



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Our meeting on Tuesday will begin with two presentations, the first recognizing three individuals that saved the life of a Fruita employee, and the second is a presentation and update from the Executive Director of Museums of Western Colorado. After routine items on our consent agenda, there are four public hearing items. Three of the four public hearings are focused on special event liquor permits, and the fourth is a continuance of Adele's Acres Preliminary Plan. On the Administrative Agenda, I will cover an update of the Fruita Strategic Plan before going to Council Reports and Actions. The meeting will conclude with my informal review. See you on Tuesday night!

Chipseal Project Update

This past week, our crews have been working with Mesa County on our annual chip seal project. The team has been working on the north side of I-70 and is currently ahead of schedule. Next week they plan on starting on the south side of I-70. To learn more about the project and to see specific project areas, please visit fruita.org/projects.

Proposition 123: Local Government Affordable Housing

Several hundred million dollars for affordable housing will become available in the second half of 2023 due to the enactment of Proposition 123 by Colorado's voters in 2022. Local governments must submit commitments no later than the deadline established in Proposition 123, which is November 1, 2023. Community commitments must be filed with the Division of Housing to receive funding made available by Proposition 123. The City Council directed staff at their June 11th workshop with the Planning Commission to establish Fruita's baseline commitment. City staff submitted the opt-in commitment on July 18, 2023; specifically, to ensure that the Fruita Mew's development was counted as part of the baseline. The City of Fruita has agreed that the three-year goal is to increase affordable housing by 108,

with an annualized goal of 36, based on 3% annual increases over the baseline amount of 1,204.

Fiber Construction Update (Continued)

Next Week (Week of July 31, 2023), Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Pine Street, Cotton Woods, Grace Park, Canterbury Park, Aspen Village, K Road, J 2/10 Road, Grand Valley Estates. 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 information on short-term rentals?
- **Answer:** If you are interested in learning more about short-term rentals here in Fruita, you can [find more information online](#). On this page, you can learn about the maximum number of short-term rentals inside the triangle (65) and outside the triangle (no limit but HOA's have their own rules and regulations), how to apply for a short-term rental clearance, and additional information like lodging taxes. If you have additional questions about short-term rentals, please call the Planning & Development Department at 970-858- 0786.

General Updates

- ***Fruita Fourth Friday Tonight!*** Fruita Fourth Friday is tonight at the Fruita Arts and Recreation Marketplace (FARM, at 160 S. Park Square) from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Fruita Fourth Friday includes live music, food trucks, local art, and a beer garden. For more information, you can visit this page: [Fruita Fourth Friday Facebook page](#).
- ***Coffee and Community Connections.*** On Wednesday morning, Fruita Police Chief Dave Krouse and I joined other community leaders at the Coffee and Community Connections event hosted by the Fruita Chamber of Commerce and Timberline Bank. We were able to discuss current projects, what is going on in the community, and more. The common reaction was a positive surprise at the large amount of work we are in process with.
- ***Maple Street Bridge Replacement Recommended for CDS Funding.*** Last Friday night, we were informed by Senator Michael Bennet's office that the replacement of the Maple Street Bridge was recommended for funding through the Congressional Directed Spending ("CDS") by the Senate Appropriations Committee in the amount of \$1.75 million. We are very encouraged that the project was recommended for funding, but there is still a lengthy process ahead for CDS projects to be approved. The Senate Bill, once finalized, will go to the U.S. House of Representatives for reconciliation between the House and Senate Bill. We will continue to provide updates as they are received but want to thank Senator Bennet for moving this project forward to the next step for Fruita.

- **Fruita Academy Week 3.** City Engineer Sam Atkins and Public Works Director Kimberly Bullen presented this week to the Fruita Academy. We have one more week of the academy with a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility next week!
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Update.** The City's contractor for installing the Electric Vehicle Charging stations was on site on Tuesday to finalize punch list items received from the vendor Chargepoint. Most, if not all of the work is now completed, and we are just waiting for the stations to be activated following approval from Chargepoint.
- **Fruita Mews Groundbreaking.** On Wednesday, City Council and staff attended the groundbreaking for the Fruita Mews project. This project is expected to start construction in the next few weeks. This project is the first Special Limited Partnership for the Fruita Housing Authority and the first development in Fruita to be supported with Housing Tax Credits without rental subsidy. The Fruita Mews project will include 50 townhomes at 1601 K and 4/10th Road.



Administration

- **Open Positions.** The City of Fruita is currently accepting applications for a number of full-time and part-time positions in Public Works, at the Fruita Community Center, and in Administration. If you are interested in learning more, you can find all of the City's positions at this link: [City of Fruita Job Openings](#).
- **Chamber Government Affairs Committee.** On Tuesday, staff attended the Chamber Government Affairs Committee ("GAC") meeting and provided the committee with a recap of recent City Council meetings and answered questions from the group. Thank you to the GAC for having us!

