



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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***City offices will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022, in observance of Good Friday.***

Trash and recycling services are not impacted by the holiday. Hope that you have a great holiday weekend Fruita!

**City Co-Hosting Fruita Chamber Business After Hours Tonight**

We are co-hosting with Happy Trails Colorado at their location on Aspen Ave. From 5:30-7:00 pm tonight and hope to see you there. Come mingle, catch-up and enjoy food and drinks. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make it as I will be meeting with City and County managers across the state.

**Tuesday's City Council Meeting**

Our meeting on Tuesday will begin with old business, and a presentation to outgoing Council members Councilor Buck, Leonhart, and Harvey. Thank you all for your years of dedication to Fruita! After old business, we will swear in our three new Council members and Mayor. The new Council will then consider three items on the consent agenda and a special event permit for Co2UT Race. City Clerk/Finance Director Margaret Sell will then provide a presentation on the March 2022 Financial Reports, before moving on Council Reports and Actions, which will include the election of the Mayor Pro Tem and a discussion on Boards and Commissions assignments.

**BLM Issues Final Environmental Assessment on NFD**

Last Friday, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued and signed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the North Fruita Desert. This was the final study that needed to be completed before the Fruita Trails Initiative could begin implementing the North Fruita Desert Master Plan. Now that the EA is signed, construction can begin on the proposed trails in the Master Plan. The City of Fruita, on behalf of the Fruita Trails Initiative, has been awarded two separate grants (one from Great Outdoors Colorado, the other from the Colorado Tourism Office) to build 7-8 miles of new trail at 18 Road. We anticipate construction of some of these trails to begin this year. Also of note, in the EA, the BLM authorized Class 1 E-Bikes on

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designated routes in the North Fruita Desert. This applies to all existing and future trails at 18 Road.

Congratulations to all of our partners for creating the ability to add capacity of trails at this popular destination for locals and visitors! And thank you to the Bureau of Land Management for all of the hard work on this project.

### **North Mulberry Community Survey**

The City of Fruita is currently collecting community input on the North Mulberry Street temporary closure. With high utilization of the space, the city is looking into the possibility of creating a permanent outdoor gathering area. **Starting Friday, April 15, 2022, the community can take an online survey to provide input on the space.** The survey will be open until May 15, 2022. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

### **Peach Street Storm Drain Project Update**

Construction of the Peach St. storm drain kicked off this week, with a full road closure and asphalt removal occurring yesterday. Underground work should begin today, Thursday, April 14. The project is expected to last about a month with full closures on Peach St. and Peach Way north of Ottley Ave. Detours for residents in the area are in effect but are not expected to have much impact on normal school or business travel on Ottley Ave.

### **Official Municipal Election Results (Continued)**

The full official election results can be found on our website [here](#). Joel Kincaid has been elected Mayor of the City of Fruita for a two-year term. In the City Council race, Amy Miller, Jeannine Purser, and James Williams have been elected to the Fruita City Council for four-year terms. The change of City Council is scheduled to take place on April 19, 2022, during the regular City Council meeting. The meeting will begin with old business the current City Council considers, followed by the farewell of Mayor Pro-Tem Buck, and City Council members Karen Leonhart and Kyle Harvey, whose terms were completed. Following old business, Mayor Kincaid and the newly elected Council members Amy Miller, Jeannine Purser, and James Williams will take the oath of office to begin their new terms and consider new business on the City Council agenda that night.

### **General Updates**

- **Financial Reports.** At our Council Meeting on Tuesday, Finance Director & City Clerk Margaret Sell will be providing a presentation on the monthly financial reports, but here is a quick overview of February 2022 tax collections. In February this year, City sales taxes were up 20% when compared to February 2021, and is trending 14% above 2021 as a whole. Use taxes on motor vehicles (up 20% in Feb. 2022, down 4% from the previous year), building materials (up 13%, trending 22% over 2021), and lodging tax (up 44% in Feb, trending 37% from the previous year) were also up in February. Finally, County sales tax collections were up 16% in February 2022.
- **CDS Requests.** Last Friday, staff submitted four projects to Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet to be considered for Congressional Directed Spending. The four projects were the Maple Street Bridge Replacement, the H2S Sewer Mitigation Project, the Fremont Street Intersection, and the S. Mesa Street Improvements Projects.

- **Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager Next Week.** One last reminder, I will be hosting a Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager next Tuesday night at 5:00 p.m. at Copper Club. Grab a drink of your choice and join us outside on the patio! As always, these events are an opportunity for residents to discuss Fruita and ask any questions they may have.

