



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Our meeting on Tuesday will begin a presentation from Mesa County and SGM Engineering on the Total Daily Maximum Daily Load draft, that Mesa County and many other organizations in the valley has been working on. After that, the Council will consider two items on the consent agenda. We will then move on to two public hearings, the first is a supplemental budget appropriation for projects that were not completed last year, and the second to formally create the Engineering Department. There are two items on the administrative agenda, the first is an executive session and then a discussion on CHFA Questionnaire. See you all on Tuesday!

Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update

M.A. Construction completed the installation of the 12" sewer main and is completing the lateral connections from the side streets, which began on Monday. The by-pass pump that has been in service since October of 2021 has been removed with the tie-in on Peach St. completed. M.A. will continue working to the west until all lateral connections have been made. This will require some intermittent road closures in the westbound lane of Highway 6&50 as they complete the tie-ins.

Please continue to use caution when driving through this area and please continue to support businesses impacted by this construction project. Thank you to M.A. Construction for continuing to maintain safe practices and a safe job site.

General Updates

- **Financial Update.** This week, we received our first financial reports of the year, and the full report can be found in this week's Council packet. In January of 2022, City sales taxes were up 8.5% when compared to January 2021. Use taxes on building materials (up 38% in January 2022 compared to 2021), lodging taxes (up 29% over 2021), and County sales taxes (up 13%) were also up in January. Use taxes on motor vehicles decreased 20% from the prior year.

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

- **Election Update.** Mail ballots for the upcoming April 5 Regular Municipal Election should be hitting registered voter's mailboxes next week. Information about the election can be found on the City's website [here](#).
- **Leadership Retreat.** On Wednesday, the leadership team and I held a retreat to discuss current and upcoming priorities in each department, our current housing strategies, and we also discussed organizational wide goals. Our Planning and Development Director Dan Caris also presented an overview of current development applications occurring in Fruita. It was great to have a full day devoted to focusing on our goals and participating in team building, and I am excited to continue working on them with staff and the Council.
- **Spring 2022 City Link.** The latest edition of the Fruita City Link will be heading to households and businesses soon and can be found online at our website [here](#). It includes the biographies of all candidates running for City Council and Mayor, information on the upcoming irrigation season, and upcoming special events.
- **Candidate Forum.** On Wednesday night, staff and I were able to attend the Fruita City Council and Mayor Candidate Forum, hosted by the Fruita Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee. If you missed it, a video of the forum can be found [here](#).
- **2022 Western Colorado Economic Summit.** If you are interested in attending, the Grand Junction Economic Partnership will be hosting the 2022 Western Colorado Economic Summit on April 26, 2022, at the Grand Junction Convention Center. More information can be found [here](#).

Engineering

- **Peach Way Bid Opening.** On Friday afternoon, we held the bid opening for the Peach Way Improvements and Storm Drain project. The apparent low bidder is MA Concrete at \$113,675. We are tabulating the results and will update our website with all of the bid tabulations this afternoon, at this [link](#).

Human Resources

- **Open Positions.** We are currently accepting applications for several positions, including Fleet Maintenance Supervisor for Public Works, Seasonal Parks Maintenance Workers, and Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Workers. If you are interested in learning more, you can visit our website [here](#).

Parks and Recreation

- **FCC Pool Projects.** We received 2 bids for the Fruita Community Center (FCC) upgrades project (Pool Filter replacement, Perimeter Deck Drains, and 2 UV units). Both bids were within the scope of what is budgeted. We are currently reviewing both proposals and hope to select a vendor and set up a schedule to complete the project. Ideally the projects will occur in the October/November time frame.
- **Welcome Haley!** Haley Rollins started on Monday as our New Aquatics Coordinator. Haley will be tasked with overseeing all things aquatics programming for the Parks and Recreation Department and at the FCC.

