



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project Update

M.A. Concrete continues to make good progress on the Hwy. 6 & 50 Sewer Replacement Project. Installation of the mainline is complete; all lateral tie-ins are complete with some remaining underground work in the parking lot of Fiesta Guadalajara. Concrete is being installed and should be completed by the end of next week. Concrete is being poured today at the west entrance to Wave and Fiesta Guadalajara businesses and will require several days to cure. This will require this entrance to remain closed through the weekend. Additional work will need to be completed on Mesa St. and is dependent on the progress with the Mesa St. multifamily development. Paving is tentatively set to begin in the next 1-2 weeks. Once paving is complete, striping and thermoplastic will follow.

Please continue to use caution when driving through this area and 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

- **City Council Workshop.** As a reminder, our regular City Council Workshop was rescheduled to the fifth Tuesday of this month, from 3/22/22 to 3/29/22.
- **Mulberry Street Outdoor Space Stakeholder Meetings.** On Thursday, our Planning Team and consultants for the Mulberry Street Outdoor Space study hosted three stakeholder meetings to hear from residents, downtown business owners, and Boards and Commissions members on the space. The groups discussed the temporary closures of the space, such as what worked well and what could be improved, the opportunities and constraints of the space, and more. The next step in the process is to get public feedback, follow-ups with businesses, and there will be an opportunity for in-person outreach at the Fat Tire Festival in May. Our consultant will also be posting an online survey for residents to share feedback soon. More information on the project can be found on our website [here](#).
- **Monthly Waste Management Report.** In February 2022, Fruita residents recycled 47 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report from Waste Management can be found below.

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

- **State of the County Video.** This week, Mesa County released the 2022 State of the County video. The video is an annual message delivered by the Board of County Commissioners and other leaders on the current condition of Mesa County Government. The address also includes reports on the county priorities. If you would like to watch the video, you can view it [here](#).
- **Vote for the Colorado Riverfront Trail!** The Colorado Riverfront Trail was recently nominated for the USA Today 10 Best Recreational Trails. If you would like to vote, you can visit this [link](#).

Engineering

- **Peach St. Storm Drain Project.** Bonds and Contract are in hand for M. A. Concrete. We anticipated they will begin construction following their portion of completing the Highway 6 & 50 Sewer Replacement Project.
- **Pine Street Bridge.** Right of way and easement acquisition continues. Upon completion of the acquisitions, scheduling of the utility relocations for power, gas and communication will commence.
- **2022 Road Overlay Project.** This project is out for bid with bids due by and opened publicly on Friday, April 1, 2022. For more information, please visit this [link](#).

Parks and Recreation

- **Vaccine Bus at the FCC Next Week.** The state of Colorado Vaccine Bus will be at the Fruita Community Center on Thursday, March 24th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Vaccine Bus offers both COVID-19 and Flu vaccines. If you would like to book an appointment, you can [here](#).
- **Water Aerobics Classes Canceled.** Water Aerobics classes are cancelled next Monday March 21 to Friday March 25, 2022.
- **Back to Summer Fair.** The Back to Summer Fair will be at the Fruita Community Center on April 6, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Join us to learn about programs for the whole family from athletics to art and more. Parks and Recreation staff and instructors will be available to answer questions as we unveil our Summer Activity Guide.
- **Fishing is Fun.** The Fishing is Fun Event will be at Snooks Bottom on April 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. This event is a partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and City of Fruita to introduce kids to fishing. The event is free to attend, and registration can be completed at the Fruita Community Center. The first 100 registered kids will receive a free fishing rod.

Planning & Development

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

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- 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)
- Rose Creek Preliminary Plan (1892 K Road, Fruita CO 81521)

- Cider Mill Estates Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mountain Drive. Fruita, CO 81521) (47 Lots)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (111 S. Mesa St, Fruita CO 81521)
- 204 S. Mulberry Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (204 S. Mulberry St, Fruita, CO 81521)
- Monumental Provisions (Under Review) (155 N Mulberry St.)
- 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)
- West Pabor Right-of-Way Vacation (north of 535 W. Pabor Avenue)
- North Mulberry Street Conceptual Street Design

Police Department

- ***Congratulations Kevin!*** Congratulations to Sergeant Kevin Paquette who is retiring this week after over 40 years of police service to the people of the Grand Valley. Kevin will be greatly missed, and has left a lasting legacy in the community. We wish you all the best in your retirement, Kevin, enjoy it!
- ***Press Release on Church Fire.*** On Thursday, Mesa County posted a press release on the Fruita Church Fire. It can be found [here](#).

Public Works

- ***PW Training.*** Public Works crews completed a number of training courses this week including: CDOT Flagger, Hazardous Operations, Lock-Out/Tag-Out, Confined Space Entry, Excavation/Trenching Awareness, Forklift Operations, Safe Driving Strategies and Confined Space Entry Retrieval and Rescue.
- ***Fleet Maintenance Update.*** Fleet staff completed 3 police vehicle services. The motor grader is down, and staff has sent out parts for repair. The crew also completed multiple repairs/service on the Parks department equipment.
- ***Road Maintenance Update.*** Road Maintenance staff continue to maintain HWY 6 sewer project crossings. Weather permitting, crews will be performing controlled burns along HWY 6 on Monday. Please use caution while driving through smoky areas.
- ***Collections Update.*** Collections staff installed trash cleaners in the irrigation canal. Brownhill completed electrical work at a lift station due to control failures. 36 utility locates were completed.
- ***Wastewater Treatment Update.*** Cummins performed maintenance to the WWRF generator, they replaced a bad controller board, and the generator is now up and running. Staff performed routine maintenance on clarifiers and pumps. Operators are also performing power swap exercises for successful transitions.
- ***PW Admin Update.*** Participated in a conference call with Natural Resource Conservation Service regarding the Public Law-566 Program which may be an option to assist with Mountain Water properties and required improvements. Met with Colorado Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management to discuss their funding programs. Advertisements have been

posted for the Fleet Supervisor position and the seasonal positions. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2022. For more information on these positions please visit this [link](#).

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

- [Apartments, new homes and cupcakes are all coming to Fruita.](#)
- [Prescribed burns planned for county, region.](#)
- [The 16 Best Sunset Hikes in America.](#)
- [Two years since first COVID case in Mesa County.](#)
- [Grand Junction jobs recovering faster than elsewhere in state.](#)
- [Annual Western Colorado Economic Summit Returns in 2022.](#)
- [Living paycheck to paycheck, Fruita teacher struggles in cutthroat housing market.](#)
- [Fruita Finds The Net.](#)
- [Fruita council candidates discuss growth, affordable housing.](#)
- [Fruita Monument High School culinary team takes first place at state.](#)
- [Mesa County Public Health to reduce Covid-19 response.](#)
- [Here's what you need to know about Fruita's municipal election.](#)
- [Teenager found guilty in fire that destroyed church.](#)
- [Mesa County Commissioners release state of the county address.](#)
- [Schwenke announces her retirement from GJ Chamber.](#)
- [Mesa County Public Health updates its COVID-19 guidelines.](#)

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



CITY OF FRUITA

FEBRUARY 2022 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

758 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 12,888,100 sheets of printing and copy paper!

109 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 139 people!

109,185 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

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

Avoided 129 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 27 passenger vehicles!

230,872 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,078 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit 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, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO₂E = 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.