



Election Results

On April 3rd, the City of Fruita celebrated our democratic responsibilities and held our bi-annual municipal election. Residents were asked to elect a Mayor, to fill three City Council seats and to consider allowing the City of Fruita the authorization to receive and expend grants and all revenues generated in excess of the TABOR limitations. Out of 7,914 ballots that were issued to registered voters, 2,773 took the time to participate in the election by casting their ballots.

Joel Kincaid was elected as Mayor of the City and Karen Leonhart, Kyle Harvey, and Lori Buck were each elected to four-year terms on the City Council. When Kincaid was elected Mayor, that left his seat vacant, so at the April 17th regular City Council meeting,

the Council voted to establish a process and timeline to appoint someone to the vacant seat. The City received a total of eleven applications and after conducting interviews, appointed Amanda Ewing to

approved by the voters with 2,243 of voters voting “yes” on the issue and 480 voting “no.” It is important to note that the approval of this referred issue means that the City of Fruita will be required to continue to invest in the construction and maintenance of essential infrastructure. Fruita voters overwhelmingly supported similar ballot measures in 1993, 1995, 2000, 2006 and 2012. In each of those elections,

Fruita voters restricted how long the approval lasted and restricted what the funds could be used for. This ballot issue does the same by restricting the funds for use for capital improvements and maintenance through December 31, 2024. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote! 🗳️



Summary for: All Contests,
Fruita, All Tabulators, All Counting
Groups

City of Fruita

Regular Municipal Election
April 3, 2018

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Fruita Mayor (Vote for 1)

MIKE DURDEN	727
JOEL KINCAID	1,890
Total Votes	2,617

Fruita City Council Members
(Vote for 3)

KAREN LEONHART	1,954
RUDY VAN VOORHEES	487
KYLE HARVEY	1,714
CAROLYN GAMBINO	951
LORI BUCK	2,201

Referred Issue A (Vote for 1)

YES	2,243
NO	480

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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JOEL KINCAID
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MAYOR PRO TEM
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The FYI on the Fruita Youth Initiative (FYI)...

Just over a year ago, the Fruita community adopted a prevention framework called Communities That Care. The Communities That Care (CTC) system is a way for members of a community to work together to prevent youth problem behaviors and adverse health outcomes. These outcomes include substance misuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout, violence, and mental health. CTC efforts in Colorado are being funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) through the marijuana tax cash fund.

Fruita implemented the CTC process to achieve the community's vision of being a caring community that recognizes the value and potential of youth by creating positive opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles. A key goal of the CTC effort is to identify which risk factors, protective factors, and problem behaviors are of most concern in a community, and then implement evidence-based programs


and strategies that address the community's unique needs.

As part of this effort over the last year, community leaders and members from across sectors and backgrounds attended orientations to commit to the CTC process and establish a structure for this effort, including their vision statement. These members make up the Key Leader Board and Community Board. Workgroups, or sub-committees of the community board, analyzed the data, met with youth to get their perspective, and have scanned the county for available resources.

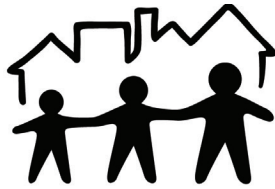
Recently, Fruita CTC changed their name to Fruita Youth Initiative (FYI). Currently FYI is in the process of identifying and evaluating the resources that are now in place and available in Fruita. Their assessment will be used to help determine programs and strategies to promote child and youth well-being and prevent health and behavior problems by creating positive opportunities and promoting healthy lifestyles.

As part of the FYI, community members and city administrators have begun to develop closer relationships and ties to the local schools, including Fruita Monument High School, Fruita 8/9 and the Fruita Middle School. School Administrators from each of these schools have been actively involved in multiple FYI discussions and meetings. A deeper appreciation for the work and effort the schools are providing to youth is growing stronger. Schools have been implementing programs such as Sources of Strength (SOS) in

our schools and engaging youth social networks and strengthening source of support (protective factors) for youth.

Want to do more? Join Fruita Youth Initiative and contribute your experiences and expertise to grow a generation of healthy youth. To get involved, contact Ture Nycum (Fruita Parks and Recreation Director) at tnycum@fruita.org or Katie Smith (Mesa County, Health Promotion Specialist) katie.smith@mesacounty.us. For more information about CTC, visit www.communitiesthatcare.net/. 

FYI'S UGLY SWEATER PARTY WITH MISS COLORADO TEEN USA
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that care**



Kokopelli Section Colorado Riverfront Trail

The City of Fruita is pleased to announce that Phase I of the Kokopelli Section – Colorado Riverfront Trail system is open for use and construction of Phase II is scheduled for completion by the end of July. Phase I (2 miles of 10-foot wide concrete) begins at the Little Salt Wash Trail just north of Interstate 70 and runs westerly to the south end of 15 Road. Phase II (2.25 miles) begins at 15 Road and continues west to Reed Wash, where the trail will pass under the Inter-

state 70 bridges to the south and then run up the south side of I-70 to the Loma Interchange.

In addition to the concrete trail construction, the Western Colorado Conservation Corps and some volunteer trail enthusiasts recently constructed 2.5 miles of single track trail in areas adjacent to the new concrete trail giving riders opportunities to experience some variety along the route.

Completion of this trail connection has been a long-term

goal for the City of Fruita and we would like to extend our appreciation to the numerous riverfront partners that have been instrumental in making this trail system what it is today. Completion of this most recent trail connection takes another big step toward the ultimate goal of having a trail system from Palisade to Loma, which wouldn't have been possible without the strong support of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Department of Local Affairs

(DOLA), Colorado Department of Transportation, Mesa County, Colorado Riverfront Commission, and many others.

