



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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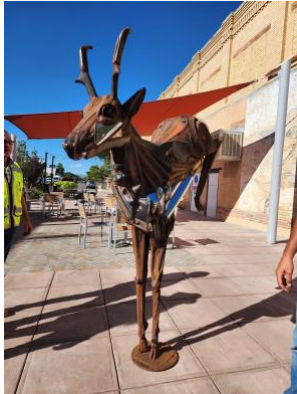
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Update on Mountain Properties/Recap of Special Meeting (Continued)

The Fruita City Council met on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, to discuss two items that were continued from the July 18, 2023, meeting. The two items were regarding the sale of two properties on Pinion Mesa, Enoch Lake and a two-acre parcel of land near Enochs Lake. After continuing the public hearing and hearing updates from staff and members of the public, the City Council denied the ordinance regarding the sale of Enoch Lake. The City Council then went on to approve the sale of the two-acre parcel. No other decisions were made, and the City Council will discuss next steps for the mountain properties at the September 19, 2023, meeting.

The HeART of Fruita Art Installation

On Thursday afternoon, the Arts and Culture Board, along with FCI Constructors and staff, installed three sculptures along Aspen Avenue as part of the new HeART of Fruita Rotating Art Program. Over the summer, the board hosted a Call for Artist and received multiple applications. After a review process, the board picked the first three sculptures to participate in the program! These sculptures will be displayed for one year. Next Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m., join the board and artists for a reception and walking art tour to celebrate! The event will begin at the FARM located at 160 S. Park Square.



US 6 & 50 Road Project – Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation announced on Thursday, September 7, River Road will be closed for three weeks starting Sunday, September 10, for the Union Pacific Railroad construction. Starting September 18, 20 Road will be fully closed north of US 6 for two weeks. Residents and visitors will see crews placing barriers and traffic control until closures begin this Sunday. To learn more and for project updates visit CDOT's website at <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us620roadfruita>

Fiber Construction Update (Continued)

Next Week (September 11, 2023), Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Cougar Run, Bobcat Way, Cotton Woods, Canterbury Park, Red Rocks, and Aspen Village. For questions and comments on fiber internet, please call Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital at 970-240-6600. Learn more about fiber internet in Fruita at 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.

- **Question:** Where can I find community resources?
- **Answer:** On the fruita.org website, residents and visitors can find a list of community resources in Fruita and throughout the Grand Valley. We also have informational pamphlets and flyers available at the Fruita Civic Center at 325 E. Aspen Ave.

General Updates

- **CML District Meeting.** Councilors Miller, Purser, and I had a great time attending the Region 10 Colorado Municipal League district meeting on Wednesday night in Delta. We were able to catch up with our colleagues from many of the Cities in Region 10 and hear updates from them. A lot of focus was on planning, housing, and broadband.

