



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

On the agenda for our meeting on Tuesday, there are no proclamations or presentations scheduled. The Council will begin with considering a number of items on the consent agenda, and will then move to several public hearings, including one on a special event liquor permit and four land-use code applications. There is no administrative agenda items scheduled, and we will conclude with reports and actions. As always, the meeting will be held in-person at the Fruita Civic Center and online.

General Updates

- **2022 Budget.** Staff continues to work heavily on the 2022 Budget in preparation of the City Council Workshop on September 28, 2021. At that meeting, I will be presenting a brief overview of the City Manager's recommended budget to the Council, which will set forth a series of presentations into each are of the budget at subsequent City Council meetings in October and November.
- **Outdoor Seating at FMS.** Last month, we donated a number of tables to the Fruita Middle School for outdoor seating and to provide opportunities for outdoor classrooms. This week, Fruita Middle School sent us a video thanking us for the table – we are happy to help!
- **Community Bike Ride or Walk.** On Sunday, September 26, 2021, the Wellspring Project and the Watercycle are hosting a short ride/walk along the Riverfront Trail to learn about current projects and to visit the new community mural. The flyer with more information can be found below.
- **August Recycling Report.** In August, Fruita residents recycled 51 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report is below.
- **Livability Commission Meeting.** On Thursday afternoon, Dan and I attended the Livability Commission meeting and provided an update on our housing strategies and shared other updates. We encouraged the Livability Commission to attend our September workshop, as the group has identified housing as one of their key action items.
- **Fruita Fall Festival.** We are excited that the Fruita Fall Festival is only a week away! The full schedule of events can be at this [link](#).

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

- **BLM Headquarters.** This morning, the Dept. Of the Interior announced that the Bureau of Land Management headquarters will be relocating back to Washington D.C. The Western Slope will still serve as the western headquarters for the agency. The Sentinel posted a story on this afternoon, and that can be found [here](#).
- **Town Hall Meeting with Mesa County.** For interested residents, the Mesa County Commissions are hosting another Town Hall Meeting next Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the old Mesa County Courthouse. The flyer can be found below.
- **Representative Soper Update.** I had a chance to have lunch with our state Representative Matt Soper this week to share updates about our community and priorities we are working on.
- **Supervisors Training.** This week I hosted a training with all the City's supervisors this week to update one another and focus on budget priorities and core values.
- **Annual E-Cycle Event.** The annual E-Waste Recycling event is back and will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Fruita Civic Center. All electronic cords, cables, CPUs, and cell phones will be collected at no cost. Other electronics will be collected for a nominal fee. The flyer for the event can be found below.
- **Bike to Work Day.** Grand Valley Bike to Work Day is next Wednesday morning! If you are biking to work in Fruita, make sure you stop by the Mulberry Street outdoor space for a free breakfast.

Engineering

- **CASFM.** Sam Atkins attended the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers seminar this week which provides 16 hours of continuing education towards his CFM (Certified Floodplain Manager).
- **Fremont Street Design.** Tentatively, November 8th has been scheduled with Colorado Department of Transportation for the 90% (FOR) review meeting.
- **Iron Wheel Subdivision.** Concrete continues to be poured for the alleys.
- **Orchard Ridge Subdivision.** Subgrade for roadways is being prepped for roadbase.
- **Grand Valley Estates III.** All wet utilities are installed and will begin with road prep next week.
- **Village at country Creek Subdivision.** Installation of sewer services completed through the week.

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 (Approved)
- Development Agreements Code Amendment (Approved)
- [Zoning and Density Bonus Code Amendments](#). (Approved)
- Short Term Rental Code Amendments can be found as this [page](#).(Approved)
- [Parking Standards](#) (Approved)
- Design Standards: The links to the Code Amendments can be found at this [page](#). (Approved)

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Dwell PUD Preliminary Plan (Approved) (1136 17 ½ Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 (Approved) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- Rose Creek Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (1892 K Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- Patron Annexation and Zoning (Under Review) (1123 19 Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- VACC Final Plat (Under Review) (1176 18 Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- Epic Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1092 Wallace St, Fruita CO 81521)
- Cider Mills Rezone (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521)
- Red Cliffs 3 Preliminary PUD Plan (Under Review) (280 Clements Way, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Under Review) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521)
- 1930 Highway 6 & 50 Annexation and Zoning (Under Review) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50 Fruita CO 81521)
- Orchard Ridge 3 Final Plat (Under Review) (Orchard Ridge Subdivision, Fruita CO 81521)
- Sycamore Estates Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (945 E. Pabor Ave, Fruita CO 81521)
- Fruita Copper Creek Annexation and Zoning (Under Review) (954 19 Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- Fruita Mews PUD Amendment (WITHDRAWN) (1138 18 ½ Rd, Fruita CO 81521)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla) (Under Construction)
- Raptor Crossing Concept Plan (853 Raptor Rd) (Under Review)
- Lake Fruita Site Conditional Use Permit and Design Review (Under Review) (1571 Cipolla Rd, Fruita CO 81521)
- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Review) 111 S. Mesa St, Fruita CO 81521)

