



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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2022 Regular Municipal Election Information for City Council Candidates

The City of Fruita regular municipal election will be held on April 5, 2022, and will be conducted by mail ballot. If you are interested in running for a position on the City Council, petitions for candidate nominations may be picked up from the City Clerk's Office beginning on January 4, 2022, and completed petitions must be filed with the City Clerk by January 24, 2022. If you would like to learn more, you can visit our website at this [link](#). There are three positions on the City Council up for election, as well as the Mayor position.

Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Beginning Next Week

Construction of the Highway 6&50 sewer line is scheduled to begin next week. As we previously detailed, drivers should expect detours and delays as construction begins. There will be a full closure of Plum Street (at Highway 6&50) next week and Mesa Street may also be closed. Staff is making contact with and striving to keep affected businesses up to date. Temporary message boards have been set up along the highway notifying drivers of the upcoming construction. The contractor will be working in the upcoming months installing a new sewer line and manholes on or around Highway 6&50 between Plum Street and Grand Avenue. To follow the latest on the project, you can visit our website [here](#).

Public Works Continues to Respond to Snow/Winter Weather Conditions

Snow was a welcome sight to the Grand Valley and it looks like we received our fair share. Street crews are equipped for snow removal operations to make sure our transportation system remains safe and accessible. The city has prioritized critical arterials such as commercial corridors, school routes, and emergency services. Once the priority routes are clear, crews will begin hauling snow off that has accumulated downtown and around the fire station as staff and equipment become available. Public Works does not plow or remove ice from subdivisions as that can cause additional issues with driveways being blocked and cars parked along the street. If you have a dangerous situation within your subdivision, please contact the Public Works Department at 970-858-9558 and we will apply sand and salt on the ice.

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In addition, the city needs your help to protect pedestrians from possible injury. When residents fail to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks, it forces pedestrians to walk on snow and ice-packed sidewalks or even in the street. [Fruita Municipal Code Section 12.16.010](#) requires any person owning or occupying any store or business property in the city contiguous to any sidewalk, to remove any snow or ice from the sidewalk within two hours after the storm has ended. Fruita [Municipal Code Section 9.01.029](#) requires owners, or his agent, or the occupant of any premises or property in the city to maintain those sidewalks adjoining such premises or property in a condition free from snow, ice, mud, dirt, rubbish and filth. Any accumulation of snow and ice shall be removed from such sidewalk into the street within twenty-four (24) hours after every snowfall. Please pile snow in your yard – not in the street where it will block the flow of drainage. When icy conditions exist, we urge people to please slow down and drive with caution. We appreciate all property owners who help keep the community safe.

General Updates

- **Housing Authority Petition.** The City Clerk has prepared a certificate of sufficiency for the completed petition for creation of a City of Fruita Housing Authority and is preparing public notice for publication to hold the hearing on the special meeting of Jan. 24 at 6pm per Council direction at the Tuesday Council meeting.
- **Tourism.** Hosted our new marketing firm, Colvita Creative this week and they held envisioning sessions with staff, the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council, and partner public land agencies.
- **Business After Hours.** One last reminder, next Thursday (Jan 13) night, we are co-hosting the January Business After Hours with the Fruita Chamber, upstairs in the FWorks. If you would like to attend, it will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come join us for dinner and a game of trivia (for prizes) on Fruita!
- **Monument and Canyons Painting Event.** The Colorado National Monument Association is hosting the 2022 Monuments and Canyons Painting Event and has launched a call for submissions. If you are interested in learning more, you can visit their website [here](#).
- **CPW Commission to Meet Next Week.** If interested in participating, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will meet January 12-13 in a virtual meeting. The Commission will discuss a variety of topics, including modifying multiple GMU boundaries, review of big game regulations, changing the fee for exchanged licenses, and more. The complete agenda can be found [here](#), and you can participate in the meeting at this [link](#).

