



## **Fruita in Motion: Plan like a local** **(Comprehensive Plan Update)**

Community input is central to the creation of “Fruita in Motion,” the city’s Comprehensive Plan update that will guide growth and development in Fruita in the coming years. As the planning process wraps up, this community input is very important to ensure the final plan describes and supports the community’s vision. For more information about past and upcoming public engagement opportunities, see the Public Engagement tab of [www.fruitainmotion.org](http://www.fruitainmotion.org).

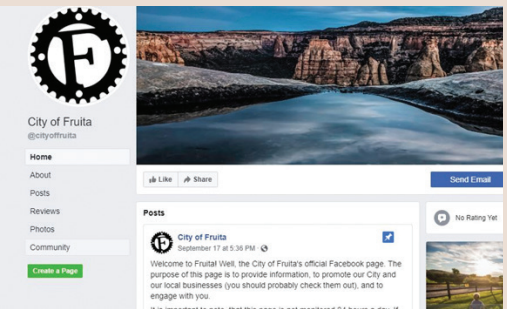
A Draft Plan Party was held on October 3rd to give the community an opportunity to see concepts, maps, and policies that will be part of the plan. The event, held at Civic Center Park, informed attendees about the plan’s community values, key themes, future land use map, and goals and policies around many topic areas. Attendees provided feedback through write-in question responses and interactive exercises. The event was well-

attended, with over 150 residents turning up to share their thoughts.

During October and November, the planning department has taken the plan on the road, presenting it at many smaller events. These events have been important opportunities to get additional feedback on the Draft Plan. Events are being held at schools, churches, and in conjunction with other community events. A full schedule is available at [www.fruitainmotion.org](http://www.fruitainmotion.org), along with an online survey for those unable to attend any of the events.

Once all the public input has been collected, the planning team will create a revised plan to present to the Plan Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council. After any additional revisions, the plan will be brought to Planning Commission and City Council for adoption in early 2020. (cont. p.2)

## **Find the City of Fruita on Facebook**



The City of Fruita is now on Facebook! The purpose of this page is to provide information to our residents, to promote our City and local businesses, and to engage and hear from you. If you’re interested in following, please like and share the page at [facebook.com/cityoffruita](https://facebook.com/cityoffruita).

## **2020 ELECTION NEWS**

The next City election will be held on April 7, 2020. The ballot will include the election of Mayor for a two-year term and three City Councilors for four-year terms.

If you are interested in running, here is a brief schedule of deadlines.

**First day** that nomination petitions may be picked up at the City Clerk’s Office and circulated: **Tuesday, January 7, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.**

**Last day** that nomination petitions may be circulated and must be filed with the City Clerk’s office: **Monday January 27, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information, you can visit [fruita.org/administration/page/city-clerks-office](http://fruita.org/administration/page/city-clerks-office).

**Fruita City Council:** If calling City Hall at 858-3663 does not answer your questions, please feel free to contact any of your City Council Members.



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## Explore Fruita with the City Manager

The City Manager engagement series is an opportunity for residents to have an open conversation with the City Manager and discuss topics on their mind while exploring Fruita doing various activities or enjoying a local business. These are casual, informal events that you all are welcome to drop in or drop out of at any time.

**December 11, 2019** at 8:00 a.m. – Coffee with the City Manager at Camilla's Kaffe

**January 7, 2020** at 9:00 a.m. – Coffee with the City Manager at Einstein's Bagels

**February 4, 2020** at 5:00 p.m. – Beer or Root Beer with the City Manager at the Hot Tomato

**March 5, 2020** at 4:30 p.m. – Bike with the City Manager – Meet at the Fruita Community Center ☺



## Groundbreaking of the new Fruita Elementary School

In September, the Mesa County Valley School District #51 Board of Education invited the City of Fruita's elected officials and staff to participate in the groundbreaking of the

new school in Fruita, Monument Ridge Elementary. Construction on the new school is well underway, and it will be a 62,000 square foot, two-story building serving pre-school through 5th

grade. Monument Ridge is going to be a great addition to our community and we are excited to be working with the School District on this project. ☺

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With a final plan almost in hand, the City is preparing for new planning processes to help implement the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The City is seeking proposals from qualified firms to assist on a Land Use Code Update and a Parks, Health, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PHROST) Plan. These plans will include many public engagement opportunities but will be guided by the community's vision heard through the Fruita in Motion process. ☺