Public Works

- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road crew assisted Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction with mowing a section of ROW. Patching on Maple Street north of Vermont and south end of 16 Road has been completed. Completed inspection of magnesium chloride tank to ensure tank is not leaking. Traffic Safety is replacing old and faded street signs in Comstock subdivision. Voltage inspection on crosswalk and safe route signs completed.
- **Civic Center.** Building Maintenance has been working with 2H Mechanical to address issues with new HVAC units installed at the Civic Center. Currently, the Rotary Room and North Council Chambers is without air conditioning. Additionally, Building Maintenance staff has working with FWorks to review construction plans for adding walls to their office space and is reviewing agreement with contractor for space planning and conceptual design to add office space in Administration.
- **Collections Update.** Collections staff continues to work on CCTV (closed-circuit television inspections). for several new subdivisions, Orchard Ridge subdivision sanitary sewer re-CCTV completed. Staff is also waiting for delivery of a VFD to replace at I-70 lift station. Staff continues to work on Raptor Road lift station due to continued alarms. Crews cleaned IIG force main, and 47 utility locates were completed.
- **Mountain Properties.** Winterization of Mountain Water has started and should be completed next week.

- **WWRF Update.** Wastewater treatment staff completed several maintenance items including cleaning and calibrating pH probe in the effluent channel, flushed effluent weir during high flow to remove sediment, reviewed and revised standard operating procedures for removing solids from the bottom of the ATAD 3 tank, cleaned and calibrated RAS and WAS probes, and cleaned polymer system for RDT and Centrifuge.

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

- [What's in a Name: Shelled Elementary.](#)
- [Colorado Parks and Wildlife introduce new rule for boaters.](#)
- [Real estate update: Residential sales slow, but dollar volume up.](#)
- [Grand Valley Transit celebrates 21 years of service.](#)
- [Mountain Bike Film Fest supports local trail production.](#)
- [Groups join in appeal of water quality rule.](#)
- [Colorado Mesa University and the Grand Junction Economic Partnership kick off new talent initiative.](#)
- [BLM HQ headed back east, GJ to be western headquarters.](#)

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.):*

- **September 17, 2021** – Tonight from 7-10 pm at the Community Center is the first Night at the FCC for 5th - 7th graders to take over the center and have fun!
- **September 18, 2021** – Fruita Farmers Market at Reed Park, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **September 22, 2021** – Grand Valley Bike to Work Day, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Bike to Work in Fruita and get a free breakfast at the Mulberry Street outdoor dining space.
- **September 22-24, 2021** – The Colorado Municipal League will be holding the 2021 CML Annual conference in Westminster. More information is available at www.cml.org/conference. Please let Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods know if you are interested in attending. CML will also hold a virtual conference on Sept. 29-30.
- **September 24-25, 2021** – Fruita Fall Festival, Downtown Fruita. The festival will include live music, food trucks, and a variety of vendors. Fruitachamber.org/fruita-fall-festival.
- **September 26, 2021** – Chrome and Brews Car Show at Reed Park, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **October 2, 2021** – E-Waste Recycling Event, Fruita Civic Center, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **October 2, 2021** – Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament, Adobe Creek Golf Course, 1:00 p.m.
- **October 23, 2021** – Truck N'Treat, Downtown Fruita, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **October 29, 2021** – Trick or Treat Street in Downtown Fruita, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **November 6, 2021** – Rimrock Marathon, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Colorado National Monument and Fruita Community Center.
- **December 11, 2021** – Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **December 11, 2021** – Hometown Christmas and Parade of Lights, Parade is at Dusk, in Downtown Fruita.
- **December 15, 2021** – Cookies N Claus at the Fruita Community Center – 6:30 p.m.

CC. Department Directors

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

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE! (OR WALK)

JOIN THE WATERCYCLE AND WELL SPRING PROJECT FOR A SHORT BIKE RIDE/WALK TO LEARN ABOUT THESE PROJECTS AND VISIT FRUITA'S NEW COMMUNITY MURAL

- MEET AT THE FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER @ 10:00 AM SUNDAY 9/26



QUESTIONS:

EMAIL: THEWATERBICYCLE@GMAIL.COM

TEXT: 303-667-8019



CITY OF FRUITA

AUGUST 2021 RECYCLING BENEFITS

51 tons of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard were recycled by the community this month.

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

814 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 13,845,400 sheets of printing and copy paper!

117 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 150 people!

117,295 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 11 homes!

Avoided 139 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 29 passenger vehicles!

248,021 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,306 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit WM.com/RecycleRight.

Always remember to Recycle Right



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Environmental Paper Network-Paper Calculator V4.0, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO₂E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent



GET INVOLVED!

TOWN HALL MEETING



Commissioner
Cody Davis



Commissioner
Scott McInnis



Commissioner
Janet Rowland

TUESDAY AT 6 P.M.

SEPT. 21

Know what's happening in your
local government

Join Mesa County Commissioners for a town
hall meeting.

OLD MESA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
544 ROOD AVE., PUBLIC HEARING ROOM



EWASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, Oct. 2

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fruita City Hall
325 E. Aspen Avenue

The City of Fruita and Waste Management is proud to offer residents an opportunity to responsibly recycle their old and unwanted electronics at this annual event.

All electronic cords and cables, CPUs, and cell phones will be collected at no cost. Other electronics will be collected for a nominal fee.



Recycle for Free

- Cell Phones
- Laptops
- Cords/Cables
- CPUs
- Speakers
- Mice & Keyboards

Recycle for a Fee

Computer Monitors	\$12
Desktop Printers/Copiers	\$5
Flat Screen/CRTs (measured diagonally)	
Up to 27"	\$1 per inch
Over 27"	\$2 per inch
All Other Electronics	\$3 and Under





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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.