



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update

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City Council Workshop Rescheduled

Quick reminder, the City Council Workshop originally scheduled for next Tuesday has been rescheduled to September 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Soft Opening of Peach Street Outdoor Dining

While we are still awaiting permanent signage and Mulberry Street Dining area to be completed, Peach is ready to let people seat, so we invited all and met with most downtown businesses that serve food and alcohol in the space to cover the rules and answer any questions today. That went very well, and it is now open. Information on these spaces can be found in the new Frequently Asked Questions found [here](#). More photos can be found at our Facebook [here](#).



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Coronavirus Update

Below are a few updates, but I would strongly encourage all to continue to follow www.fruita.org/covid19 for all updates we are posting. This also links to important Mesa County Public Health sources, as well as many others.

- **Mesa County Transitions to Protect our Neighbors Phase.** As we reported last week, Mesa County was recently approved for the “Protect our Neighbors” phase of the state’s COVID-19 response. On Friday, the Mesa County Public Health released information on the new phase, which is a gradual approach to reopening. Major changes include:
 - Limits occupants to 50% of a facility’s normal capacity or 500 people, whichever is less (previous cap was 175)
 - Capacity limits may increase by 5% every month as long as key metrics are maintained. Increases in capacity do not happen automatically.
 - A larger number of people can be in an indoor space, but social distancing is still required.
 - More information on the new phase in Mesa County can be found at this [link](#). The full Public Health order can be found [here](#).
- **Mask Mandate.** For a second time, the mask mandate has been extended by the Governor. MCPH’s new Public Health Order identified the following exceptions to the order though in Mesa County, assuming that people are meeting the six feet of distancing:
 - Face coverings may be removed when exercising indoors
 - While seated at an establishment or place of worship
 - While alone in an office or cubicle space

- **Frequently Asked Questions.** We launched a FAQ about how the City is spending Coronavirus Relief Funds and how the projects work and why we are doing them. Find the FAQ [here](#). We will continue to update this as we go.

General Updates

- **Trail Maintenance Grant.** Mesa County Public Health was officially awarded a Resilient Communities Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado which will fund a trails maintenance crew in the Grand Valley. This grant and work builds off the efforts from the Fruita Trails Initiative of creating a trails maintenance crew in the Fall of 2019. With this grant, a trails maintenance crew will be funded starting this Fall and go through 2022. We are pleased to see this program and the resources to support it grow.
- **Fire Restrictions.** Beginning today, September 18, 2020, Mesa County is moving back to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. More information is provided below, but here is a quick overview of what is allowed and what is not under Stage 1 Restrictions:
 - Allowed:
 - Fires in permanent fire pits, rings, or within developed recreational sites such as campgrounds, or a picnic area
 - Fire features, chimneys, and tiki torches at private residences supervised by a responsible adult
 - Fires contained within liquid or gas fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices.
 - Agricultural burns with a permit only
 - Not Allowed:
 - Any use of fireworks
 - Any fire or campfire not within a constructed permanent fire area
 - More provided below.
- **Colorado National Monument Closures.** Several trails and a portion of the campground within the Colorado National Monument will be closed today, September 18, 2020, to move 20 tons of rock by helicopter in preparation for substantial trail work on Liberty Cap. Liberty Cap trail will be closed from the upper connection with Corkscrew/Ute Canyon trails until December 15 but will be open on the weekend from Saturday through Monday. Additionally, Canyon Rim trail and Window Rock trail are closed until tomorrow night. More information can be found at this [link](#).
- **Recycling Update.** In August, Fruita residents recycled 49 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard. Full report is provided below.
- **Chamber Events.** Great news, the Fruita Farmers Market has been extended to October 31, 2020 (but there will no market on October 3). In addition to this, the Chamber has several events coming up such as the Supper on the Southside, the Fruita Brew Festival, and the downtown dinner. More information on these events can be found [here](#).

Engineering

- We have shortlisted the Active Circulation Plan consultant search to two firms, Fehr and Peers and Kimley Horn. We will have having mini-interviews next week to finalize our selection.
- Phase two of the concrete replacement program began this week.

Parks and Recreation

- The second Parks and Recreation e-newsletter is now available and can be found [here!](#) You will find many program offerings through Fruita Parks and Recreation in this e-newsletter.
- The Anna Banana cross country high school meet will be a Snooks Bottom tonight (JV races) and tomorrow morning (Varsity races) at Snooks Bottom Open Space. There will be some public closures to Snooks Bottom to accommodate the cross-country meet and Parks staff has been sprucing up the area in preparation of the races. Go Wildcats!
- Looking ahead – Golf for a Good Cause. The Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament is going to be hosted at Adobe Creek Golf Course on October 3rd. See the flyer below if you would like to either sponsor the tournament or play in the tournament. Proceeds of the tournament go towards scholarships for area youth into Parks and Recreation Programs (like soccer, swim lessons, day camps, etc.) as well as passes to the Fruita Community Center. It's a great time for a great cause. Thanks to our major sponsors, Fruita Rotary Club and Family Health West along with all the other businesses who help make this tournament a success.
- Nearing Completion – Today (Friday) crews are plastering the indoor pool at the FCC and hope to finish today. The pool will start filling tomorrow but it will take a few days to balance and heat the water. Sometime next week, staff will transition operations to the indoor pool from the outdoor pool.



