



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: MAY 12, 2023
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

325 E Aspen
Suite 155
Fruita CO 81521

Phone:
970-858-3663

Fax:
970-858-0210

E Mail
fruita@fruita.org

Web Site
fruita.org

City Manager's Office
970-858-3663

City Clerk/Finance
970-858-3663

Community
Development
970-858-0786

Engineering
970-858-8377

Human Resources
970-858-8373

Public Works
970-858-9558

Fruita Civic Center Closed Tomorrow, Friday, May 12, 2023

The Fruita Civic Center will be closed to the public tomorrow, Friday May 12, 2023, due to the festival events in the surrounding area. Access to the Fruita Civic Center and parking will be limited and we can provide a better customer experience via phone or email during this event. Our offices will still be available by phone or email, so please reach out if you need anything! Regular in-person hours will resume on Monday, May 15, 2023. This closure does not impact the Fruita Community Center, the Fruita Police Department, or Fruita City Shops. Thank you, Fruita!

- Administration, Phone: 970 - 858 - 3663
- Community Development, Phone: 970 - 858 - 0786
- Engineering, Phone: 970 - 858 - 8377
- Human Resources, Phone: 970 - 858 - 3663
- Email: communications@fruita.org

Tuesday's City Council Meeting - 10 a.m.

Quick reminder, with the Fruita Monument High School graduation next Tuesday night, we rescheduled our regular City Council meeting to 10:00 a.m. and is virtual only. We will begin the meeting with two proclamations, the first proclaiming May 29, 2023, as Observance of Memorial Day in the City of Fruita, and the second proclaiming the week of May 21-27 as National Public Works Week in Fruita. After that and our normal agenda items, there is only one public hearing scheduled, and that is for a special event liquor license application. See you all on Tuesday morning! For members of the public, the link to view the meeting can be [found on our website](#).

Fruita Fat Tire Festival and Co2uT Race This Weekend

Downtown Fruita will be busy this weekend with the [Fruita Fat Tire Festival](#) happening today and Saturday and the [Co2uT Race](#) on Sunday. Both events will be utilizing the Fruita Civic Center Park, parking lot, and surrounding streets. Aspen Avenue from Peach Street to South Elm Street and Peach Street from East Aspen Avenue to the alley way north of Aspen Avenue will be closed to vehicle traffic.

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

Mulberry Plaza Update

The finishing touches are being added to the Mulberry Outdoor Plaza! The Mulberry Outdoor Plaza is now open to the public but there are a few remaining items left to do. The fire pit is not yet operational and won't be for a few weeks. We appreciate the community's patience during the construction and hope you come down to spend some time in Fruita's newest hangout spot!



Fiber Internet Coming to Fruita

The City of Fruita has been working with several companies interested in installing fiber internet in the community. Residents will begin to see work being done throughout the city over the next few months. Residents will start to see Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital laying fiber cables under concrete and multi-purpose easements in various neighborhoods.

Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will begin construction in Fruita next Monday, May 15, 2023. Next week, construction will take place on Pine Street and in the Legacy Subdivision.

Fruita residents can expect to see notifications with signage, door hangers, and mailers from the fiber internet companies. **For questions and comments on fiber internet, please call Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital at 970.240.6600.** The City of Fruita will also be sharing information weekly on areas where fiber crews will be working. Fiber construction updates from the City of Fruita will be available through the City of Fruita's various communication channels including updates at fruita.org/fiberinternet, Facebook,

Nextdoor, and the Friday Weekly Update. To sign up or to follow these channels, please visit fruita.org/communications.



WHO IS DOING THE CONSTRUCTION?

clearnetworx

Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital will begin fiber internet construction on Monday, May 15, 2023 in Fruita.

For questions or comments, please reach out to Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital at 970.240.6600



FIBER INTERNET IS HERE | **clearnetworx**

FIBER INTERNET

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY

Pine Street
Legacy Subdivision

LEARN MORE + SIGN UP AT
clearnetworx.com/fruita

ArborWorks Schedule for Next Week

Xcel Energy, working with ArborWorks, a utility line clearance company, began trimming trees in Fruita in mid-February. They will be trimming all trees, both private and public, if the tree is a hazard for powerlines. The team will continue tree trimming services in Fruita next week. Below you can find area maps of where the team will be working.