## Engineering

- **Highway 6 & 50 Sewer Replacement Update.** The Highway 6 & 50 sewer project is nearing completion with a little landscaping and street striping left to be done. The project should be fully complete in the next week or two.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Fruita Community Center Closed April 17<sup>th</sup> for the full day.** We will see you all on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for regular hours.
- **DinoMites Summer Camp Registration is FULL.** DinoMites registration opened on April 6th and hit max capacity within days of opening with the waitlist filling as well. The camp runs weekly June 6 - August 5 with a week break for Independence Day (July 4 - 8).
- **Fruita Youth Action Council.** Fruita Youth Action Council interviewed 10 applicants for the 2022/2023 school year.
- **Summer Activity Guide.** Our new summer activity guide has been released with athletic camps, art and dance classes, and so much more for all ages. Visit our [webpage](#) to find out what activities will be a good fit for your family. You can register for programming online or in person at the Fruita Community Center.
- **Pool Cleaning.** FCC Pool and Maintenance staff are power washing and cleaning the outdoor pool to get it ready for a summer of FUN with an opening schedule for Memorial Day weekend!
- **Aquatics Staff.** The aquatics staff recently certified 11 new lifeguards and 10 water safety instructors over Spring Break. Congratulations to all for this amazing accomplishment!
- **Parks Update.** Park crews started prepping fields for baseball/softball and soccer season at Little Salt Wash Park.

## 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 (Intersection of 19 & 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)

**Mulberry Apartments**

| Bedrooms  | Parking Required/Unit (DMU zone) | # of Units | Parking |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 1         | 0.95                             | 1          | 1       |
| 2         | 1.25                             | 14         | 13      |
| 3 or more | 2                                | 4          | 5       |
|           |                                  |            | 19      |

Total provided after construction = 28

**Mesa Apartments**

| Bedrooms  | Parking Required/Unit (DMU zone) | # of Units | Parking |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 1         | 0.95                             | 13         | 13      |
| 2         | 1.25                             | 4          | 5       |
| 3 or more | 2                                | 0          | 0       |
|           |                                  |            | 18      |

Total provided after construction = 7

**Standard Parking Reductions Per Code**

Bike Share

Application approved for 8 bike share spaces -1 required vehicle parking space reduced for every 4 bike share spaces provided (DMU zone only)

**Off-Site Parking**

Off-site parking is provided within 1,000-foot ADA-accessible walking distance from the entrance to the proposed development. Parking agreement required.

- Monumental Provisions (Issued) (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

## Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff replaced an electrical exhaust fan for our Fleet department's shop area. They also replaced the roof on an electrical load center.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** More services on our Police vehicles have been completed. A Chevy dump truck and a Dodge Magnum have been decommissioned and are now available on Gov Deals. You can check out our listed items [here](#).
- **Utilities Update.** Utilities staff have been jetting and cleaning sewer lines throughout Fruita. After the Pabor Way irrigation ditch was piped, they sent the CCTV camera down the line for inspection. Before irrigation water was sent down the canal, staff cleaned all headgates. Now they are charging the irrigation lines and solving small irrigation issues as they pop up. If you need your water turned on or off, or have a break/leak to report, please call Public Works on 970-858-9558.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff have picked up and stored all manholes from the Highway 6 & 50 sewer project. They are continuing to clean up the new Pabor Way irrigation ditch that they piped in last week. The road crew is also assisting with irrigation work.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Wastewater staff continue to work on the work order system and river temperature tracking. They replaced a sump pump in the solids sanitary sump. All April vehicle inspections have been completed.

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

- [March sees rise in residential real estate activity.](#)
- [Opening delayed further for Highline Lake boating ramp.](#)
- [Lighthouse Project up and running, expanding.](#)
- [Time To B.O.L.T. by Building Outdoor Leaders Today.](#)
- [Fruita to increase number of short term rentals allowed.](#)
- [CPW receives grant from Colorado Tree Coalition and Xcel Energy.](#)
- [State of the River in Mesa County.](#)

**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 19, 2022** – Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager, Copper Club Brewery at 5:00 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 4, 2022** – Grand Valley Bike to Workday, Downtown Fruita. Join Fruita elected officials and staff for a ride around Fruita and breakfast provided by Family Health West.
- **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.
- **May 24, 2022** – Coffee with the City Manager at Bestslope Coffee, 9:00 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](mailto: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.