To celebrate the completion of the Kokopelli Section of the trail, a Grand Opening celebration is scheduled at the August 9th Colorado Riverfront Concert held at the Fruita Section of the James M. Robb Colorado State Park. Details of the Grand Opening will be posted on the City's website (www.fruita.org) as the event gets closer. 

Annual Notice to all Fruita Residents: Properties are to be Maintained Free of Weeds

Please help maintain our beautiful small town atmosphere by removing weeds and keeping the city weed free. Many people don't realize that pursuant to Chapter 8.04 of the Fruita Municipal Code, failure to meet the requirements of the Weed Ordinance is a non-criminal municipal offense which can result in a mandatory court appearance and a possible fine. Non-compliance could also result in the City of Fruita cutting and removing the weeds and filing a lien on the property for those costs incurred. Here is what you need to know:

Cut weeds 12" in height or higher to the ground and remove them:

- From the entire property where you live or conduct business
- From your back property line to the centerline of the alley
- Along the street adjoining all sides of your property between the property line and the curb line

and/or sidewalk. If there is no curb line, then cut to within ten feet of the pavement. This includes the weeds outside of your fence to the curb line.

- Including all noxious weeds, like the puncture vine (goat heads), which should be sprayed with herbicide and removed when dead

Keep in mind:

- If you spray any weeds with herbicide, all dead vegetation must be removed.
- Keep irrigation ditches and easements free of weeds and debris.
- All weeds and brush must be properly disposed of by bagging, bundling, placing in trashcans or hauling to the Mesa County Compost Facility.

For additional information, questions, or to report a big weed issue, contact the City's Code Enforcement Officer Dave Oliver at 858-0763 or via e-mail at doliver@fruita.org. ☎

CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Dan Caris,

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



After an extensive process, City Manager Mike Bennett selected Dan Caris to serve as the next Director of Planning and Development. Dan brings passion, creativity, experience and a desire to communicate effectively in his role as the Planning and Development Director for the City of Fruita. Said Bennett, "Dan has hit the ground running and is a great fit for the City of Fruita. He exemplifies Fruita's core values, providing a high level of service to the community."

Dan received his Masters of Public Administration from the University of Colorado, and a Bachelor in Business from the University of Arizona prior to working for the City. Dan was the Development Services Manager for Mesa County.

When not at work, he and his wife enjoy mountain biking and fly fishing. They have two big dogs that love to camp and run around Snooks Bottom on their frequent trips to the river. Fruita feels like a great fit for the Caris family. They enjoy the bikeability in town and on trails. Dan says, "The community connections here foster a supportive and family feel. The employees, leadership, community, and City Council really make this organization top notch." They couldn't be more thrilled to be here!

Dan is married to Marie Caris, a seventh grade English teacher who works just few blocks away at Fruita Middle School. They are excited to start this new chapter of their lives in Fruita. ☎

Take the Fruita Police Department Bike Safety Quiz

It's cycling weather! Your Police Department wants everyone to have a fun and safe season. Please take this brief quiz to refresh yourself on some rules of the road for motorists and cyclists. Remember – safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

1. Cyclists have all the _____ and all the _____ applicable to the driver of any other vehicle.
2. **True or False:** The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a cyclist shall allow AT LEAST a 3-foot separation between the right side of the car and left side of the cyclist.
3. Cyclists should ride _____ traffic.
 - a. against
 - b. with
 - c. away from
4. **True or False:** Persons riding bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
5. Cyclists are not expected or required to ride over or through _____ at the edge of a roadway, such as fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or narrow lanes.
6. Cyclists are not expected or required to ride without a reasonable _____ on the right side of the roadway.
7. Cyclists must obey _____ traffic signs, including stop signs and speed limit signs.
 - a. all
 - b. some
 - c. no
8. **True or False:** A person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle upon and along a sidewalk or pathway or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. A person riding a bicycle in a crosswalk shall do so in a manner that is safe for pedestrians. ☎

Answers: 1. rights / duties 2. True 3. B 4. True 5. hazards 6. safety margin 7. A 8. True

Upcoming Events in Fruita

6/1/18 - 6/2/18	Mike the Headless Chicken Festival	Downtown Fruita	
6/7/18 - 9/15/18	Thursday Night Concerts	Civic Center Park	
6/14/18	River Front Concert - John McEuen's String Wizards	James M Robb State Park	7:30 pm
6/14/18	Bike Rodeo	Civic Center Park	5:30pm - 7:30 pm
6/15/18	Food Truck Friday	Civic Center Park	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
6/14/18 - 6/17/18	Country Jam	Country Jam Ranch	
6/23/18 - 9/15/18	Farmers Market	Civic Center Park	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
6/28/18	Thursday Night Concert and Fruita City Council Ice Cream Social	Civic Center Park	7:30 PM
7/3/18	3rd of July Fireworks Show	City of Fruita	Dusk
8/9/18	River Front Concert - The Bellamy Brothers	James M Robb State Park	7:30 PM
7/6/18	Food Truck Friday	Civic Center Park	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
8/10/18	Food Truck Friday	Civic Center Park	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
9/4/18	Dog Daze	Fruita Community Center	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
9/7/18	Food Truck Friday	Civic Center Park	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
9/7/2018 - 9/8/2018	Kokopelli 140	Downtown Fruita	
9/21/2018 - 9/23/18	Fruita Fall Festival	Downtown Fruita	
9/28/18	Food Truck Friday	Civic Center Park	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
9/29/18	Tour of the Moon	Civic Center Park	

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