



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Workshop

We have three items on the agenda for our workshop Tuesday night. We will begin the workshop with a discussion on the implementation and roll out of the updated POST (Parks, Open Space and Trails) Impact Fee. After that, Council will review a Concept Plan for the Residences at Fruita. We will conclude our meeting with any quick updates in Other Items. See you on Tuesday night!

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:** Can I view the quarterly City Link mailer online?
- **Answer:** Yes! Each quarter, we send a newsletter to all Fruita residents in the mail, but you can also view the newsletter digitally. Check out the current and past editions at fruita.org/communications.

General Updates

- **City Engagement Event Next Week.** Our first Coffee with the City Manager and staff for this year is next Thursday, January 26, 2022, at Einstein Bagels at 8:00 a.m. I will be joined by staff from the Fruita Police Department to discuss what is happening in Fruita and to answer any questions. We hope to see you there!
- **For the Love of Fruita Campaign Outreach.** Outreach continued this week for the new For the Love of Fruita Community Engagement campaign, as Ciara DePinto, our Communications and Engagement Specialist, presented to the Arts and Culture Board, Downtown Advisory Board, the Police Commission, and the Livability Commission. Next week Ciara will be presenting to the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council. The feedback on the campaign has been positive and our Boards and Commissions members have shared excitement about participating.

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

- **Discover Fruita Radio Show & Podcast.** Another episode of Discover Fruita aired this week on KAFM Community Radio. Shannon Vassen, Assistant City Manager, discussed the 2023 Fruita Budget. He covered how the budget is created, what the community can find in the budget document, and some of the larger projects outlined in 2023. The episode will be available in the next week as a podcast at bit.ly/discoverfruita.
- **EV Charging Stations Project Update.** This week, we received notice that the two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations that were ordered for the Fruita Civic Center have been shipped, after an estimated delay of over 30 weeks. Once the charging stations are received, Xcel Energy will have to make the necessary electrical upgrades to the Civic Center to accommodate the stations, and then installation of the stations can be scheduled. The design for the electrical upgrades is complete and we are just waiting on Xcel to schedule the construction and provide a construction timeline.

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** The sanitary sewer main was completed in the new alignment and the existing sanitary sewer main was decommissioned with the old manholes removed. Work began on the south abutment with forms set on the back face and rebar being tied in place. Riprap placement continued below the north abutment.
- **North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza.** Construction is moving along for the North Mulberry Street project amidst weather and supply delays. Next week, the contractor will begin installing the underground storm drainpipe. Pedestrians, please remember to be careful and make sure to stay outside of the construction zone during the project, as there will be excavations that may be hard to see and heavy equipment working.

Parks and Recreation

- **We need your feedback!** You can win a 3-month membership to the FCC, a gym bag, a water bottle, and more when you take our 5-minute survey. Help us to learn more about your preferences for Fitness & Wellness programs at the City of Fruita so we can offer programs that suit YOU! The survey can be found at this [link](#).
- **Sweetheart Race Registration is open!** The Sweetheart 5k/10k race will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, on the Riverfront Trail. The 10k will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the 5K will begin at 10:30 a.m. Both races will begin and end at the Fruita Community Center. Learn more and sign up today [here](#).
- **FCC Court Installation Updates:**
 - The wooden court floor has been purchased and we are awaiting its delivery.
 - At this time, the upstairs track remains open to the public.
 - All court availability is subject to change at any time for construction or safety of our patrons. Please be patient with staff as we navigate the construction project while trying to accommodate a busy area with lots of needs. We will continue to update our patrons through social media, this newsletter, the biweekly parks and rec newsletter, and direct email to FCC members.

Planning & Development

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

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Cider Mill Estates Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mountain Drive) (47 Lots)
- Dana Minor Subdivision (Approved) (317 Pine Street) (3 Lots)
- 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)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (111 S. Mesa St)
- 204 S. Mulberry Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (204 S. Mulberry St)
- North Mulberry Street Conceptual Street Design (Approved/Under Construction)
- The FARM Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace (Under Construction) (158 Park Square)
- 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)

Public Works

- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Wastewater Treatment staff completed the annual Biosolids report as required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- **H2S Mitigation Project Update.** All potholing has been completed for the H2S manhole replacement to record elevations. A purchase agreement has been issued for the biofilter equipment and a purchase agreement should be completed next week for the fiberglass manholes. Once shop drawings are complete it is an estimated 20 weeks to take delivery of the materials. Staff continues to work with the Construction Manager at Risk and Engineering firm to value engineer project components.
- **Sewer Collections.** The sewer collections staff is adding a grease additive to the I-70 lift station as a trial to determine if it will have any effect on removing grease from the wet wells. Staff continues to meet and discuss options for grease removal in the collection system.
- **Inflow and Infiltration Report.** Staff is gathering data for the Inflow and Infiltration Report due to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- **Budget Training.** Public Works staff attended Budget Training 101 facilitated by the Finance Department.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service Meeting.** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has scheduled the Eastcreek Watershed Stakeholder meeting for

February 9, 2023. This meeting is to gather information for the preliminary investigative feasibility study they are completing on the city's behalf through a grant from the NRCS.

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

- [What's In a Name: Kodel's Canyon.](#)
- [2022 a complicated year for Western Slope real estate.](#)
- [Canfield Bikes Announces Special Blend Stems.](#)
- [Fruita builders voice concerns over building department changes.](#)
- [CPW happy with early sales of new park pass.](#)
- [Demographer says D51 enrollment will continue to decline throughout the 2020s.](#)
- [Snowpack buoying runoff hopes.](#)
- [Rabbit Valley camping fees start next month.](#)

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

- **January 26, 2023** – City Engagement Series with the City Manager & Fruita Police, Einstein Bagels, 8:00 a.m.
- **January 31, 2023** – City Council at Municipalities Dinner, 455 N. 22nd Street, Grand Junction, 6:00 p.m.
- **February 11, 2023** – Sweetheart 5K/10K Run, Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- **February 24, 2023** – City Engagement Series, Coffee with the City Manager, Aspen Street Coffee, 8:00 a.m.
- **April 14-16, 2023** – Desert RATS Trail Running Festival, Kokopelli Trailhead, Open Venue
- **May 5-6, 2023** – 18 Hours of Fruita, Highline Lake State Park, Open Venue
- **May 5-6, 2023** – Adventure Fest, 18 Road Trailhead, Open Venue
- **May 12-14, 2023** – Fruita Fat Tire Festival, Downtown Fruita and 18 Road Trailhead, Open Venue
- **May 14, 2023** – Co2uT, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue
- **June 2-3, 2023** - Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue

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.