



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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### **2022 Budget Adopted by Fruita City Council**

On Tuesday night, the City Council formally adopted the 2022 Municipal Budget. The City's annual budget mirrors the priorities of the community and the City Council, following the results of the Community Survey and the extensive public participation from recent Master Plan Updates. The Budget serves as a roadmap for spending and revenue for the upcoming year. The adoption is the culmination of almost eight months of work from the City Council, staff, and the public.

The 2022 Adopted Budget reflects the commitment of the City Council and staff to achieve a balance of a conservative fiscal policy and enhancing the quality of life for Fruita residents through providing essential core services and amenities, maintaining a stable and quality workforce, and preserving the character and small-town feel of Fruita.

For more information, you can visit our website [here](#). The full budget can be found at this [link](#).

### **City of Fruita Recognized With "Leading the Way Award"**

This week, ETC Institute, the consultant that completed our Community Survey, recognized nine cities for ranking in the top 10% of all U.S. cities with regard to resident satisfaction with overall quality of city services, customer service from city employees, and the value for local taxes and fees. ETC Institute conducts community surveys for cities and counties across the Country, and we are thankful to receive this recognition and the participation from the community. More information can be found [here](#).

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



**Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting Saturday**

The 2021 Winter Wonderland Parade of Lights and Tree lighting is tomorrow, December 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in Downtown Fruita! This year's theme, Winter Wonderland, will showcase the beauty and wonder that comes with the holiday season. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. with the tree lighting immediately following around 6:30 p.m.



## Public Works Preparing for Winter Weather Conditions

With weather changing, Public Works crews are preparing equipment for snow plowing and de-icing activities. Winter weather presents unique challenges for drivers and the unexpected can happen when snow and ice are on the road. Please take extra precautions to prepare you and your vehicle for winter road conditions. Before you get on the road, make sure all of the following are in safe operating condition:

- Windshield wiper fluid
- Heater/Defroster
- Wiper Blades
- Radiator/Antifreeze
- Lights
- Fuel system and a full tank of gas
- Ignition
- Exhaust System
- Tire Tread (at least 3/16")
- Battery
- Brakes

It is the goal and intent of the Public Works Department to provide timely, efficient, and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the roadways of the City of Fruita for the safety and benefit of the City's residents and the general traveling public. Public Works crews have designated routes they will plow/de-ice first and will do their best to not plow slow onto shoveled walkways.

## General Updates

- **Special Projects.** Work continues on the pay plan guidelines with our consultant; EPS continues to progress in their housing study efforts in preparation for the Dec 21 City Council meeting presentation; our regional economic development partners participating in our Recovery Roadmaps program are preparing for our kick-off meeting with EPS to address regional economic development strategies; we continue to meet with various agencies on potential funding options for priority capital projects; and we are reviewing respondents for the Mulberry plaza engagement and design project.
- **November Recycling Report.** In November 2021, Fruita residents recycled 48 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report is provided below.
- **Coffee with the City Manager.** A reminder, I will be a speaker at the FWorks Coffee Club event next Friday (Dec 17) morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Come and join us for coffee and donuts!
- **City of Fruita Awarded Grant Funding for New Trail Construction @ 18 Road.** On Thursday, it was announced that we were awarded a grant from the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to build 4-5 miles of new trail at 18 Road. The grant funds a group from the Western Colorado Conservation Corps to work for four weeks cutting and building one of the new trails identified in the North Fruita Desert Master Plan. We are excited to receive this grant and to begin implementing the Master Plan for 18 Road!

- **MCPH Opening Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Clinic in Fruita.** An update from Mesa County Public Health (MCPH) this week: MCPH, in conjunction with Family Health West, is opening a Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Clinic in Fruita. The treatments are available to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have mild to moderate symptoms, or have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are at high risk of developing severe illness. Monoclonal antibodies act as a substitute for natural antibodies your body produces after being vaccinated or after being exposed to COVID-19 and recovering. At the clinic, they will be administered through four injections.
  - The treatment has been given Emergency Use Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration. MCPH Executive Director said “these treatments are another way we’re working to combat COVID-19 in our community. For very vulnerable patients at times of high community transmission these treatments are another option to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death.” The full release with more information from MCPH can be found [here](#).
- **Fruita City Link.** The latest edition of the Fruita City Link should be arriving at homes soon and can be found on our website [here](#). It includes an overview of the updated Land Use Code adoption, an employee spotlight of the new Parks and Recreation Director, election news, and more.

## Engineering

- **Highway 6 Sewer.** The manholes will be placed on order early next week for the replacement of the sewer line on Highway 6 between Plum St.
- **Wayfinding.** Wayfinding supplies keep coming in. We anticipate installation to begin next week with some of the materials.

## Human Resources

- **Upcoming Blood Drive.** The St. Mary’s Bloodmobile will be at the Fruita Civic Center from 1:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. on December 28, 2021, accepting blood donations. If you would like to donate blood, you can schedule an appointment at this [link](#). Thank you for helping save lives!

