



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Workshop

The focus of this workshop is for the City Manager and City Attorney to orient, provide training, and lead a discussion with City Council focused on general orientation, general Council procedures, open meetings laws, liability, and conflicts of interest. Link to the Council packet, including preparatory materials may be found [here](#).

Fruita Spring Clean Up Event This Saturday

This Saturday, April 23rd, the City of Fruita is hosting a FREE Spring Clean Up. Fruita residents can drop off items they may want to dispose of at the City Shop (900 Keifer Avenue) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A dumpster will be onsite to haul items to the landfill. The city will accept box springs and mattresses but there is a \$25 fee for each that will be collected at the time of drop off. Cash or check accepted. The flyer can be found below.

The following items will not be collected: Aerosol cans, air conditioners, air/gas cylinders, ammunition, antifreeze, asbestos materials, asphalt rubble, batteries, concrete rubble, electronics, engines/motors, fluorescent lights, freezers, freon, fuel tanks, gasoline/grease/oil, hazardous waste, insecticides, items longer than 6', large drums, liquids of any kind, major appliances, medical waste, microwaves, paint/stain, pesticides, refrigerators, road flares, shingles, spa/pool chemicals, tires.

Fruita Fourth Fridays

The first Fruita Fourth Friday event is today from 5 pm-7:30 pm on Mulberry Street. Local artists will have art for sale and restaurants will be having special sales throughout the evening. These events will take place every fourth Friday until August.

CO2UT – Presented by Salsa Cycles - Event in Downtown Saturday

This successful annual gravel bike race is back and racers will be starting and ending at Civic Center Park before and after riding lengths of 30 ("Fruitadens"), 50

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("Pterodactyl"), 75 ("Stegosaurus"), 100 ("Triceratops"), or 125 ("Utahraptor") miles through the Bookcliffs. In addition to the start and end of the races, there will be an after party in Civic Center Park as well. Riders will be arriving in the park from 7am – 7pm with the bulk of riders between 12-4pm. Alcohol will be served 11am - 6pm by the Rotary. They expect to have 5 food trucks that will be inside the parking area. There will be 10 porta potties on the east side of the Civic center. Parking for approximately 1500 racers will be at Fruita Monument High School and then folks will ride over to the park. They will ride out and in on Maple St. (17 ½ Rd) which will have a temporary parking lane closure that notice has been provided to residents by the race organizer Desert Gravel. For more information, click [here](#).

North Mulberry Community Survey (Continued)

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.](#)

Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project

The Highway 6&50 Sewer Replacement Project is nearing completion with landscaping and striping work remaining. The city would like to thank all of the businesses along this stretch of Highway 6&50 for their patience and understanding during construction. The city also appreciates the travelling public's adherence to traffic control instructions and thanks to M.A. Concrete in maintaining a safe working environment. Thank You!!

General Updates

- **Waste Management Monthly Report.** In March 2022, Fruita residents recycled 56 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report from Waste Management can be found below.
- **Municipalities Dinner.** I attended the dinner hosted by Mesa County for all elected officials and managers Thursday evening along with Council members Ken Kreie, Heather O'Brien, James Williams, Amy Miller and Jeannine Purser and Assistant to the City Manager. We heard presentations on the proposed clinic in Palisade, Mesa county's community halls and general updates from each town, City, County and school district.
- **Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager.** This past Tuesday, we hosted a City Manager engagement event at Copper Club Brewing. We had nine members of the public attend for great conversation on current and future projects. Projects discussed included broadband, the Pine Street Bridge renovation, improvements to sidewalks for accessibility, housing and growth, communications, and updates to city plans including Fruita in Motion, the Circulation Plan, the PHROST Plan, and updates to the land use code. The next City Manager engagement event will be on May 4th at 7 a.m. at Civic Center Park, where residents can join me and Mayor Kincaid for a bike ride to celebrate Bike to Work Day!