Engineering

- **Sidewalk Replacement Project.** The concrete replacement project will be released to potential bidders on Monday, July 31. Bids are due back by August 18. Construction will take place over the fall months, with a completion date in November.

- ***Pine Street Bridge Update.*** Apeiron Utility Construction, a contractor working for Charter/Spectrum and CenturyLink, installed the telecommunication lines. The Charter/Spectrum permanent coaxial line and fiber optic line were installed below ground on the south side of the bridge and through conduits provided with the bridge construction. These lines were tied into the above ground lines on the north side of the bridge at the new power pole. Charter/Spectrum service was cut over to the new lines Thursday night into Friday morning. The temporary lines provided for bridge construction are being removed at the writing of this update. The CenturyLink fiber optic line was relocated by Apeiron from the temporary poles to the west side of the new power poles. CenturyLink is working through its internal processes and will relocate its fiber optic line to the permanent location on the roadside of the poles in about three weeks. This work is anticipated to occur late at night to minimize the disruption of service and aid in coordination with other bridge construction operations.

Parks and Recreation

- ***Fall Activity Guide.*** The Fall Activity Guide and program registration will be available next week on Tuesday, August 1. To sign up for programming, residents can visit [fruita.org/parksrec](https://www.fruita.org/parksrec).
- ***Summer Camp Ends with Full Registration.*** There is only one more week of the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp. The camp is full with 34 participants.
- ***Summer Programming Wrapping Up.*** Many summer programs are wrapping up for the season, including swim meets, swim lessons, youth diving, and adult basketball. We've had a full summer and look forward to starting fall registration!

Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit: <https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- East Grand Townhomes Minor Subdivision (Approved) (600 Grand Avenue) (4 Lots)
- 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)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Ottley Suites Site Design Review (Under Review) (722 Ottley Avenue)
- Pediatric Dental Specialists Site Design Review (Under Review) (101 Jurassic Avenue)
- 18 & K Road Rezone (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-162-21-001)
- The Fruita Mews (Under Review) (1138 18.5 Road)
- Berg Annexation & Rezone (Under Review) (1806 J 3/10 Road)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Site Design Review (Under Review) (417 E Ottley Ave)
- 616 E. Grand Avenue Conditional Use Permit (Under Review) (616 E. Grand Avenue)
- 1824 J 2/10 Road Annexation and Rezone (Under Review) (1824 J 2/10 Road)

- A Storage Place Site Design Review and Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1960 & 1966 Hwy 6 & 50)

Public Works

- **Colorado Energy Office Programs.** Public Works staff participated in a webinar with the Colorado Energy Office to review requirements for an Investment Grade Audit on all city facilities.
- **Meeting with DOLA.** Public Works staff participated in a conference call with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs regarding the State Revolving Loan Fund – Pre-Qualification process for the sewer fund.
- **Traffic and Circulation Planning.** Public Works and Engineering staff participated in a call to discuss precast concrete solutions for streets where bike infrastructure and traffic calming devices could be utilized.
- **Condition of Fruita Streets and Roads.** Pavement assessment information has been received and staff will be reviewing the information for accuracy and agreement with road condition before treatment options are discussed. Additional asset information is still being entered and we should have that information in the next 45 days.
- **Mountain Water Update.** Public Works staff met with the State of Colorado Water Commissioner to discuss Mountain Water readings and information.
- **Utilities Updates.** Utility staff completed 31 utility locates.

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

- [Headless in Fruita.](#)
- [Xcel saving you money during heatwave.](#)
- [Lots of paddling opportunities on BLM land.](#)
- [Mayor elected to board, Fruita council member honored.](#)
- [Organizations put the work into workforce development.](#)
- [Fruita City Council will not discuss Enoch Lake during Aug. 15 meeting.](#)
- [Affordable housing project breaks ground in Fruita.](#)
- [Press Release: FAMLI Division to Host Regional Town Halls Across Colorado.](#)

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

- **July 28, 2023** – Fruita Fourth Fridays – FARM (160 S. Park Square), 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **August 12, 2023** – One Riverfront Concert Series, James M. Robb State Park, 6:00 p.m.
- **August 12, 2023** – Cops and Cars Show, Little Salt Walsh Park, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **August 17, 2023** – Family Game Night, Civic Center Park, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **August 23, 2023** – Board and Commission Mixer Event, Fruita Community Center, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **August 31, 2023** – Family Game Night, Civic Center Park, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **September 9, 2023** – Tour of the Moon, Colorado National Monument, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **September 15, 2023** – Movie Night at Civic Center Park, Movie will Start at Sunset.
- **September 21 – 24, 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.