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:** What is a right-of-way?
- **Answer:** Right of ways extend beyond the public roadway to include the area where the curb attaches to the sidewalk and often several feet beyond, into what many understandably assume to be private property. It is important to recognize that the location of the right-of-way is not uniform nor consistent throughout the City. Right of way use is only used for uses like railroads, electric transmission lines, pipelines, ditches and roadways. In Fruita, right of ways are utilized by the City or on behalf of the city for public use. The City holds these rights in fee and maintains authority to regulate how and when it may be used by members of the public, and public or private entities. Before work in the right-of-way starts, a company must obtain a permit from the City. The permit does not cover or allow work by those companies outside of the right-of-way.

Over the next few months, fiber internet companies will be utilizing right of way areas to add fiber internet cables to Fruita's utility system. These cables will be added underneath the ground and construction can include removing parts of soil and concrete in the right of way. Learn more about Fiber Internet at fruita.org/fiberinternet.

General Updates

- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The [May Edition of the Mobile Mesa County Newsletter](#) is now available. It includes articles on Bike to Work Month, Grand Valley Transit service for JUCO, the District 51 Student Bus Pass program, and more.
- **Waste Management Report.** In April 2023, Fruita residents recycled 48 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report from Waste Management can be found below.
- **Public Works Supervisor Training.** Our Assistant City Manager Shannon Vassen presented on Public Budgeting and Finance to the Public Works Supervisor Training class this afternoon. This training class was created to help prepare Public Works employees for Supervisor positions in the future (or help if already in Supervisor Positions), as part of succession planning. Shannon covered revenues, expenses, the budget process, types of budgeting practices, internal controls, and more. Luckily, no one fell asleep during the presentation (unlike when Shannon was teaching the same subject to my Public Administration class at CMU), and it was a great discussion.

Engineering

- **Travel Demand Model.** Staff participated in selecting a consultant for updating the valley wide Travel Demand Model with members from CDOT, Mesa County, and the City of Grand Junction. The model is used to estimate travel behavior and travel demand for a specific future time frame.
- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** GA Western removed the forms utilized to place the concrete on the bridge. Conduits for the future undergrounding of dry utilities across the bridge are being installed on the north and south sides of the bridge. The conduits are being installed to prevent future disturbance of the bridge and roadway infrastructure. Earthen fill slopes are being completed on the east side of the bridge to facilitate the future installation of Xcel High Pressure gas and distribution gas mains across the bridge. The steel pipeline for the permanent installation of the irrigation main across the bridge is being welded together and prepared for hanging on the west side of the bridge. The bridge rails have been delivered to the site and will be installed later this week or early next week. We would like to remind the public that the bridge remains closed to all modes of transportation including vehicular, bicycles and pedestrians. Safety features have not been installed and hazards remain and will continue to change in location and severity in the construction zone.

Parks and Recreation

- **Irrigation Issues at the Parks.** Parks crews have been having difficulty watering local parks because the runoff is significantly impacting the quality of the irrigation water. If you have

noticed the grass at a few of our parks looking dry, especially at Little Salt Wash Park, this is why. Parks crews continue to clean filters often but unfortunately with the sediment and the debris, crews have been only able to run water for about 10 minutes at a time. We will continue to work on this and hope that the water quality improves throughout the season.

