



Welcome ^(WTF) To Fruita

ADMINISTRATION
325 E ASPEN AVE.
858-3663
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INFO@FRUITA.ORG

MUNICIPAL COURT
858-8041

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
858-0785

CODE ENFORCEMENT
858-0763

ENGINEERING
858-8377

HUMAN RESOURCES
858-8373

UTILITY BILLING
858-3663

POLICE DEPARTMENT
157 S MESA ST.
EMERGENCIES 911
NON-EMERGENCIES
242-6707
BUSINESS OFFICE
858-3008

**PARKS & RECREATION/
COMMUNITY CENTER**
324 N COULSON ST
858-0360

**PUBLIC WORKS/
PARKS DEPARTMENT**
900 E KIEFER AVE.
858-9558

**AFTER HOURS
ON-CALL
EMERGENCIES:**
250-7835

**WASTEWATER
TREATMENT FACILITY:**
1131 15 RD.
858-4081

VISION STATEMENT:

“Preserve the rural, small town atmosphere of the Fruita community, while providing quality community services for a growing population and striving for economic development and prosperity.”

“HONOR THE PAST AND ENVISION THE FUTURE”



HISTORY:

The first permanent homesteaders in the Fruita area were possibly Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lapham - when they settled in late 1882, they took up residency in a pre-existing cabin with a dirt floor and a blanket door. They were followed by other settlers, nearly all of whom were farmers.

The present-day town was established in 1884, by William E. Pabor, who formed the Fruita Town and Land Company for the purpose of selling town lots. The original town site was planned to take in eighty acres with a park in the middle.

The first school was in a log cabin, followed by a frame structure and then a brick building. Built in 1912, the old brick school house now serves as the Fruita Civic Center.

Fruita continues to maintain a small town atmosphere with a thriving population.



WORLD FAMOUS **MIKE** THE HEADLESS CHICKEN

MANY NEW RESIDENTS HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING LOCAL LAWS AND SERVICES. THIS BROCHURE IS DESIGNED TO ANSWER MANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS. IF, AFTER READING THIS BROCHURE, YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, THE HELPFUL STAFF AT ANY OF OUR SERVICE WINDOWS WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU. YOU MAY ALSO CALL ONE OF THE NUMBERS LISTED ON THE LEFT OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FRUITA.ORG.

Elevation of
Fruita: 4,498
feet above sea
level



Mike the
Headless
Chicken is a
true story that
happened in
September 1945.

Men's Journal
Magazine
named Fruita
one of the "Best
Places to Live"
in April 2006



1970's

Fruita was a
“dry town” until
the late 1970s
when it was
voted out by the
City Trustees

Ceratosaurus
became Fruita's
“official
dinosaur”
in May 1997.



2015 marks
the 20th year
of the Fruita
Fat Tire
Festival, one of
the top
mountain
biking expos in
the country

Fruita has been
the winner of the
Governor's Smart
Growth and
Development
Award for four
consecutive years



PAYING YOUR CITY OF FRUITA BILL

UTILITY PAYMENTS

Drop Boxes are provided on the north side of the Civic Center and at the Fruita City Market for your convenience.

ACH Debit is a direct payment plan made automatically from your checking or savings account on a monthly basis. This form is available on the City's web site or at the administration counter in the Civic Center.

Credit Card payments may be made by calling the Administration Office (858-3663) during business hours (8am - 5pm Monday through Friday).

RENTAL PROPERTIES

An Owner/Utility Agreement must be completed each time the property is put in another tenants name. This form is available at the Civic Center or on the City's web site.



City Government

The City of Fruita is a Home-Rule City with a Council-Manager form of government. The elected six City Council members and the Mayor make policy decisions and enact legislation, while the City Manager carries out the Council's policies and administers the daily operations of City government. The meetings of the Fruita City Council are open to the public and are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 325 E. Aspen.

RESOURCES



CITY WEB SITE (WWW.FRUITA.ORG):

Visit our website to find employment opportunities, events, calendar, meetings, register for recreation programs, documents & forms and much more City information.



CITY LINK NEWSLETTER:

Published and mailed to all City of Fruita citizens each quarter. This newsletter is considered the Citizen's Link to information about the City of Fruita.

FRUITA CHAMBER



As a new resident, you are invited to stop by the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up a gift box filled with goodies from local businesses.

The Chamber is located at 432 E. Aspen Ave. in Fruita, at the corner of Aspen Avenue and Maple Street.

Contact the Chamber at 858-3894 or visit their website: www.fruitachamber.org.

City Departments

ADMINISTRATION (858-3663) The City Manager's office is responsible for the overall planning, coordination and support of City operations. The City Clerk's office maintains official records for the City, conducts elections, administers business, liquor and other licenses, provides notary services and serves as Clerk to the City Council. The Finance office provides accounting, budgeting, utility billing, payroll and investment for the City.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (858-0786)

The Community Development Department is a full time planning and zoning office that handles applications for planning clearances for building permits, fence and shed permits, zoning, subdivision and conditional use permits, applications for variances and the administration of subdivision improvement agreements.

CODE ENFORCEMENT (858-0763) Code Enforcement is concerned with violations of the land use codes and certain municipal codes with respect to public safety, junk and weeds.

ENGINEERING (858-8377) The Engineering Department is responsible for the planning, design, and construction oversight of all major Capital Improvement Projects for the City, including road and bridge projects, sewer and storm drainage projects, and contractor management.

