



Community Plan Update

It is time to update the Community Plan and we will need your input during the process in 2019. Fruita has experienced an increase in residential and commercial growth and the current plan is 10 years old. It is important to ensure that our framework for growing reflects the community's desire to encourage complementary and well-managed growth, while maintaining the small-town atmosphere.




By way of background, the City of Fruita adopted its first Community Plan in 1884 when William Pabor platted the town for development. The Community Plan has been updated several times over Fruita's history including the most recent update in 2008. The 2008 plan was created due to the increased rate of growth between 2001 and 2007. While the current plan clearly allows

for growth to occur over time, it does so with the understanding that attempting to stop growth is not a sustainable long-term solution. Many aspects of the current plan are still relevant today, so an update is appropriate versus a complete re-write.

In 2017, the City conducted a community survey, and the results encouraged the City to continue to improve and

enhance the small-town atmosphere of the community. It's the City Council's goal to assure the community that as growth occurs, we continually check in with the citizens and stay current with long-range community planning best practices. The 2019 Community Plan update will build upon much success and community input on how Fruita should grow. Like many

communities, we find it necessary to make sure our long-range plans are relevant and emulate the values of our community. We're hoping to engage the community in a variety of unique ways to get the most comprehensive feedback possible. Please be on the lookout in 2019 for dates/times on how to participate in the update to the Fruita Community Plan. 

CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT: **Planning and Development**

In 2018, we welcomed some new faces in the City of Fruita Planning & Development Department including Dan Caris, Planning & Development Director; Kelli McLean, Planning Technician, and

Dave Oliver, Code Compliance Officer; Henry Hemphill, former Planning Technician, was promoted to City Planner. As reported in the fall issue of the City Link, the City continues to experience an

increase in both commercial and residential development. Monthly development reports and pending development projects may be found at www.fruita.org/cd. The Planning & Development Depart-

ment uses the development review process, public hearing process, City Land Use Code and its master plans to manage growth and implement the City Council's

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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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Livability Commission

One effort that will provide feedback for the Community Plan Update is the newly formed Fruita Livability Commission. The Commission is the result of the City of Fruita being designated an “age-friendly, livable community” by AARP. This designation includes more than 300 towns, cities and counties nationwide. In fact, Colorado has been designated a “Livable State” along with only two others: New York and Massachusetts. The mission of the Commission is to gather community input and make recommendations to the City Council pertaining to the eight domains of livability that support healthy aging and improve the quality of place,

economic health and lifestyle of the Fruita community members. Consequently, the Commission will target improvements in eight domains meant to influence and improve the health and quality of life of those in our community. These eight domains of livability and what they represent include:

- 1. Transportation:** Safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation
- 2. Housing:** Availability of home modification programs for aging in place as well as a range of affordable housing
- 3. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings:** Availability of safe and accessible recreational facilities

4. Social Participation: Access to leisure and cultural activities, including opportunities for all residents to socialize with their peers and with others outside their age groups

5. Respect & Social Inclusion: Programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity as well as multi-generational interaction and dialogue

6. Civic Participation and Employment: Paid work and volunteer activities for all residents to engage in the formulation of policies relevant to their lives

7. Communication & Information: Access to communications technology

and other resources so residents can connect with their community, friends and family

8. Community Support & Health Services: Access to health care facilities, clinics and professionals, and programs that promote health, wellness and active aging

In early 2019, the Commission will set out on the “Livability Tour” around Fruita to gather community input on these eight domains. The tour is still being developed, so please look for information on tour dates and times as they become available. 📍



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goals of improving the quality of place, economic health and lifestyle of the community. With the recent increase in growth, work in 2019 will focus heavily on an update to the Community Plan, which will involve critical community engagement to accurately set the stage for growth into the future.

The focus of the Code Compliance Division is to enforce Fruita’s Land Use Code and other Municipal Codes pertaining to land use. This includes, but is not limited to, neighborhood and community nuisances such as weeds, rubbish, tires and trash, just to name a few. Through November, Code Compliance has received 178 complaints about these issues, and 98 percent

of these complaints have been resolved through the education and direction of the Code Compliance Officer. When complaints are received that violate City Codes, the Compliance Officer contacts the resident, and in most cases, once aware, the resident brings the issue into compliance. David Oliver, Code Compliance Officer, was hired in May of this year. David is a retired Denver Sheriff’s Sergeant with 26 years of experience. David oversaw the Civil Division of the Sheriff’s Department for 12 years. You may contact David regarding compliance issues at doliver@fruita.org or by calling (970) 858-0786. 📍

D51 Bond and Mill Update Related to Fruita Schools

Based on information provided by School District 51 and following the passing of the 2017 Bond & Mill Levy Override, the following has already occurred in relation to Fruita schools:

Mill Levy Override projects complete in Fruita Schools:

- Added 5 additional student contact days in the school calendar
- Updated instructional materials and educator professional development
- Added one job in technology support assigned to FMHS

Bond projects completed at Fruita schools in 2018:

- Fruita Monument High School - roof replaced, fire sprinklers installed, east parking lot expanded
- Fruita 8/9 - security vestibule installed
- Rim Rock Elementary - security vestibule installed
- Shelledy Elementary - security vestibule installed
- All teachers received Chromebooks
- Students received Chromebooks as follows:
- FMHS – 370 from bond – School has a total of 517 Chromebook devices from all sources



- F 8/9 – 247 from bond - School has a total of 257 Chromebook devices from all sources
- Shelledy – 180 from bond - School has a total of 218 Chromebook devices from all sources
- Rim Rock – 210 from bond - School has a total of 274 Chromebook devices from all sources

Bond projects to be completed in Fruita schools in 2019:

- Fruita Monument High School - entry infill/addition/remodel; install more fire sprinklers; repave old parking lots; more roof, flooring and HVAC replacements
- Fruita Middle School – fire alarm, roof, window and flooring replacements
- Rim Rock Elementary -

parking lot lights, flooring and concrete walk replacements and add shade structure

- Shelledy Elementary - intercom, roof, flooring, HVAC, pavement, concrete walk and pumphouse replacements

For additional information or to follow progress in the future, please visit http://www.d51schools.org/resources/bond_and_mill/3_a___3_b_financial_transparency_pages



2019 Proposed Utility Rate Changes:

The following utility rate changes will be effective January 1, 2019:

- Solid Waste Collection (Trash) Services – \$13.65. Increase of \$0.50/mo.
- Sewer Services
 - Residential - \$47.00. Increase of \$1.00/mo.
 - Residential senior/income eligibility rate - \$18.90/mo. Increase of \$0.40/mo. Eligibility requirements apply.
- Commercial Base Rate - \$54.05. Increase of \$1.05/mo.
 - 5,000 to 105,000 gallons - \$7.05/1,000. Increase of \$0.15/1,000
 - 105,000 gallons plus - \$4.35/1,000. Increase of \$0.10/1,000
- Plant Investment Fee for single family residence - \$6,800. Increase of \$200.
- Plant investment fee for commercial uses – 3% increase

Upcoming Events in Fruita

12/8/2018	Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair	10 am -3 pm	Fruita Community Center
12/8/2018	Hometown Christmas, Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting	Parade at Dusk	Downtown Fruita
12/19/2018	Cookies-n-Clause	6 pm	Fruita Community Center
2/16/2019	Sweet Heart 5k/10k Run	9 am - 1 pm	Fruita Community Center
3/9/2019	An Evening of Art in Fruita	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Fruita Community Center
3/30/2019	9 Health Fair	7 am to 11 am	Fruita Community Center
4/5/2019	Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament	9 am	Adobe Creek Golf Course

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