- **Final 2022-2023 school year Night at the FCC tonight!** The Fruita Community Center will be closed to the public and open to just 5th-7th graders on Friday, May 12 from 7-10pm. We will have our signature events of dancing, basketball, bump n jumps, swimming and more! Fee is \$10 and all participants must have a signed Code of Conduct to participate. Parent sign in/sign out is required.
- **Volunteer at Mike the Headless Chicken!** We still have over 20 spots available to help with our 5k race and entrance tents. Volunteers will receive a Mike store voucher, festival shirt, and help create the magic of Mike the Headless Chicken. [You can register to volunteer online.](#)
- **Celebrating our RecRats Childcare Staff during teacher appreciation week!** Our staff are deeply caring and passionate about kids, and we appreciate them so much! Not only do we appreciate them, but parents also REALLY appreciate them! This crew gives parents that much needed break to focus on their physical and mental health. Thanks for all you do RecRats Crew!
- **Fruita Arts, Culture, and Nature Backpacks.** The Fruita Arts and Culture Board, working with Mesa County Libraries, has created an interactive backpack available for checkout at the Fruita branch of the Mesa County Libraries. Since the program first started, the backpacks have spent more time in the homes of families than at the library. The Art backpack has been checked out 3 times, the Culture backpack 2 times, and the Nature backpack 4 times since March 17th.

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)

Police Department

-

Public Works

- ***New Push Camera.*** The Utilities Division took delivery of the new push camera that was approved in the 2023 budget. The push camera can perform CCTV (closed circuit television) inspections mainly for small pipe diameters in the 4-inch range. It creates multiple formats for inspections and records in 1080 HD. It has a total capability of approximately 200 feet in length. The controls have 1TB internal storage with 4-6 hours of battery life, so no generator or power plug is required. It also has three different frequencies in the built in sonde (locate electronic). This allows our operators to not only CCTV but locate the camera as it is being used. This is great for sanitary sewer services, vent pipes, duct work, etc. It can also be set up for Wi-Fi so the operator can use their phone or tablet further away from the device to see the inspection.



- ***Water Quality Control Commission Meeting.*** Public Works Director participated in the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Water Quality Control Commission Meeting to understand changes to the 2023 Intended Use Plan.
- ***Spring Runoff Conditions.*** Public Works Director participated in the Mesa County Multi-Agency Coordination Group meeting to receive updates on spring runoff conditions and to provide agency updates. In the event of flooding from spring runoff, Mesa County has a stockpile of sandbags and sand at the Road and Bridge shop on 191/2 Road available during normal business hours. The City of Fruita has filled 1,000 sandbags that will be used to protect critical infrastructure if needed. Public Works will be keeping an eye on Reservoir #2 in anticipation

that it will fill from snowmelt which requires staff to siphon the water out due to a State No Fill Order. Currently staff has not been able to access the reservoir due to the amount of snow that remains.

- **Fiber Internet Meeting.** City staff met with Deeply Digital for a Kick-Off Meeting to begin laying conduit for fiber in the City of Fruita.
- **Irrigation Repair.** The Streets Division completed repairs on the irrigation line on Pine Street and irrigation water was turned back on. Crews will patch the street later this week.

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

- [What's In a Name: Pollock Bench.](#)
- [Biochar being tested at Fruita Research Station.](#)
- [Annual mountain biking celebration returning to Colorado desert.](#)
- [Fruita considering offer to buy Enochs Lake.](#)
- [Best Bets: May 10 – 16.](#)
- [Dozens of trees planted at D51 Schools.](#)
- [Mesa County real estate sales lag.](#)
- [Delay opening for some summer recreation on the Grand Mesa.](#)