HUMAN RESOURCES (858-8373) Human Resources is responsible for recruitment, retention and training of City employees and overseeing employee benefits and programs.

MUNICIPAL COURT (858-8041) The Fruita Municipal Court has jurisdiction over all municipal offenses including but not limited to Code Enforcement, animal offense, petty and misdemeanor crimes as well as certain traffic offenses committed within

the City limits of Fruita. Court is held at the Fruita Civic Center at 325 E. Aspen, Second Floor. Teen Court is a deferred program for qualifying teens to be sentenced by a jury of their peers. Please call the Municipal Court for hours as they vary throughout the year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS OFFICE

(858-3008) This department is responsible for public safety and includes animal control, a school resource officer, patrol officers, sergeants and records personnel. It also administers STEP (the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program), which is designed to address specific citizen traffic complaints.

Emergencies: Dial 911

Non-emergency dispatch: **242-6707** (to speak to an officer, report animals at large, report abandoned vehicles, etc.)

PUBLIC WORKS (858-9558) The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of City streets, buildings, mountain water and sewer and irrigation system operations. Problems in any of these areas should be reported to the number listed above. For after hours emergencies, please call **250-7835**.

*Please note: In many newer subdivisions, the HOA, not the City, is responsible for delivery of irrigation water.

PARKS AND RECREATION (858-0360) The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for scheduling recreation programs, coordinating City sponsored special and cultural events, and maintaining all parks and recreation facilities, including the Fruita Community Center. This department also issues special events permits and reserves all City facilities, including park shelters and meeting rooms at the Fruita Community Center and Fruita Civic Center.



City Services



SEWER: The City of Fruita operates a wastewater collection and treatment system, which provides sewer services to City residents. The Fruita service boundary encompasses 10,000 acres, including the entire area currently within the City Boundaries. The Fruita treatment plant is a state-of-the-art mechanical wastewater reclamation facility.



TRASH PICKUP: (858-3663) is provided once a week at each residence. Trash must be placed curbside (not in the street or on the sidewalk) by 7:00 am on the scheduled pickup day in containers provided by residents that do not exceed a 32-gallon capacity. If larger containers are used, the contents must be bagged and tied inside so that just the bags can be lifted out. The containers must be in good condition, have handles and tightly fitting covers without jagged or sharp edges that could injure the collector. A resident may have as many containers as needed for regular household trash. The containers and its contents should not exceed 50 lbs. Trash put out in containers that are oversized or are deteriorated may not be picked up.

Hazardous Waste must be disposed of properly. This is not only for your safety, but also for that of the trash collector. Hazardous waste is defined as aerosol cans, garden chemicals, spa/pool chemicals, household cleaners, paints, solvents, old gasoline/diesel fuel, hobby products, automotive batteries, household batteries, used motor oil, antifreeze, and other automobile products. You may call 257-9336 for further information.

Tree trimming and hedge cuttings shall be securely tied in bundles not heavier than 20 lbs nor more than (4) four feet in length and 18 inches in diameter.



RECYCLE: Free Curbside Recycle Program is provided to residential properties every other week on a voluntary sign up basis (information is enclosed).



IRRIGATION: Irrigation water comes primarily from the Grand Valley Irrigation Company. The City distributes approximately 350 shares (2,358,000 gallons per day) during the summer of untreated water and distributes that water to citizens for the purpose of watering lawns, trees and flowers. In many newer subdivisions, the HOA, not the City is responsible for delivery of irrigation water.



Fruita is the Gateway to the Colorado National Monument which is the City's "back-yard playground."

Outdoor Hiking,
Biking, Camp-
ing, Rafting &
Fishing



Gretta the Dinosaur was donated by Warren and Sherry Tice, Owners of a popular pizza parlor on Hwy 6&50.

Fruita has been annually designated as a "Tree City USA" community since 1993.



Fruita boasts an Average of 240 Sunny Days a year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE CITY? (Citizen Responsibilities)

WEEDS: Cut and remove the weeds on your property AND those growing adjacent to your property, including out to the curb line or within ten (10) feet of the pavement. If your property adjoins an alley, then remove the weeds out to the center of the alley.

SIDEWALKS: Maintain all sidewalks adjoining your property by keeping them free of snow, ice and mud.

TREES: Prune to 14 feet above streets and 9 feet above sidewalks.

LEAVES: Never sweep leaves or clippings into the gutter; instead bag them and set bags out for trash pickup.

PETS: It is unlawful to allow your dog to be at large within the city limits. Dogs must be on a leash when off your property. Pet owners are also required to pickup after their animals, whether on public streets, trails or private property. If they poop, you need to scoop.

The Riverfront Trail System is an ongoing 25+ year-old valley wide project that will provide a public trail system from Palisade to Fruita.





Fruita Park and Recreation Facilities

FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER –
324 N. COULSON ST.

FRUITA RIVERFRONT PARK –
HWY 340, SOUTH OF THE COLORADO RIVER

CIVIC CENTER MEMORIAL PARK – 325 E. ASPEN

RAPTOR SKATE PARK – 324 N. COULSON

SENIOR CENTER – 324 N. COULSON

REED PARK – 250 S. ELM ST.

HERITAGE PARK – 210 I-70 FRONTAGE ROAD

ROTARY TRIANGLE PARK – 103 S. COULSON ST.

PROSPECTOR PARK – 725 GALENA CIR.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK – 342 HWY 340

LITTLE SALT WASH SPORTS PARK – 651 N. PINE ST.

DANNY WILLIAMS PARK – 280 W. ROBERSON DR.

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