## Being snow ready

After a difficult winter last year, City crews are equipped for snow removal operations to make sure our transportation system remains safe and accessible. This includes snow plowing and anti-icing operations that prioritize critical arterials for commercial corridors, school routes, emergency services, and City facilities. Residents should be aware that property owners

have the responsibility to keep all sidewalks adjoining their property free of snow and ice. Snow and ice need to be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. If you are a business owner with a sidewalk outside your business, the snow and ice must be removed within two hours after the storm stops. If the storm occurs during the night, the snow and ice need to

be removed by 10:00 a.m. the following morning. When shoveling snow or removing icicles from your roof, please remember to be careful and not overexert yourself. Cold weather can exacerbate underlying health issues and can be dangerous. Consider working with neighbors or hiring someone if needed to stay safe. ☺

# Building better trails together: Update from the Fruita Trails Initiative



This fall, the City of Fruita partnered with COBMOBA, the Bureau of Land Management, the Western Colorado Conservation Corps, Over the Edge, and the Hot Tomato to fund a Trails Maintenance Crew for six weeks. The Trails Maintenance Crew spent three weeks at the Kokopelli Trail System and three weeks at the North Fruita Desert (18 Road) repairing trails, fixing drainage, building rock structures and revegetating braided trail systems. The maintenance was focused on trail resilience and rideability on many of Fruita's popular trails. Thank you to everyone who participated in this crew and especially to Anne Keller who spent a significant amount of time coordinating the crew's efforts. 📍

## 2020 CENSUS — It's important, it's easy and it's safe

The 2020 Census is right around the corner! For the first time, you will be able to respond to the Census online, by phone, or by mail. In preparation of Census Day on April 1, 2020, here is a brief overview of the Census:

**Question:** What is the 2020 Census and why do we do it?

**Answer:** Every ten years, the United States Constitution requires a headcount of every person residing in the United States. The purpose of the Census is to provide current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

**Question:** What is Census data used for and why is my participation important?

**Answer:** The census provides vital information for you and your community. The

information that is obtained is used to distribute federal funds to state and local governments, to forecast future transportation needs, to determine the redistricting of legislative districts, and to assist local governments with program planning and implementation, among many other uses! It is estimated that the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion a year based on Census Bureau data.

**Question:** When can you start completing the Census?

**Answer:** Beginning in March, the Census Bureau will invite households to participate in the 2020 Census. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the census.

For more information, visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov). 📍



## 2020 Proposed Utility Rate Changes:

**The following utility rate changes will be effective January 1, 2020:**

### Solid Waste Collection (Trash) Services:

- Residential - \$14.15 per month. Increase of \$0.50/month.
- Residential Senior rate\* - \$12.20 per month. Increase of \$0.45/month.

### Sewer Services:

- Residential - \$48 per month. Increase of \$1.00/month.
- Residential Senior/income eligibility rate\* - \$19.30 per month. Increase of \$0.40/month
- Commercial Base Rate -

\$55.15 per month. Increase of \$1.10/month.

- 5,000 to 105,000, \$7.20, increase of \$0.15/1,000 gallons.
- 105,000 gallons plus - \$4.45/1,000 gallons, increase of \$0.10.
- Plant Investment Fee for single family residence - \$7,000 (3%) increase.

**Irrigation Water** – For the core area of the City, the annual charge for irrigation will increase to \$140, an increase of \$10 per year. For the outlying system ("Encanto Line"), the rate will also increase to \$140 per year. \*Senior rates – Age and income eligibility requirements apply. 📍



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## Upcoming Events in Fruita

December 14, 2019	Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
December 14, 2019	Fruita Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting	Dusk	Downtown Fruita
December 18, 2019	Cookies-N-Clause	6:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
January 18, 2020	Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge	9:00 a.m.	Fruita Community Center
February 15, 2020	Sweetheart 5K/10K Run	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
March 7, 2020	An Evening of Art in Fruita	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
April 4, 2020	9News Health Fair	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Fruita Community Center
April 8, 2020	Easter Egg Scramble	4:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
April 18, 2020	Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament	9:00 a.m.	Adobe Creek Golf Course