## Planning & Development

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

## General

- Planning & Development staff and a couple Planning Commission members attended a training put on by the Department of Local Affairs last night in conjunction with area agencies.

## 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**

- ***Craft Fair & Courts at the Fruita Community Center Temporarily Closed Friday/Saturday.*** The Fruita Community Center (FCC) basketball courts will be closed starting at 4pm this Friday. They will reopen when the Craft Fair is over and cleaned up on Saturday, around 4:30pm. Parking will be more limited on Saturday due to Craft Fair attendees.
- ***2022 Sweetheart Run.*** Registration for the 2022 Sweetheart Run is now open and will run through February 9th at the FCC or online. The entry fee is \$25 for the 5k and \$30 for the 10k. First 400 registered participants receive a custom Sweetheart race shirt. 5k starts promptly at 10:15 am, the 10k will start promptly at 10:00 am. More information can be found [here](#).
- ***Fruita Community Center Canned Food Drive.*** The Fruita Community Center (FCC) has been hosting a canned food drive to benefit the Food bank of the Rockies. Please drop off any shelf-stable or non-perishable items to the FCC by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Public Works**

- ***Hwy 6&50 Sewer Line.*** Public Works crews *are* working with CDOT to finalize the alignment of the Hwy. 6 sewer line and received approval today.
- ***Water Leak on Aspen Ave.*** Public Works staff is working with Ute Water regarding potential water leak on Aspen Ave.
- ***Building Maintenance Update.*** Building Maintenance staff continues to monitor HVAC unit temperatures at the Civic Center. Masonry repairs have been completed at the Civic Center.
- ***Fleet Maintenance Update.*** Fleet Maintenance completed repairs on the street sweeper and attended a virtual class for direct inject turbo engines.
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Road Maintenance completed crack sealing at Hazel Ct., Sabel Dr., Esprit Ln., St. Croix, Baco Noir Ln., Corn Maiden, and Windsor Park Dr. Staff swept the

downtown area in preparation of the Parade of Lights and completed the traffic control plan and schedule for personnel to provide traffic control. Crews also completed several cold patches to potholes and ordered a replacement city limit sign that was damaged.

- **Collections Update.** Collections crew rebuilt a foul air fan at the I-70 lift station with a new shaft, bearings, seals and belt. Aspen line near Pine St. was jetted and televised. No evidence of cause of back-up. Staff has put together a jetting schedule to start in the older parts of the system first with camera work to follow.
- **Wastewater Update.** Wastewater Treatment crew completed weekly pH probe cleaning and calibration and effluent weir cleaning, monthly filter changes for make-up air units and motor control center variable frequency drives, swapped over centrifuge feed pumps, replaced the drive chain on the clarifier, and pressured washed the influent fine screen to remove fats, solids enmeshed in the screen. Industrial Electrician installed new breaker and conducted maintenance on the Automatic Transfer Switch. Finalized and submitted the final lab QA, QC report to the State.
- **Public Works Administration Update.** The Public Works Director attended the American Public Works Association – Western Slope Annual Meeting held in Grand Junction, met with PW staff and Parks staff to discuss snow plowing activities, and preparing for interviews for vacant positions. Public Works Supervisors and Director attended a virtual APWA training titled, “Learn To Be A Better Leader”.

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

- [Grand Valley Transit offers free rides for the month of December.](#)
- [Fruita approves park improvements as part of \\$30 million 2022 budget.](#)
- [Crews concluding flammable fuel reduction work along Little Salt Wash Trail.](#)
- [Powderhorn Mountain Resorts open for the winter season.](#)
- [What’s in a Name: Mesa County localities, Part 2.](#)
- [Health officials urge caution following deadly November.](#)
- [Vehicle accident, fatality at Colorado National Monument.](#)
- [Lower Valley Fire, BLM partner for fuel reduction project in Fruita.](#)
- [Health department opening Monoclonal Antibody treatment clinic.](#)
- [Partial intersection closure for I-70B improvement project.](#)
- [On the Western Slope, you can hike, bike, and camp even in the winter.](#)
- [Snowstorm headed to Western Colorado.](#)
- [The Fruita City Council Approves 2022 Municipal Budget.](#)
- [COVID projected to finish as leading cause of death in Mesa County for 2021.](#)
- [15 Small Town Colorado Restaurants That Are Worth the Drive.](#)

**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.):*

- **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 – 6:00 p.m.
- **December 15, 2021** – Pictures with the Grinch, at the Fruita Community Center, hosted by Family Health West – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **December 17, 2021** – FWorks Coffee Club at FWorks, 9:00 a.m.
- **December 17, 2021** – FYAC Free Movie Night, Polar Express, at the Fruita Community Center – 7:00 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)





CITY OF FRUITA

## NOVEMBER 2021 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

**This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:**

### 777 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 13,211,400 sheets of printing and copy paper!

### 112 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 143 people!

### 111,924 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 10 homes!

### Avoided 132 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 28 passenger vehicles!

### 236,665 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,155 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit [WM.com/RecycleRight](http://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, Gaylor Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO<sub>2</sub>E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent





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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.