



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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### **Tuesday's City Council Workshop**

We have four items to discuss at the workshop on Tuesday night. First, our consultant for the Mulberry Street space study will provide an overview of the survey results on space, then we will discuss our feedback to Mesa County regarding marijuana grow in the City's urban growth boundary, then we will discuss our progress and next steps on housing strategies and answer any questions Council has, and finally discuss any pending proclamation requests. See you on Tuesday night!

### **Fruita Officers Awarded Phoenix Award**

On Tuesday, May 17th, Officer Sorenson and Officer Pacheco were awarded the Phoenix Award. The Phoenix Award is presented when a person is resuscitated while suffering a cardiac event. Congratulations!



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

## Weekly FAQ

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](mailto:communications@fruita.org).

- **Question:** Does the city have event space for baby showers, birthdays, meetings, etc?
- **Answer:** Yes, the Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of reservation options. Residents can rent the Fruita Community Center community rooms as well as the pool party room. They also offer shelter reservations at city parks and during the summer, residents can rent the outdoor yurt and shelters at the pool. For more - information on rentals, visit [fruita.org/parksrec](http://fruita.org/parksrec) or call 970-858-0360.

## General Updates

- **Coffee with the City Manager Next Week.** Next Tuesday, I will be hosting a Coffee with the City Manager at 9:00 a.m. at Bestslope Coffee. Come and join us for a free cup of coffee and a discussion about Fruita!
- **Colorado Municipal League Outreach Events.** On Tuesday afternoon, staff and I attended the Western Slope Colorado Municipal League (CML) Outreach event and heard updates from our partner communities, and a recap of the legislative session. CML offers a lot of training, like these, and if you are ever interested, you can view upcoming events [here](#). Each year, CML also puts together a list of bills that were passed during the legislative session that may have an impact on municipalities. Once that is published, we will provide that to the Council.
- **State of the Community Breakfast.** On Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m., the Fruita Chamber will be hosting the annual State of the Community Breakfast at Absolute Prestige Ranch in Loma. Speakers include Mayor Kincaid, Mesa County Administrator Pete Baier, State House Representatives Janice Rich, Matt Soper, and Ray Scott, and Congresswoman Boebert. If you would like to attend, please feel free to let me know and we will register you for the event. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Fruita Branch of Mesa County Motor Vehicles.** The Fruita Branch of the Mesa County Motor Vehicles returned to normal hours this week, and open two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Trail Building at 18 Road.** This week, crews from the Western Colorado Conservation Corps made progress on the expansion of new trails at 18 Road. The Fruita Trails Initiative received two grants from GOCO and the Colorado Tourism Office to complete 7-9 miles of new trail in 2022.



### Administration

- **Financial Audit.** The City's auditors (CSD) completed their fieldwork this week and will be finalizing the audit of the City's financial statements in the near future. Presentations of the financial statements and the fiscal health analysis to the City Council are scheduled for the June 20 Council meeting.

### Engineering

- **Chip Seal Update.** Work continues on the chip seal project. Sweeping of the chips will continue into next week with a fog seal applied at the later end of next week.



### Parks and Recreation

- ***Bimonthly Parks and Rec Newsletter.*** The latest edition of the Fruita Parks and Recreation newsletter is now available and can be found [here](#). It includes facility updates, upcoming programming for youth, information on senior programs, and more.
- ***May 27 Outdoor Pool Opens.*** The Fruita Community Center Outdoor Pool will be open to the public starting on May 27. A full schedule for indoor and outdoor pools is available at the Fruita Community Center and on our website.
- ***May 30 (Memorial Day).*** Fruita Community Center will have modified hours: the facility will be open 7:00am-7:00pm. All Fitness and Aquatic Classes will be cancelled on May 30.
- ***Fruita Park Shelters Available to Rent!*** If you are looking for an affordable outdoor space to host a party or have a family gathering, check out our park shelter reservations. Learn more on our website or at the Fruita Community Center Front Desk!
- ***Volunteer for Mike the Headless Chicken.*** We are looking for volunteers to help at our festival entrance tents. Volunteers will receive a shirt and help make our iconic local festival a success! Please reach out to [kaskalla@fruita.org](mailto:kaskalla@fruita.org) for more information and to sign up.

## 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)
- 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

- ***General Update.*** Fleet staff is working on vehicle DOT compliance, Road Maintenance staff has been working with GMCO on chip sealing streets, Utilities staff has cleaned all storm drains in the downtown area, hauled and disposed of grease pumped from I-70 lift station and performed camera inspections on the sewer line on Coulson St. From Pabor Ave. Continued to Greenway



Dr. Wastewater Treatment staff replaced a sump pump in the solids building and performed monthly vehicle inspections, maintenance and cleanup of a clarifier, and cleaned and calibrated probes.

- **Admin Update.** Reviewing budget numbers for TMDL process. Participated in CML Spring Outreach Meeting, and participated in meeting with Xcel Energy regarding their electric line rebuild project.

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

- [Fruita Monument searching for new AD as Squibb retires.](#)
- [Fruita staves off Grand Junction rally at Suplizio.](#)
- [Grand Valley River Fest informs the public about river safety.](#)
- [Mike the Headless Chicken Festival returns!](#)
- [Mesa County law enforcement to begin stricter seat belt enforcement.](#)
- [Fishing license, park-pass sales lag for CPW after pandemic bump.](#)
- [Superintendent Dr. Diana Sirko reminisces about her time as an educator.](#)
- [Fruita hires new cross-country coach.](#)
- [Hot tomato pizza about as legendary as mountain biking in western Colorado.](#)
- [Highline Lake State Park opens new playground.](#)

**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.*):

- **May 24, 2022** – Coffee with the City Manager at Bestslope Coffee, 9:00 a.m.
- **May 27, 2022** – Fruita Fourth Friday, downtown Fruita, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **June 1, 2022** – State of the Community Breakfast, hosted by the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce. Absolute Prestige Ranch in Loma, 7:30 a.m.
- **June 3-4, 2022** – Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, downtown Fruita.
- **June 9 – August 11, 2022** – Thursday Night Concert Series, Civic Center Pavillion, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 10, 2022** – Food Truck Fridays, Reed Park, 5:30 p.m.
- **June 11, 2022** – October 29, 2022 – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- **June 23-25, 2022** – Country Jam, Open Venue, Country Jam Ranch
- **June 30, 2022** – Fruita City Council Ice Cream Social, Civic Center Lawn, 7:30 p.m.

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.