



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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***City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in observance of Veterans Day.***

Thank you to all of the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Thank you!

### **Incident at Kokopelli Shopping Center**

On Wednesday afternoon, the Fruita Police Department received a call from a mail carrier of a suspicious package near the Kokopelli Shopping Center. The Police Department responded to call and called in Lower Valley Fire, and the Grand Junction Police Department/Fire Department Bomb Squad, to evaluate the package. The bomb squad determined that there were no harmful items or substances in the package. The Kokopelli Shopping Center was shut down from the Frontage Road for about 2 hours, as crews responded.

### **Free Clean Up Day (Continued)**

One last reminder, on Saturday, November 6, 2021, our Public Works Department is hosting a Free Clean Up Day at the City Shops Building. Fruita residents can bring items they want to dispose of, between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we will have a dumpster on site to haul them to the landfill. The flyer for the event can be found below, and also details what items we cannot accept.

### **MCPH Scheduling 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Additional, and Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine (Continued)**

A recent update from Mesa County Public Health – MCPH continues to offer appointments for COVID-19 vaccination and is now offering immediate scheduling for additional COVID-19 doses as well as booster doses for those populations who qualify. The [online appointment scheduling](#) system allows patients to choose which vaccine type they receive. The COVID-19 vaccines continue to be remarkably effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, including against the delta variant. CDC data show that in August 2021, the risk of dying from

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COVID-19 in the U.S. was more than 11 times greater for unvaccinated people than for fully vaccinated people.

Many people who have already been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 should now receive another dose to stay protected. If you are eligible, getting a booster dose can help protect you, your family, and your community from COVID-19. You should get a booster dose if you:

- Are 65 years old or older.
- Live in a long-term care facility
- Are 18 to 64 years old and at high risk of severe COVID-19.
- Are 18-64 years old and at high risk because of where you live or work.
- You receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for your initial dose.

Vaccination occurs at the Community Services Building with appointments between Wednesday and Saturday. The full update from MCPH can be found [here](#).

### General Updates

- **Colorado National Monument.** I was able to meet and discuss priorities and efforts of the City and the Monument with Superintendent Nathan Souder this week. The drive up there never gets old—beautiful!
- **Fall City Link.** The Fall City Link is being finalized and will be sent to the printer sometime next week. It includes an employee spotlight on the new Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso, information about the upcoming 2022 Fruita Election, and other stories.
- **Mesa Mall Job Fair.** From our partners at the Workforce Center: The Mesa County Workforce Center and Colorado Mesa University Career Services are proud to present the Mesa Mall Job Fair. Job seekers can explore a variety of employment opportunities that operate in and around the mall. The job fair will be at the Clock Court this Friday, November 5, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The full release from the Workforce Center can be found below.
- **Rim Rock Marathon.** As a reminder, the Rim Rock Marathon is this weekend in Fruita on Saturday morning. Unlike previous years, participants will end at the Fruita Community Center (instead of Circle Park). Also, the course this year, uses the Colorado Riverfront Trail (between the State Park and the Community Center) instead of the I-70 Overpass, which should help with traffic management. Good luck to all of the racers!

### Engineering

- **Highway 6 Sewer.** Engineering continues to work on the design of the sewer in highway 6 from Grand Ave. To Mesa St.
- **Fremont St. Design.** The 90% review meeting with CDOT is scheduled for Monday, 11/8/2021.
- **Active Circulation Plan.** Final revisions are being made to the plan and an adoption of the plan is anticipated in December.

## 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:

- Title 17 & 2 Land Use Code Update (Complete and Approved by City Council 10/19/2021)

### Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

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

### Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla) (Complete)
- Raptor Crossing Concept Plan (853 Raptor Rd) (Under Review)
- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) 111 S. Mesa St, Fruita CO 81521)
- 241 S Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction)

## Parks and Recreation

- ***Bimonthly Parks and Rec Newsletter.*** The latest edition of the Fruita Parks and Recreation Department's bimonthly newsletter can be found here: [Gearing Up for The Holidays](#). It includes the Winter/Spring Activity Guide, upcoming closures at the Fruita Community Center, senior programming, and more.

## Police Department

- ***Trick or Treat Street.*** Last Friday afternoon, Fruita Police Chief Dave Krouse, Lieutenant Peck, and Officer Bomar participated in Trick or Treat Street. It was great to participate, and the PD and our City staff ran out of candy due to all of the attendees. Here are a few pictures from the event.



