



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices will be closed next Wednesday, December 25, 2019 in observance of Christmas and on Wednesday January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. The Civic Center will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) as employees will be using their own vacation time during these hours.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fruita Parade of Lights Recap

The 2019 Fruita Parade of Lights & Tree Lighting was a great success this past Saturday with over 40 great floats from members of the community. The City of Fruita entered a train themed float this year with participation from multiple departments in decorating. It was great to see the employees, their families, and members from the Fruita Youth Action Council assist in shepherding the float thru downtown. **The City's float ended up receiving 1st Place in the Santa's Choice category!** Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and all the sponsors that make this event possible.



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

521 Drainage Authority

Councilman Karisny and I attended the 521 Drainage Authority Board meeting Thursday. Prior to the meeting, each partner entity approved resolutions to terminate the 521 Drainage Authority. The Authority's board unanimously approved a resolution approving the dissolution of the 521 Drainage Authority. The resolution (copied below) cites the Board to complete necessary steps to "wind up" the business of the 521 by March 31, 2002. The Board also adopted the 2020 budget which includes using fund balance toward the first quarter expenses and distributing refunds to each entity for expenses not incurred, which are no longer needed toward the Unification Study. This is \$5,000 for the City of Fruita. The final resolution approved by the Board set forth the ability to continue working with the City of Grand Junction as we work to transition working with the County for water quality.

#GOFRUITA!!!! Keep Voting for Fruita Businesses in the Elevation Outdoors 2020 Best of the Rockies!

The nominations are in, and you can now vote for Fruita and many businesses/events for the Elevation Outdoors Best of the Rockies! Here is a list of all of the nominations, and you can vote at this [link](#)!

- Horsethief Bench – Best Mountain Bike Ride
- Fruita, Colorado – Best Kid-friendly Outdoor Destination
- Imondi Wake Zone – Best Adventure Park
- Rim Rock Marathon – Best Running Race
- Over the Edge Fruita – Best Bike Shop
- Colorado Back Country Biker – Best Bike Guide company
- Rim Rock Adventures – Best Whitewater Guide Company
- Thrive Fruita Yoga – Best Yoga Studio
- Copper Club Brewing Company – Best Brewery
- Hot Tomato – Best Restaurant
- Best Slope Coffee – Best Coffee Shop
- Big Mikes Pork N Wings – Best Food Truck

General Updates

- On January 9th, the City of Fruita and FWorks will be hosting the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. The after-hours is from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and will take place upstairs in the FWorks. Like last year, I hear there will be an opportunity for attendees to win Fruita gear and merchandise. The full flyer is provided below, and we hope to see you there!
- Tomorrow is the final day to ride the Grand Valley Transit for free for your holiday shopping. More information can be found [here](#).
- Thank you to Family Health West and Flavors Grille for the beautiful gingerbread rendition of Circle Park! We are keeping it on display at the Civic Center to get into the holiday spirit.





Engineering

- The 16 Road extension to the Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront trail system continues with piping of ditches along the west side of 16 Road and a portion of the ditch along the north side of the lake at the Fruita Business Park.
- Preparations continued for the Highway 6 Sewer Interceptor project for the bore under Highway 6 and the Union Pacific Railroad. Boring to start late this week or early next.
- The Fremont St. And Ottley Ave. Intersection is open again after being closed this week for a sewer connection associated with the Brandon Estates Residential subdivision at the northeast corner of the intersection.

Human Resources

- The City of Fruita is currently seeking a full time Accounting Technician to perform all Payroll and Accounts Payable functions for the City. The deadline to apply for this position is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2019. For more information on the job including the entire posting, you can visit this link [here](#).

Parks and Recreation

- We have narrowed it down to one consultant for the Parks, Health, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PHROST) Master Plan Update. We are working out the final details with the consultant and hope to get started on the project soon.
- For the Roundabout projects, we have also narrowed it down to one artist and one landscape architect. We will be giving an update to the Council at the first meeting in January to discuss.
- The Hot Tub is up and running! The parts were replaced, and we were able to open the Hot Tub on Tuesday.

Planning & Development

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

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Village at County Creek North

Site Design Review:

- Coloramo Site Design Review (333 W Aspen)
- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla)
- Pediatric Dental Specialist (197 & 101 Jurassic)

Police Department

- Officers Bomar and Hunt participated with other area law enforcement in the Shop with a Cop events at Mesa Mall and Walmart.

Public Works

- The elevator at the Civic Center was out of order for most of the week while replacement parts were on order. The elevator has been repaired and is now fully operational.

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

- [Fruita rings in holidays.](#)
- [CMU researcher releases quarterly county economic reports.](#)
- [‘SEE ME’ campaign looks to overcome mental health stigma.](#)
- [Early state snowpack above average.](#)
- [Veteran graves marked with wreaths for holiday season.](#)
- [Local governments move to dissolve 5-2-1 Drainage Authority.](#)
- [FMS Students video call Broncos player.](#)
- [CU forecast: Mesa County out “exceptionally positive.”](#)
- [Fruita Monument High School’s Special Ed Program receives \\$15,000 donation.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you when needed.):*

- **January 7, 2020** – Coffee with the City Manager at Einstein’s Bagels at 9:00 a.m.
- **January 9, 2020** – Business After Hours hosted by the City of Fruita and FWorks, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at FWorks.
- **January 15, 2020** – Start the Conversation on Resilience and Happiness, Fruita Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **February 4, 2020** – Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager at Hot Tomato, 5:00 p.m.
- **February 8, 2020** – Fruita Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Fruita Community Center, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. If interested, RSVP [here](#).