Planning & Development

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

Land Use Code Amendments:

- Vested Right Code Amendment
- Development Agreements Code Amendment

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Dwell PUD Concept Plan (Approved)
- Bradyville Minor Subdivision (Approved)
- Cider Mills Preliminary Plan (Approved)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Coloramo Site Design Review (333 W Aspen) (Under Construction)
- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla) (Under Construction)
- Pediatric Dental Specialist (197 & 101 Jurassic) (Under Construction)
- Sycamore St ROW Vacation (Approved)
- Lithic Arts Building Site Design Review (Approved)

Police Department

- Lt. Peck participated in the Western Slope Peace Officers Academy's law enforcement leader's ethics panel.
- Special thanks to Sabrina Atwood and our wonderful Fruita Community for organizing and contributing to a FPD appreciation week! We received some amazing treats from a number of local citizens and businesses. We love our City!!

Public Works

- We are excited to announce that Amanda Downie has accepted the Administrative Technician position for Public Works. Amanda was an internal applicant that has been working on our maintenance crew and will be transitioning into her new role over the next couple of weeks.
- The planned project for the repairs of damaged conduit at the I-70 Lift Station are underway. This included installing an emergency bypass pumping system, temporarily relocating the generator, removing concrete, and hydro-excavating the conduits all this week. The next couple of weeks will include repairing the conduits, pouring a new concrete pad, resetting the generator, and making electrical connections. Thanks to our sewer and road crews for working together to get this done.

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

- [Sept. 11 heroes remembered with nearly 4-minute salute.](#)
- [Mesa County wins trail maintenance grant.](#)
- [Economic partnership operating with optimism amidst pandemic.](#)
- [Local church helps feed the community.](#)
- [MCPH sees COVID-19 spike in 20 to 29 year-olds.](#)
- [Mesa County Fire Restrictions move from Stage 2 to Stage 1 September 18th.](#)
- [School District 51 pauses admissions for online school program.](#)
- [Fruita businesses will take center stage for Supper on Southside.](#)
- [Halloween Events in Grand Junction 2020.](#)
- [Colorado Legislative Candidates Debate Saturday in Grand Junction.](#)

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.):*

- **June 20 – Oct. 31** - Fruita Farmer's Market will be every Saturday from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm at Reed Park during these dates.
- **September 18, 2020** – Family Health West Foundation Red Baron Ball – Virtual at 6:00 p.m.
- **September 19, 2020** – Supper on the Southside at Kokopelli Plaza – 5:00 p.m. More info [here](#).
- **September 20-25, 2020** – Fruita Youth Action Council Scavenger Hunt in Downtown Fruita. Win prizes by finding FYAC stickers – flyer below.
- **September 25, 2020** – Fruita Brew Festival, hosted by the Fruita Chamber – Civic Center Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **September 26, 2020** – Dinner Downtown, hosted by Fruita – Civic Center Park from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **October 3, 2020** – Fishing is Fun Day at Snooks Bottom, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **October 3, 2020** – Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at Adobe Creek National Golf Course, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- *Due to Public Health Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, most events remain cancelled for the time being.*

CC. Department Directors

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



Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Fact Sheet



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Agricultural burns with SHERIFF'S OFFICE ISSUED PERMIT ONLY! Mesa County Fire Marshal will do a safety inspection prior to issuing permit.

Only PERMITTED PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS displays are allowed.



NOT Allowed



The personal use of all fireworks are prohibited during fire restrictions.



Any fire or campfire, not within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence, or picnic area.



Smoking, EXCEPT within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.

Operating or using any internal combustion engine, such as chainsaws, without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.



Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame EXCEPT in cleared areas of at least 10 ft in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher.

Target shooting with explosive targets is not permitted.



August 2020 Recycling Benefits for the City of Fruita

In August 2020, we recycled 49 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard.

Recycling these materials will save the following resources:

796 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 13,537,500 sheets of printing and copy paper!

119 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 135 people!

101,332 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

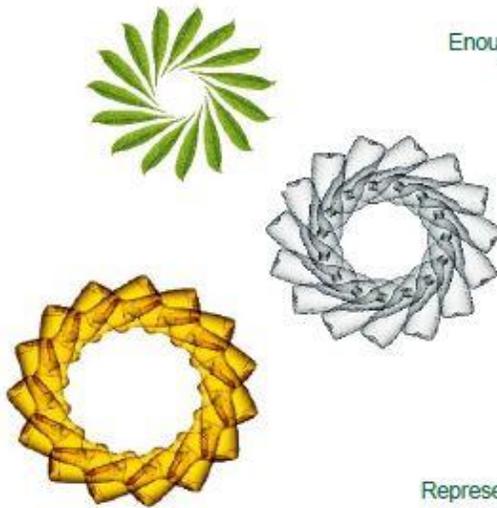
Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 9 homes!

Avoided 136 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

The recycling of these materials prevented these GHG emissions!

242,507 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,233 people!



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FRUITA PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
ADOBE CREEK GOLF COURSE
SHOTGUN START @ 1 PM

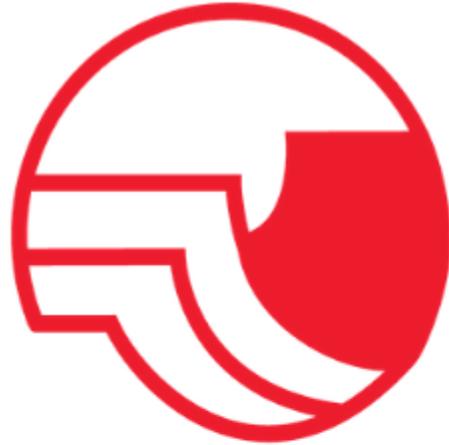
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WHY FRUITA? The City of Fruita focuses on three strategic outcomes built upon a base of providing quality core services.

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.