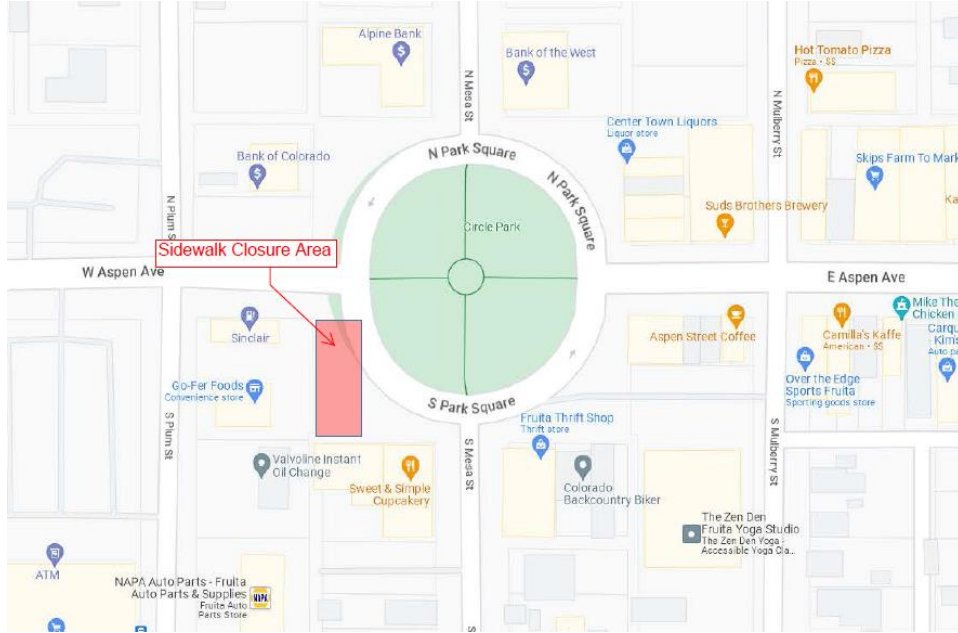
- **AGNC Board Meeting.** AGNC (Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado) will be hosting their September Board meeting at the Fruita Community on September 20, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please let us know and we can RSVP you for the meeting. Staff will be attending the meeting.
- **Suicide Prevention Month.** September is Suicide Prevention Month and in a coordinated effort, agencies throughout the Grand Valley will be sharing information around the national campaign called #tobethe1. Members of the community can learn about various ways on how to support a friend, family member, co-worker, who is experiencing emotional pain. To learn more about the campaign visit [bethe1to.com](https://www.bethe1to.com).

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** GA Western continued with site cleanup and placed the final concrete cap on a large block retaining wall. Final road base preparations, paving, striping, fence construction, and revegetation are all scheduled to occur next week.



- **Sidewalk Replacement Project.** The sidewalk replacement program is underway. Contractors will be working throughout Fruita in various locations to replace/repair sidewalks. The sidewalk in the southwest corner of Park Square will be closed for the next week for repairs. Please see the map below.



Parks and Recreation

- **Night at the FCC.** September 8 marks the first event of the fall season. All youth in 5th-7th grade can take part in swimming, dancing, photo booth, concessions, and more. The event kicks off at 7:00 pm through 10:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00. New this season is online registration. All prepaid students will move to the front of the line for entry!
- **The outdoor pool is closed for the season!** But it ends with a SPLASH. The annual Dog Dayz capped off a very successful swim season.



- **Good Partnerships.** Friday, September 8th the northwest Family Health West parking lot will be closed for crack seal and restriping. This will more than likely have an impact on parking at the FCC.
- **Trail Update.** Earlier this week, contractors fixed a portion of the Riverfront Trail near Loma that had a bad heave. The trail was closed for a few days but is now reopened for use.
- **Parks & Rec Newsletter.** Each month, Parks and Recreation sends out a newsletter to subscribers on upcoming programs, events, and facility news. [Check out this month's newsletter online.](#)

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=

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 Review) (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 (Approved) (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)

Public Works

- **Road Maintenance.** Fog coating will continue next week. Mesa County is scheduled to coat Cedar Way, Laura Ct., Mulberry St., S Pine St., River Rock Ct., Adobe View Way, Red Sky Rd., Kayenta Way, and S 19 Rd.
- **H2S Project.** We are beginning to mobilize for the H2S project, contractors and sub-contractors are still on track for the beginning of the week of September 18th.
- **Utilities.** 41 locates were completed this week.

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

- [Big Salt Wash closed for improvements.](#)
- [Real estate market on a steady course in Mesa County.](#)

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

- **September 9, 2023** – Tour of the Moon, Colorado National Monument, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **September 13** – Heart of Fruita Sculpture Exhibition, celebrate the sculptors of the very first Heart of Fruita at 6pm at FARM Fruita (160 S Park Square).
- **September 13, 2023** – Community Hospital VIP Grand Opening Adventure Academy, 2373 Adventure Lane, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., RSVP Required
- **September 15, 2023** – Movie Night at Civic Center Park, Movie will Start at Sunset.
- **September 20, 2023** – City Engagement Event, Circle Park, 1:00 p.m.
- **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.

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.