- **Vendors for MTHC Festival.** We are now accepting vendor applications for Mike the Headless Chicken Festival. We are using a new platform to take registrations. [Here](#) is the link to register as a prospective vendor.
- **FYAC Update.** The Fruita Youth Action Council is currently recruiting, and applications can be found online and are due by April 1st.
- **Lifeguard Certification Course.** Registration is currently open. Course will be held at Fruita Community Center from March 21-24. Register online or at the Fruita Community Center.
- **Registration for Youth Co-ed Spring Soccer.** Youth league for K-8th grade registration closes on March 13 with practice beginning the week of March 28. PeeWee Soccer for ages 4-5 will begin April 5 with practices every Tuesday and Thursday. Register for both of these leagues online or at the Fruita Community Center.
- **Summer Camp Staff.** The Fruita Parks and Recreation Department is hiring Camp Aides and Camp Leads to oversee our DinoMites Summer Camp. The camp runs weekly June 6 - August 5 with a week break for Independence Day (July 4 - 8). If you would like to be part of the DinoMites Summer Camp staff, please fill out an application and turn it in before March 18th. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Recreation Update.** Fruita Athletics is wrapping yet another successful boys' basketball and coed volleyball season this Saturday. Adult Volleyball registration closes on March 20th.
- **Bimonthly Parks and Recreation Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Bimonthly Parks and Recreation Newsletter is now available online can be found here: [Register for Athletics, Dance, Art, and more this month](#). It includes updates on upcoming programming, FCC facility updates, senior programs, and more.

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:

- Rose Creek Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (1892 K Road, Fruita CO 81521) (37 Lots)
- VACC North Final Plat (Approved) (1176 18 Rd, Fruita CO 81521) (12 Lots)
- Cider Mills Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mt Drive, Fruita CO 81521) (47 Lots)
- Grand Valley Estates 3 Final Plat (Complete) (1848 J Road, Fruita CO 81521) (18 Lots)
- Orchard Ridge 3 Final Plat (Complete) (Orchard Ridge Subdivision, Fruita CO 81521) (24 Lots)
- Sycamore Estates Minor Subdivision (Approved) (945 E. Pabor Ave, Fruita CO 81521) (9 Lots)
- Kimston Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50) (2 Lots)
- Orchard Ridge 4 (Under Review) (17 Road & K3/4 Road) (21 Lots)
- Shannon Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (377 N. Pine Street) (2 Lots)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Monument Powder Coating (Complete) (1596 Cipolla)
- Raptor Crossing Concept Plan (Under Review) (853 Raptor Rd)

- 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 (Under Review) (155 N Mulberry St.)
- Mobile Vending Land Use Code Amendments - (Under Review)
- Grand Skye Site Design Review (Under Review) (715 E. Grand Ave.)
- Grand Valley Storage (Under Review) (1930 Hwy 6 & 50)
- Fruita Apartments (Under Review) (614 Raptor Road)

Public Works

- **Collections Update** – Crews continue preparation for irrigation season with the installation of an octave meter at Fremont and Ottley for Canterbury irrigation supply, cleaning irrigation road crossings and head gate sump pits. Completed potholing for engineering on Peach St. And Mulberry St, and completed 72 utility locates for the week.
- **WWRF Update.** Wastewater Reclamation Facility staff continue to refine processes that are showing great results on Phosphorous reduction at the plant. Met with contract engineers to discuss design of H2S project.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance Crew completed building earthen berm around Mag/Chloride tank, attended an excavator class, and continues to maintain Hwy 6. sewer project crossings with cold patch material.
- **PW Admin Update.** Public Works Director participated in Work Order software discussion, Enterprise Fleet presentation, meeting with Tetra Tech Engineering to review design documents for H2S project and participated in leadership retreat.

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

- [Grand Valley middle-schoolers gather for solar car competition.](#)
- [COVID-19 cases declining in Mesa County.](#)
- [Fruita Open The Spring Season With Big Win.](#)
- [Fruita, Palisade to hold candidate forums.](#)
- [Sunken boat makes for unique scene at Highline Lake State Park.](#)
- [Mesa County Commissioners working to bring broadband to Mesa County.](#)
- [We're scratching our head hearing about one odd festival.](#)
- [River corridor initiative looks to next steps.](#)

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.):*

- **April 2, 2022** – Fishing is Fun Day at Snooks Bottom Open Space, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **April 13, 2022** – Easter Egg Scramble, Fruita Community Center, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **April 23, 2022** – Co2UT Gravel Bike Race, Downtown Fruita and the North Fruita Desert.
- **April 26, 2022** – 2022 GJEP Western Colorado Economic Summit @ the Grand Junction Convention Center.
- **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.

- **May 7, 2022** – Girls on the Run 5K at the Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- **May 14, 2022** – Adventurefest presented by Gemini Adventures, 18 Road at 8:00 a.m.
- **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.