## Public Works

- **Hwy 6&50 Sewer Line Update.** Collection crews continue to monitor the sewer line bypass and installed a sensaphone for liquid level alarm as we work on the permanent solution. It is believed that H<sub>2</sub>S in the line has accelerated the deterioration of this concrete line. Crews continued to work on obtaining camera footage of the line to determine the condition of the line but the line appears to be in lar condition both upstream and downstream of the bypass. Council approved an emergency supplemental appropriation at their Council Meeting. The Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) arrived earlier this week and are scheduled to be installed in the next week. Crews will also continue training on the operation of the Vactor Truck and looking at work assignment scheduling to get back to a regular CCTV and jetting schedule of lines.
- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance crews continue with window cleaning at the Civic Center and cleaning gutters at the PW shop and the Police Department. Electrical work was completed in the FWorks portion of the Civic Center.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet Maintenance staff painted the fuel and waste oil tanks, assisted Collections crews with Vactor pumping at the Hwy. 6 & 50 sewer line. Staff completed several service calls and assisted the WWRF staff with their emergency transfer switch test. Staff is also scheduled for ASE testing.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff installed the bypass pump for the sewer line on Hwy. 6 & 50, assisted CDOT with clean-up of scrap metal after a truck overturned near the roundabouts. Crews continue crack sealing at Aquarius Street and Leo Street and completed a patch on Sunset. Crews are also reviewing snow plow routes and preparing snow plow equipment.
- **Wastewater Update.** WWRF staff completed the power gear maintenance and discovered the automatic transfer switch (ATS) is not working correctly, a service tech has been called to repair this equipment. Sturgeon Electric cleaned and performed maintenance on the main power supply and inspected the mains and breakers. Staff completed weekly cleaning of effluent weirs, monthly cleaning of the UV system and cleaning of the air ionization system which controls H<sub>2</sub>S in the headworks building.
- **FOGs Program.** Public Works will be sending out a Fats-Oils-Grease (FOG) letter to all food establishments in the City of Fruita explaining the impact FOGs are having on the municipal sanitary sewer system and asking businesses to complete a questionnaire to better understand how FOGs are being managed. Once the department receives this information, we will schedule an in-person follow-up to answer any questions and provide additional educational materials on the proper disposal of FOGs.
- **PW Administrative Update.** The PW Director met with the GMUG National Forest District Ranger to discuss the proposed Forest Plan revision as it pertains to the Purdy Mesa area. This area is listed as general forest use that allows for water production, limited grazing, and recreational use. No changes to the use of this area is being proposed. The PW Director attended a webinar – Small Cities and Rural Communities Perspective on Operations and Maintenance.
- **H<sub>2</sub>S Project Update.** PW Staff, City Engineer, Finance Director and I held a discussion with Tetra Tech Engineering on recommendation for the H<sub>2</sub>S Mitigation project that is budgeted for 2022.

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

- [Free days at national parks, national monuments and national historic sites in Colorado.](#)
- [Grand valley Transit will be implementing temporary service reductions.](#)
- [Fruita Monument wins instant classic on last-second touchdown against Mesa Ridge.](#)
- [2022 County Jam headliners announced.](#)
- [Fruita to host playoff game, Montrose No. 1 seed.](#)
- [GJHS bond draws overwhelming support.](#)
- [Mesa County's Coordinated Election Unofficial Results.](#)
- [Law enforcement investigates suspicious package.](#)

**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.):*

- **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](mailto:communications@fruita.org)

# FRUITA RESIDENT CLEAN UP DAY

**November 6**  
**8am – 2pm**

**Public Works Facility**  
**900 Kiefer Avenue**



## **WE WILL NOT COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:**

Aerosol Cans  
Air Conditioners  
Air/Gas Cylinders  
Ammunition  
Antifreeze  
Asbestos Materials  
Asphalt Rubble  
Batteries  
Box Springs  
Concrete Rubble  
Electronics  
Engines/Motors  
Fluorescent Lights  
Freezers  
Freon  
Fuel Tanks  
Gasoline/Grease/Oil  
Hazardous Waste  
Insecticides  
Items longer than 6'  
Large Drums  
Liquids of any kind  
Major Appliances  
Mattresses  
Medical Waste  
Microwaves  
Paint/Stain  
Pesticides  
Refrigerators  
Road Flares  
Shingles  
Spa/Pool Chemicals  
Tires



## News Release

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### **Mesa Mall Job Fair**

Find your next employment opportunity!

Mesa County Workforce Center and Colorado Mesa University Career Services are proud to present the Mesa Mall Job Fair. Job seekers can explore a variety of employment opportunities with multiple businesses that operate in and around the mall.

**Where:** Mesa Mall, Clock Court  
2424 Old Hwy 6 & 50

**When:** Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021  
11:00am - 2:00pm

As Mesa Mall gears up for the holiday season, many employers are looking to fill full time and seasonal part time positions. Applicants can apply and interview at a variety of different Mesa Mall retailers like Cabela's, Buckle, Kay Jewelers, Colorado Fruit Design, JC Penny and T-Mobile. All applicants are welcome and encouraged to come apply and get hired.

During these times, more than ever, Mesa Mall is embracing its role as a community partner by finding unique ways to transform its space for social good. "This job fair is part of our commitment to serving as a community resource and bringing the definition of Goodwill Ambassadors to life," said Jay Greenberg, General Manager at Mesa Mall.

The Mesa County Workforce Center encourages all job seekers to arrive well-prepared and dressed for success. All event information can be found at [www.mcwfc.us](http://www.mcwfc.us) or call (970) 248-7560.

***Workforce Development is Economic Development!***





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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.