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### **Several Fruita Events Postponed, Including Mike the Headless Chicken Festival**

Fruita, Colorado – The City of Fruita continues to respond proactively to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In addition to previous efforts, Fruita has been evaluating how to best proceed in the future to protect the community as a whole. Each year, the City hosts the “Mike the Headless Chicken Festival” in downtown Fruita during the last weekend of May. In 2019, it is estimated that over 21,000 people attended the event. This year, the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival was scheduled to take place on May 29-30.

While the City of Fruita is optimistic that the social distancing guidelines and other preventative measures that have been taken by both Mesa County Public Health and the State of Colorado will limit the spread of the virus, it has been decided that the 2020 Mike the Headless Chicken Festival will be postponed until further notice. In the future, City staff will be evaluating whether the festival can be held later in the year or if it should be postponed until 2021. For additional updates on the festival, you can follow [miketheheadlesschicken.org](http://miketheheadlesschicken.org).

In addition to Mike the Headless Chicken Festival the following events hosted in the City of Fruita have been postponed to a future date or to be determined:

- **April 18, 2020:** Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament hosted by Fruita Parks and Recreation – Postponed, future date to be determined. Contact information for event: Tom Casal at [tcasal@fruita.org](mailto:tcasal@fruita.org)
- **April 25, 2020:** the COPMOBA Bike Swap – Postponed, future date to be determined. Contact information for event: [Grandvalleybikeswap@gmail.com](mailto:Grandvalleybikeswap@gmail.com)
- **April 26, 2020:** Kids at Heart Fun Run at Little Salt Wash Park, hosted by Family Health West Foundation – Postponed, future date to be determined. Contact information for event: Stacey Mascarenas at [smascarenas@fhw.org](mailto:smascarenas@fhw.org)
- **May 1-2, 2020:** Fruita Fat Tire Festival at North Fruita Desert and Downtown Fruita – Postponed to May 7-9, 2021. Contact information for event: George Gatseos at [george@otesports.com](mailto:george@otesports.com)
- **May 2, 2020:** Girls on the Run 5K at the Fruita Community Center – will be held virtually. Contact information for event: Marlena Diedrich at [marlena@gotrwesterncolorado.org](mailto:marlena@gotrwesterncolorado.org)

- **May 2, 2020:** 18 Hours of Fruita at Highline Lake – postponed until September 18-19, 2020. Contact information for event: George Gatseos at [george@otesports.com](mailto:george@otesports.com)

To limit the spread of COVID-19, the City of Fruita recommends the following:

- Stay at home, with the exception of essential, approved activities as limited as possible
- Wearing a non-medical cloth mask that covers your nose and mouth when in public
- Visitors stay at home
- To always practice social distancing to limit the spread and to avoid overloading healthcare systems for those in need of critical healthcare
- To do your part to keep public lands open. Spread out, take out trash, obey rules of public lands, don't congregate, and don't test your skills – be safe
- Safely check on neighbors.

For more information, please visit [fruita.org/covid19](http://fruita.org/covid19) or email [communications@fruita.org](mailto:communications@fruita.org)

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