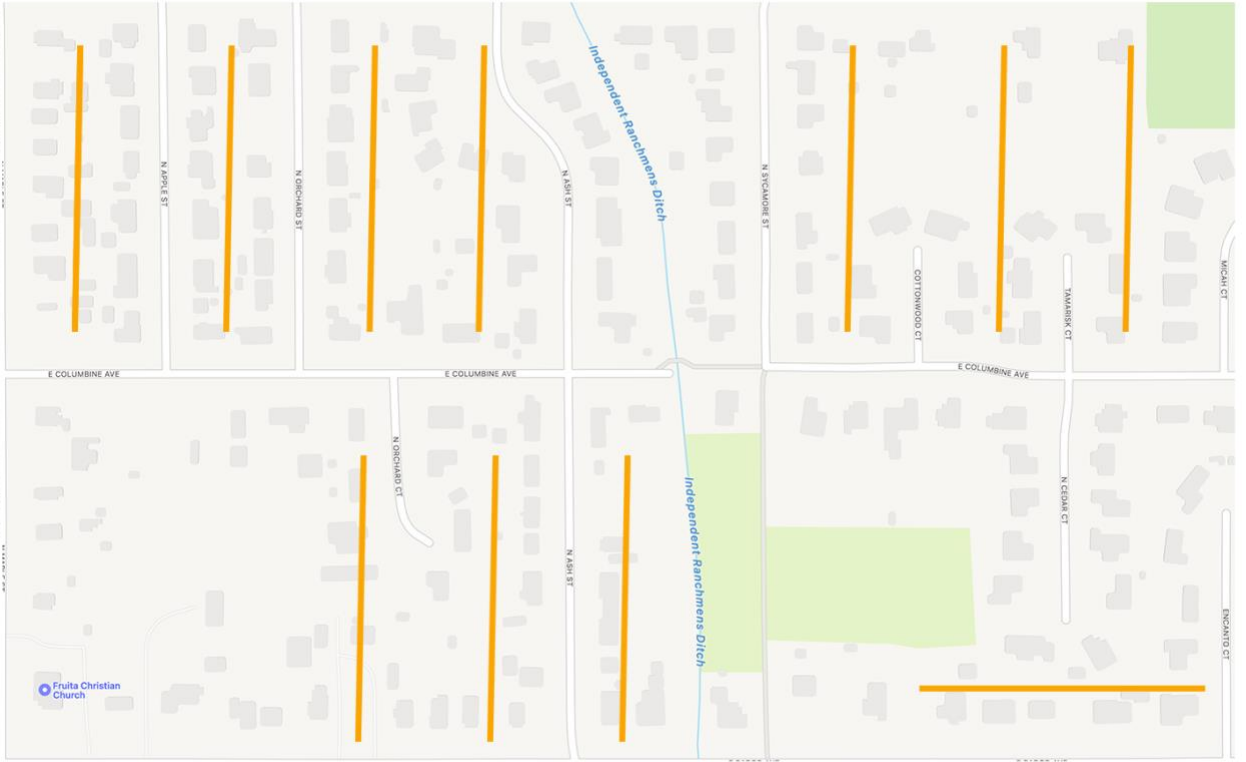
UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP for you)*

