#)
- [Entertainment calendar: Sept. 20-26](#)
- [Celebrations of the Weird – Offbeat Colorado Festivals.](#)
- [Enochs lake will be up for sale in October.](#)

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

- **September 22 – 23, 2023** – Fruita Fall Festival, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue.
- **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 am – 12 pm.
- **November 5, 2023** – Rim Rock Marathon, Colorado National Monument
- **November 25, 2023** – Small Business Saturday, Downtown Fruita

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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)





CITY OF FRUITA

## AUGUST 2023 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

**This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:**

### 855 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 14,529,600 sheets of printing and copy paper!

### 123 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 157 people!

### 123,091 kWh of Electricity

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

### Avoided 146 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 31 passenger vehicles!

### 260,278 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,470 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 WM.

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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.