- **Presentation to Coldwell Banker Distinctive Properties.** At their invitation, Dan Caris and I presented Fruita's comprehensive plan, community values, land use code updates and the status of growth in the community to Coldwell Banker Realtors.
- **Western Colorado Economic Summit 2022.** I will be attending and participating as a speaker/panelist for two sessions Tuesday, April 26, at Grand Junction Economic Partnership's annual Economic Summit. Information on the summit can be found [here](#).
- **Grand Valley Career and Job Fair.** The Mesa County Workforce Center and Colorado Mesa University are teaming up to serve western Colorado by connecting qualified candidates to employers in need at the second Grand Valley Career & Job Fair. The event is at Lincoln Park, across from the Lincoln Park Barn, on Wednesday, April 27th, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. With over 100 employers attending, job seekers will have a wide variety of full and part-time options to choose from. Anyone looking for a job is welcome to attend. The full flyer is provided below.
- **EV Chargers Update.** On Wednesday, staff hosted a site meeting with Xcel Energy to discuss the electrical upgrades needed at the Civic Center to install the two fast electric vehicle chargers, a capital project that is in the 2022 budget. Xcel Energy is going to start work on the design of the electric upgrades, and staff is working with them and the Colorado Energy Office to move forward with the project. Also, in other electric vehicle charger news, installation of the Level II Charging Station at Dinosaur Journey is scheduled to begin on May 2, 2022. Dinosaur Journey also received a grant from the Colorado Energy Office for this project and once completed, this will be the only charging station on the south side of Fruita.
- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Mobile Mesa County newsletter is out now, and can be found [here](#). It includes an update on the GVT Saturday Service Reductions, information on Grand Valley Bike Month, a community spotlight, and more. It appears that due to driver shortages, the Mesa County Regional Transportation Office is proposing to make the

Saturday service reduction permanent indefinitely, as it is currently implemented, and also maintain the reduced Dash Service as well. More information can be found in the newsletter.

Weekly FAQ – NEW! Starting this week, in every weekly update, we will be answering one question we get asked often from the community. These questions will cover a variety of topics from all city departments. If you have any questions you think would be valuable for us to share, let us know by emailing communications@fruita.org.

- **Question:** Do Parks and Recreation offer scholarship opportunities for recreational sports and activities?
- **Answer:** Yes! You can fill out an application on our website [here](#). To be eligible, the program participant must be under 18, live in Mesa County, and needs to provide a current free/reduced lunch approved letter from School District 51, or a Medicaid card, Marillac Clinic Card, or a CHP+Card.

Engineering

- **Right of Way Acquisition RFP.** The bid/RFP for providing right of way and easement acquisition services for the Maple Street Bridge at Little Salt Wash and Fremont St. From Highway 6 to Wildcat Ave. Closes today at 5 pm. There are a few responses, but we will not know the final total number of responses until after 5 pm today. An updated number will be provided in next week's update.
- **2022 Peach Street Storm Drain Project.** Crews finished the underground work and concrete work this week on Peach Street and Peach Way. Paving will begin next week, and crews expect this project to finish up in the next two weeks. We appreciate everyone's patience while we complete this project.
- **Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction Project.** Originally, this project was scheduled to occur early this year, but engineering/design and obtaining right-of way and easements took longer than anticipated. At this point, the City of Fruita has plans in place to reconstruct the Pine Street Bridge over the Little Salt Wash. The existing two-lane bridge will be replaced with a three-lane bridge including curb and gutters and five-foot wide sidewalks on each side. This reconstructed bridge will provide much-needed safety enhancements to what is currently a constriction to traffic flows on Pine Street. A full road closure of Pine Street north of K.4 Road and south of K.6 Road will start in early October. This road closure is necessary to facilitate the work for the Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction Project. The full road closure is expected to last through May of 2023.

Parks and Recreation

- **July 3rd Fireworks.** We will be working with Zambelli fireworks for our July 3rd fireworks display. Canvas Credit Union, formerly Western Rockies Federal Credit Union has agreed to sponsor the 2022 Fireworks display at Snooks Bottom.
- **Snooks Bottom Update.** We have had reports of some fish kill at Snooks Bottom. The District Wildlife Manager and Local Fish Biologist confirmed this week that the lake turned over depleting oxygen levels causing fish kill. Colorado Parks and Wildlife will not perform the next stocking of fish in hopes that the spring runoff will help fill the lake with more water.