- **February 15, 2020** – Sweetheart 5K/10K Run at 9:00 a.m., Fruita Community Center.
- **February 18, 2020** – Start the Conversation on the topic of Stress Management, Fruita Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **March 5, 2020** – Bike with the City Manager at 4:30 p.m., meet at Fruita Community Center.
- **March 7, 2020** – An Evening of Art in Fruita, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fruita Community Center.
- **March 11, 2020** – Start the Conversation on the topic of Suicide Prevention, Fruita Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **April 4, 2020** – 9 Health Fair at the Fruita Community Center, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **April 8, 2020** – Easter Egg Scramble at 4:00 p.m., Fruita Community Center.
- **April 15, 2020** – Fruita Back to Summer Fair, Fruita Community Center Meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **April 22, 2020** – Start the Conversation on the topic of Social Media Use, Fruita Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **April 18, 2020** – Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at 9:00 a.m., Adobe Creek Golf Course.
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website or at this [link](#).
- The **2019** Events Information is also available online [here](#).

CC. Department Directors

Do you have questions about anything in the Weekly Information Update? Please feel free to email us at communications@fruita.org.

**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01**

*RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE 5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2020.*

Recitals:

In June 2004 Mesa County, the cities of Fruita and Grand Junction, the town of Palisade and the Grand Junction Drainage District (nka Grand Valley Drainage District or GVDD) formed the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority. The 5-2-1 Drainage Authority is commonly referred to as the 5-2-1.

On June 14, 2004, MCA 2004-082 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) forming the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority was signed by all five entities.

The 5-2-1 was created to, among other things, study drainages, plan for and develop drainage structures and facilities necessary to accommodate drainage water, and manage storm water discharges from new and/or existing facilities all in accordance with discharge permits issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and applicable State and Federal law.

For a number of years, the 5-2-1 and its contracted manager, presently the City of Grand Junction, have capably administered the discharge permits; however, the 5-2-1 has not been able to develop a mechanism for capital funding for the construction of facilities. Because the 5-2-1 had not been successful with that aspect of its mission and purpose and has determined that the permit inspection and administration functions may be more effectively managed by technical staff of each entity or by contract with Mesa County, members of the 5-2-1 and the 5-2-1 Board have considered termination of the IGA. At its meeting on December 5, 2019 the consensus of the Board was to end the IGA.

Each of the participating agencies have adopted a resolution to terminate the 5-2-1.

Following termination of the IGA the staff of each entity, and as appropriate the governing bodies thereof, will determine whether to contract to with Mesa County to inspect and permit stormwater facilities and discharges or instead each entity may assume those obligations.

Pursuant to the IGA and applicable law, certain steps are necessary to “wind up” the business of the 5-2-1 and accordingly it is the intention of the Board to complete those matters by no later than March 31, 2020. The 5-2-1 has no debt or other outstanding financial obligations; discharge permit(s) and the obligations arising out of or thereunder will be transferred in accordance with the requirements of CDPHE and to the proper party(ies).

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority, Mesa County, Colorado to terminate the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority effective March 31, 2020 and commence the dissolution, disposition of assets and other necessary matters.

ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2019.

David Karisny, Chairman

ATTEST:



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Join the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce for Business After Hours hosted by The City of Fruita and FWorks.

FWorks is a program of the Business Incubator Center. Visit the FWorks and learn about co-working the Fruita way while connecting and networking.

Refreshments and appetizers provided!

\$5 for members ; \$10 for non-members.

January 9, 2020

5:30-7:00 PM

FWORKS

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RSVP ONLINE AT [EVENTS.FRUITACHAMBER.ORG](https://events.fruitachamber.org)



WHY FRUITA? The City of Fruita focuses on three strategic outcomes built upon a base of providing quality core services.

Quality of Place (QP) The City of Fruita is a community where residents and visitors love where they are. The City strives to be a bike and pedestrian friendly community by providing a system of sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes that connect our parks, schools, neighborhoods, civic facilities, and commercial areas. We value safe neighborhoods, our geographic natural resources and landscapes, top tier education and healthcare, and we collaborate to provide quality essential infrastructure and services. We are an inclusive community of doers who enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.

Economic Health (EH) The City of Fruita strives to be financially sustainable by enabling a stable economy and supporting a diversity of businesses that offer well-paying jobs that attract educated employees. The City works to be fiscally responsible and continuously seeks ways to allocate resources to services and projects that have the highest impact on the City's priorities. We are the innovative leader for economic development in the Grand Valley.

Lifestyle (L) The City of Fruita fosters a fun and funky ambiance by celebrating the local arts, farm and ranching history, unique leisure opportunities, and family-friendly events and activities. As a city, we encourage a diversity of cultural opportunities, businesses, and recreational activities. We continue to improve and enhance recreational offerings from traditional to outdoor adventure sports and youth to adult activities. We are a family-friendly community with diverse cultural opportunities, businesses and recreational amenities where visitors feel like locals and locals play like visitors.



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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.