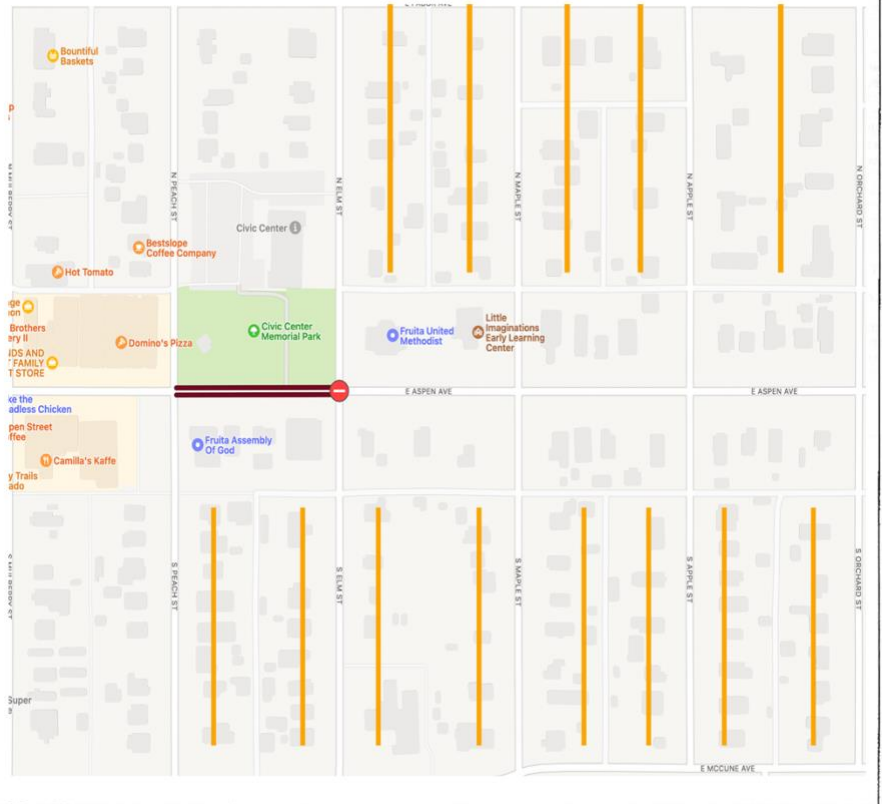
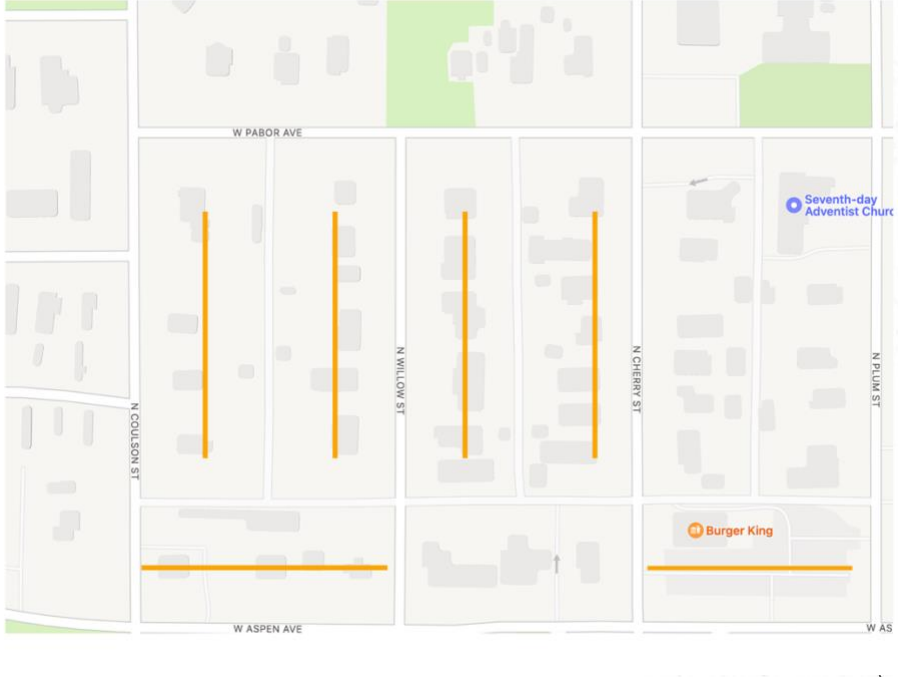
- **May 12-14, 2023** – Fruita Fat Tire Festival, Downtown Fruita and 18 Road Trailhead, Open Venue
- **May 14, 2023** – Co2uT, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue
- **May 31, 2023** – Colorado Municipal League Spring Outreach Meeting, Fruita Community Center at 3:00 p.m.
- **June 2-3, 2023** - Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue
- **June 8, 2023** - Thursday Night Concert Series - The Drunken Hearts (Americana), Civic Center Park, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 15, 2023** – Thursday Night Concert Series – Wave 11 (R&B/Reggae/Funk), Civic Center Park, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 22, 2023** – Thursday Night Concert Series – Goodman Band (Blues/Rock), Civic Center Park, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 23, 2023** – Fruita Fourth Fridays, FARM (160 S. Park Square), 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **June 25 – 28, 2023** - CML Annual Conference
- **June 29, 2023** – Thursday Night Concert Series – Centennial Band, Civic Center Park, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 29, 2023** – City Council Ice Cream Social, Civic Center Park, 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

ArborWorks Schedule for Week of May 15





Waste Management Report – April 2023



CITY OF FRUITA

APRIL 2023 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

776 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 13,187,700 sheets of printing and copy paper!

112 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 142 people!

111,723 kWh of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 10 homes!

Avoided 132 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 28 passenger vehicles!

236,240 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,149 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.

PREPARED BY WM

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 Waste Management.

© Waste Management 2021

Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO₂E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent



FRUITA COLORADO



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.