- **Saturday, May 7th Basketball Court Closure.** On Saturday, May 7, the Basketball Courts will be closed from 4:30pm-6:00pm for the Dance and Art Showcase.
- **May 9th -19th Water Aerobics Class update.** All Water Aerobics Classes will be Cancelled for end of year school swim sessions. Please expect increased attendance of school aged children in the pool from 10:00am-3:00pm during this time.
- **Bike to work day.** Starting at 7 am, on May 4, join city staff for free breakfast at the Civic Center, provided by Family Health West, followed by a ride on city trails to celebrate Grand Valley Bike Month.
- **New Adult Cornhole League!** Games will be on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Fruita Community Center Backyard with two divisions (16-59 and 50+). Registration closes on May 15 and the fee is \$40.
- **Wellspring Project Applications.** Do you know a middle schooler interested in rafting, artmaking, and more for free this summer? Applications for the Wellspring project are open until May 10. More information and applications available at riversedgewest.org.

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 have updated all SDS (safety data sheets) materials for all hazardous chemicals in all City buildings. The crew supervisor and administrative technician sat down with CIRSA to review all safety meeting requirements and are preparing for further inspections for our upcoming annual audit.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet Maintenance staff performed an annual inspection and service of our forklift and performed multiple heavy equipment DOT inspections.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff attended the 2-day APWA Annual Street Conference this week. Jesse McClaskey passed his Wastewater Collection I exam and Michael

Bramlett attended a conference for Traffic Control Supervisor training and passed his exam. Congratulations to Jesse and Michael!

- **Utilities Update.** It's week two of irrigation water turning on so staff are still busy turning on water for residents and making City valve repairs. 61 utility locates were completed.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Wastewater Treatment Staff performed repair work on their Oxidation Ditch Aeration system. The crew also loaded 29 yards of Biosolids.
- **Admin Update.** Public Works Director participated in a call with the Grand Valley Watershed Plan Update and USGS regarding the E.Coli presentation.

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

- [Back Country Horsemen pave the way to hiking, riding success.](#)
- [Fruita Trooper named CSP trooper of the year.](#)
- [Monumental Beer Works navigating rebrand, new Fruita location simultaneously.](#)
- [Fruita asks LDS Church to rebuild church that burned down.](#)
- [Mulberry Street closure in Fruita could become permanent.](#)
- [See the amazing cowboy hat tower near devils canyon in Fruita, Colorado.](#)
- [High fire danger concerns.](#)
- [Fruita soliciting feedback on permanent North Mulberry Street closure.](#)
- [Masks no longer required at Grand Junction Regional Airport.](#)
- [Teen sentenced in Fruita Church Fire.](#)
- [Shelledy Elementary takes action for student water awareness week.](#)
- [Fruita and Palisade baseball trade blows in battle of West Slope's best.](#)
- [Sheriff calls for tighter penalties on fentanyl.](#)
- [United Airlines to drop one GJ flight, add Airbus service.](#)
- [Frontier Airlines resumes Grand Junction to Denver air service.](#)

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 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

Spring Clean Up



**Saturday,
April 23
8 AM - 2 PM**

Drop Off Location

**900 Keifer Ave.
Fruita, CO 81521**

**Fruita Residents,
Drop off items you
want to dispose of
for *FREE!**

***Mattresses and box
springs can be
dropped off for \$25
each. Cash or check
accepted.**

We WILL NOT collect the following:

Aerosol cans, air conditioners, air/gas cylinders, ammunition, antifreeze, asbestos materials, asphalt rubble, batteries, concrete rubble, electronics, engines/motors, fluorescent lights, freezers, freon, fuel tanks, gasoline/grease/oil, hazardous waste, insecticides, items longer than 6', large drums, liquids of any kind, major appliances, medical waste, microwaves, paint/stain, pesticides, refrigerators, road flares, shingles, spa/pool chemicals, tires





CITY OF FRUITA MARCH 2022 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

853 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 14,493,200 sheets of printing and copy paper!

136 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 173 people!

221,574 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 20 homes!

Avoided 203 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 43 passenger vehicles!

210,441 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 2,805 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit [WM.com/RecycleRight](https://www.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.

Colorado Mesa University and the
Mesa County Workforce Center present

Grand Valley Career & Job Fair

April 27



Fair Details
1-5pm at Lincoln Park

SCAN TO REGISTER

Mesa County Workforce Center

- 📞 970.248.7560
- ✉️ jobservice@mesacounty.us
- 🌐 mesacountywfc.com
- 📍 Mesa County Workforce Center

CNU Career Services

- 📞 970.248.1404
- 📍 Colorado Mesa University Career Services
- 📍 [@mesaucareerservices](https://www.instagram.com/mesaucareerservices)





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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.