



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

The meeting will begin with recognizing the students and staff members of the month at Monument Ridge Elementary School. After that, the Council will consider six items on the consent agenda, and one Planning and Development item on Cider Mills Estates during the quasi-judicial hearings portion of the agenda. After that, the Council will consider adopting the 2022 Municipal Budget! Staff has put in a tremendous amount of work preparing the budget, and we are excited to begin implementing projects that have been identified in recent Master Plans and the Community Survey. After the budget hearings, the Council will consider a supplemental budget amendment to the 2021 budget. Our meeting will conclude with cancelling the December workshop, and reports. See you on Tuesday night!

Coronavirus Update

Below are a few recent 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.

- **What We Know About Emerging Variants: Omicron.** From Mesa County Public Health ("MCPH") this week: Mesa County is prepared and ready should the Omicron variant be identified in our community. Sequencing for the variant is occurring through the State lab as well as the contracted lab used by MCPH at the community testing site at the fairgrounds. As this new variant emerges, local public health urges proven prevention measures to slow the spread. For the full report on the Omicron Variant, you can visit this [link](#).
- **Increased Demand Prompts MCPH To Expand COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Hours.** Also released from MCPH earlier – In recent weeks, MCPH has seen increased demand for COVID-10 vaccine appoints for patients ages 5-11. Beginning this week, MCPH's vaccine clinic hours were expanded to offer even more options and flexibility for those who choose to get the COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to expanding hours for patients ages 5-11, MCPH is adding hours for patients 12 years and older,

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ensuring ample vaccination opportunities for all eligible ages. Vaccination appointments vary depending on age, and a breakdown is provided here:

- **COVID-19 vaccine clinic hours for individuals ages 5-11**
 - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Appointments are required, an appointment can be made [here](#).
- **COVID-19 vaccine clinic hours for individuals aged 12+**
 - Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Appointments are strongly encouraged, MCPH is not able to accommodate a large volume of walk-ins.

General Updates

- **Housing.** Dan Caris and I were able to meet with Family Health West to discuss strategies for housing. We continue to meet with other interested parties and continue work on the study with EPS.
- **CDOT and Uber provide \$15 ride credits to prevent impaired driving.** An update from the Colorado Dept. Of Transportation (“CDOT”) this week: In December, CDOT is teaming up with Uber to provide \$10,000 in ride credits valued at \$15 as part of a promotion to reduce impaired driving in the state. The campaign is part of a grant CDOT received from the Governor’s Highway Safety Administration to help reduce impaired driving. From Dec. 1 – Jan 3, 2022, Coloradans can redeem the \$15 ride credit using the code “HOLIDAYSAFE” in the promotions section of the Uber app. The ride credits, available statewide, are limited to one use per person and valid only while supplies last.

Engineering

- **Wayfinding.** All materials have been ordered for the Fruita Wayfinding Project. Installation of signage and pavement markings are anticipated to begin this month.
- **Pine Street Bridge.** The consultant is under contract to begin easement and right of way acquisition. Once acquisitions are in place, construction will commence.
- **Active Circulation Plan.** Adoption of the Active Circulation Plan is anticipated in January. It will help guide staff in future roadway improvements as well as other modes of transportation.
- **Highway 6 Sewer.** Staff has been working on the design of the sewer replacement along Highway 6 from Plum St. to Grand Avenue.

Human Resources

- **Open Positions.** The City of Fruita is currently accepting applications for several positions, including a Recreation Coordinator for Special Events and Marketing, an Animal Control Officer in the Police Department, and a Wastewater Operator at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. To view these positions, you can visit our website [here](#).

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

- **Fire Mitigation Work Being Completed on Trails.** Parks is working with Lower Valley Fire on Fire Mitigation on the Wildwood Trail Section/Big Salt Wash. This project started on December 1 and will be a week to two-week project. Parks crews will have trail maintenance signs and some closures in sections as the project is being completed.
- **Bimonthly Newsletter.** The latest edition of the bimonthly Parks and Recreation newsletter is now available and can be found here: [Winter Activities](#). It includes a link to the Winter/Spring Activity Guide, upcoming holiday closures, information on holiday events, and more.
- **Spraying along City Trails.** Parks is spraying preemergent for weed control along all the trail sections. The spray will have a blue tracer color that will show areas that have been sprayed.
- **Holiday Lights.** Lights were turned on November 22 and will be on until January 2.

Police Department

- **Operation Porch Pirate.** The Fruita Police Department is hosting the second annual Operation Porch Pirate program for the month of December aimed at stopping the theft of packages from

people's homes. If you are not home during the day to take receipt of a delivered package, you may have the package sent to the Fruita Police Department (157 S. Mesa St). The package may then be picked up at the Fruita PD (preferred hours of 8am-5pm). You must have a valid ID that matches the name on the package. Another great way to avoid being the victim of a porch pirate is to shop local and support our amazing community.

Public Works

- **Hwy 6&50 Sewer Update.** Public Works crews continue to monitor and maintain the bypass pump on Peach Street as alignment is finalized for construction to begin in January. Public Works Director and Superintendent met with businesses along Hwy. 6 sewer line project to discuss the start date and potential closures during construction. The City will open up one of the entrances to the Service Center for better access off Hwy. 6.
- **Work on the Little Salt Wash.** Public Works crew assisted Parks crew to remove two logs from Little Salt Wash that may be contributing to erosion.
- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff has been working on several HVAC units at Civic Center and the Police Department. Additional parts are on order to repair a HVAC unit at the Civic Center. Mortar repairs at the Civic Center are being made this week by a contractor.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet Maintenance staff continues to troubleshoot the street sweeper for critical shutdown warning. Staff completed preventative maintenance of vehicles and are preparing for ASE exams.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance crews crack sealed Wildwood Drive, Delean Way, DeAnn Street, Sabil Drive, Hall Street and Darcy Joe Lane. Staff ordered replacement regulatory signs and rollup signs.
- **Collections Update.** Collections crew assisted with the installation of two 100 HP VFD's, continue to monitor and maintain the bypass pump on Peach Street and have collected H2S readings for the Hwy. 6 sewer project. Staff also completed 18 utility locates.
- **Wastewater Update.** Wastewater Treatment staff completed scheduled maintenance tasks and entered re-occurring costs into Dude Solutions for service contracts, licenses, and annual fees.

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

- [Search and rescue personnel warn residents to be prepared when outdoors.](#)
- [Hunger alliance working to end stigma on food services.](#)
- [Copper Club Brewing Company holds art market.](#)
- [Proposed Kokopelli Loops upgrade project takes first step.](#)
- [Staffed ICU beds in Mesa County at 100 percent capacity.](#)
- [Jeff Kuhr shares latest on local COVID situation, Omicron.](#)
- [Grand Valley Power is accepting applications for its 2022 scholarship program.](#)
- [Public Health encourages COVID precautions in response to omicron variant.](#)
- [Editorial: Get vaccinated before omicron.](#)
- [Confirmed case of Omicron variant found in Colorado.](#)

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



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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.

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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.