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge.** Letters for right of way and easement acquisition are prepared and will be sent out to properties along the alignment of the bridge replacement.
- **Highway 6 Sewer Replacement.** MA Concrete is slated to begin work next week for the sewer line replacement along Highway 6 from Grand Avenue to Plum St. Work will progress from the west to the east with some lane closures. Additional information may be found [here](#).

Human Resources

- **Open Positions.** We are currently recruiting for a part-time Guest Services Attendant at the Community Center, a part-time Administrative Specialist in Parks & Recreation, youth basketball sports officials, a full-time Aquatics Supervisor, a full-time Parks Worker II, a full-time

Wastewater Operator and a full-time Communications & Engagement Specialist. More information on these positions is found at www.fruita.org/jobs.

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)
- 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 Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521)
- Red Cliffs 3 Final PUD Plan (Approved) (280 Clements Way, Fruita CO 81521)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Complete) (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 (Complete) (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)
- Monumental Provisions 155 N Mulberry St. (Under Review)
- Mobile Vending Land Use Code Amendments - (Under Review)
- Grand Skye Site Design Review (Under Review)

Public Works

- **Fleet Services.** Replacement of the 1-ton truck is ready to order and Public Works is waiting for an updated quote for replacement of the plow truck. Fleet is also working on a fuel site inspection standard operating procedure.
- **Building Maintenance.** Building Maintenance staff continues to monitor HVAC units for temperature, continue preparing the room in the basement at Civic Center for storage and assisting with snow removal around city facilities. BM is also assisting the Administration with updated electrical quotes for the EV charging stations budgeted for this year.
- **Wastewater Collections.** Crew continued jetting and filming of sewer lines.

- **Street Maintenance.** Crews have been busy with snow plowing and hauling snow out of areas of the city.
- **Wastewater Treatment.** Completed electrical repairs at the treatment plant and ongoing maintenance items.
- **PW Director Update.** Several PW Staff participated in the pre-construction meeting for the Hwy. 6 Sewer Line Replacement project. PW Director attended the CDOT Revitalizing Main Street Grant webinar. Continue working on “Transformational Project” information for additional sewer improvement funding.

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

- [‘First Day Hike’ at Highline Lake State Park.](#)
- [Concerts, festivals draw crowds back in 2021, plan to keep them in 2022.](#)
- [Mesa County Sherrif’s Office encourage public to lock vehicles.](#)
- [Year of change, adjusting ahead for District 51.](#)
- [Record breaking year for real estate in Mesa County ends with a bang.](#)
- [Mesa County Landfill tipping fees set to increase.](#)
- [Temperature plunge means persistent ice, snow on roads.](#)
- [CEO of Mind Springs Health resigns.](#)
- [Monoclonal antibody treatment facility closes its doors.](#)
- [How to support Marshall Mesa Fire victims.](#)
- [Board of Commissioners unanimously vote in new chairman.](#)
- [COVID-19 surge in Mesa County.](#)
- [Fruita Monument girls ranked No. 5 in RPI.](#)
- [D51 officials detail COVID policy changes, data.](#)
- [Mesa County Libraries strategic roadmap.](#)
- [Commissioners change meeting day, select new chair.](#)
- [The Grand Junction Economic Partnership has released the results of its ‘Grand Vision’ survey.](#)

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.):*

- **January 13, 2021** – Fruita Chamber After Hours Hosted by the City of Fruita – FWorks, 5:30 p.m.
- **January 21, 2022** – Night at the Fruita Community Center, 7:00 p.m.
- **February 12, 2022** – Sweetheart Run, 5K/10K, Fruita Community Center at 10:00 a.m.
- **March 4, 2022** – Night at the Fruita Community Center, 7:00 p.m.
- **April 23, 2022** – Co2UT Gravel Bike Race, Downtown Fruita and the North Fruita Desert.
- **May 6-8, 2022** – Fruita Fat Tire Festival, North Fruita Desert and Downtown Fruita.
- **May 6-7, 2022** – 18 Hours of Fruita, Highline State Park.
- **June 3-4, 2022** – Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, downtown Fruita.

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.

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.