



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Mike the Headless Chicken Festival Recap

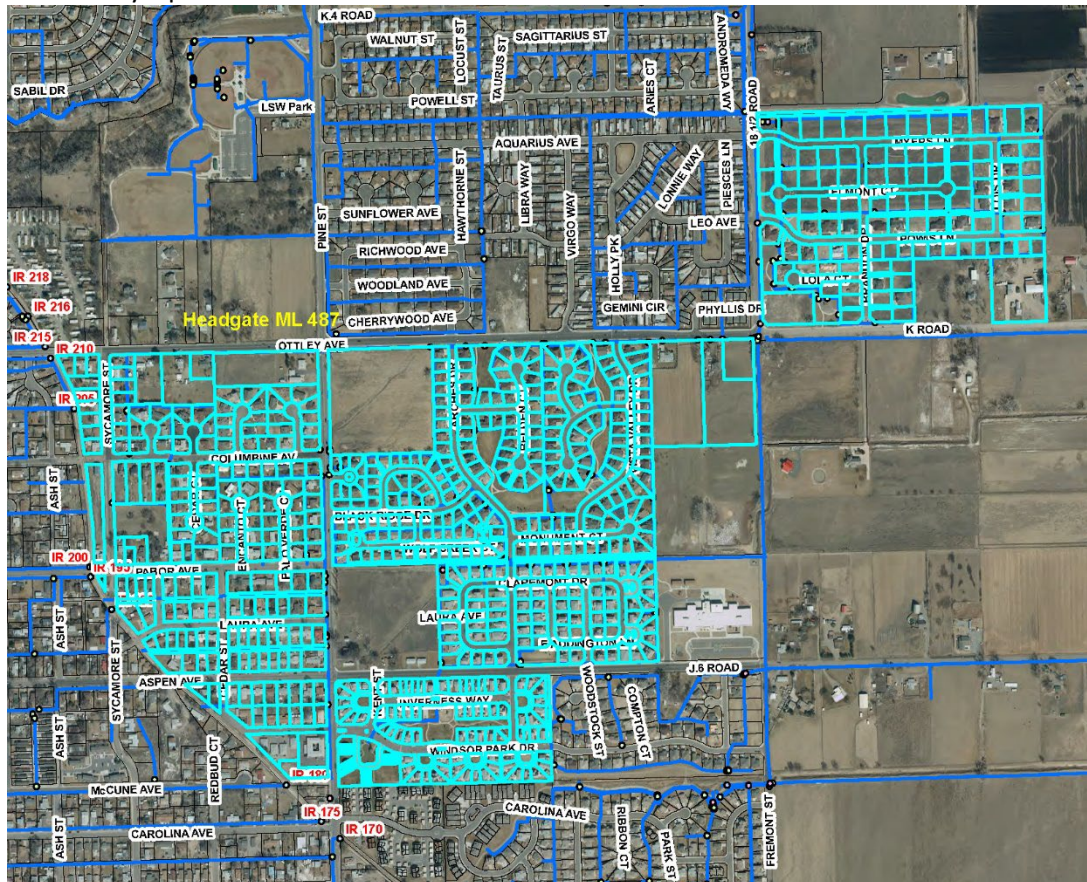
It was a fun weekend at the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival last week! It was great to see the community enjoy the activities and to have the festival back at its regular time of year. A few highlights from the festival include – 248 runners participated in the 5K, 46 people participated in the Disc Golf Tournament, and there were 175 cars on display at the Wheels West Car Show. The Captain Mike, MTHC shirts sold well on the first night, and the store sold more than \$17,000 of MTHC merchandise. Thank you to all of the vendors, staff, volunteers, and of course the community, for coming out and making this another memorable festival.



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

Irrigation Shutdown

On Monday, June 13, irrigation water will be shut off for the following areas: property between 18 ½ Road, K Rd, and Myers Lane; and property between 18 ½ Road, Ottley Avenue, and Carolina Avenue. The map below shows, in a light blue color, which areas will be without irrigation water. Crews will be performing routine maintenance and installing a new water meter. The City of Fruita appreciates the community's patience.



Learn about AARP and the Livability Commission

The Fruita Livability Commission would like to invite the community to their next monthly meeting on Thursday, June 16 at 4 pm at the Civic Center in the North Council Chambers. Fruita is a member of AARP's national network of age-friendly livable communities and AARP State Director Bob Murphy is attending to discuss AARP's Livable Communities initiative. The Fruita Livability Commission continually gathers community input and makes recommendations to the City Council pertaining to the eight domains of livability to help improve the quality of life, economic health, and lifestyle for all ages of the Fruita Community.

Street Repaving Project (Continued)

The 2022 overlay/paving project is expected to wrap up in the next few days. On June 13 and 14, the community can expect full road closures. The following streets will be closed: W. Ottley Ave. From Highway 6 to the Co-Op Country Entrance; Mesa St. From Ottley Ave. to the north end of the bridge on

Ottley Ave.; Cherry St. to Mesa St.; and Pabor Ave. from Coulson St. to Cherry St. Project timelines may change depending on the weather. For more information and project updates [click here](#).



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.

- **Question:** My sidewalk is in poor condition. Can the City of Fruita help me replace the sidewalk in front of my house?
- **Answer:** Yes, with the City of Fruita's Sidewalk Replacement Program, the City of Fruita helps residents with managing the project construction and the cost of improvements. The city will pay 80% of the total cost and the property owner pays 20% of the cost. The city maintains a sidewalk condition inventory and replacements for each year are identified based on the inventory. To learn more about the program, please [click here](#).

General Updates

- **Hike and Talk with the City Manager.** Join City Manager Mike Bennett at Snook's Bottom on June 14th at 9 am for a casual talk and walk. These events are an opportunity for community members to learn about what the city is working on and to ask me questions. We hope to see you there!
- **Congressional Directed Spending Requests.** A few months ago, the City of Fruita submitted four projects to be considered for Congressional Directed Spending in the Federal Appropriations Bill

for next year. Each year, our federal representatives identify a number of community projects in need of funding and choose specific projects for funding through this process. We are excited to see that both Senator Bennet and Senator Hickenlooper have submitted two projects to be considered for Congressional Direct Spending, including \$2.06 million for the replacement of the Maple Street Bridge, and \$2.5 million for the Fremont Street corridor. In addition, both Senators submitted S. Mesa Street improvements for this spending, but we withdrew that request since we recently received a grant for the project from the Colorado Department of Transportation. There is still a long process to determine which community projects get funded, but we are encouraged to have the support from both Senator Hickenlooper and Bennet on these much-needed infrastructure improvements in Fruita. The full list of all projects that will be considered for federal funding can be found [here](#).

- **Community Health Improvement Planning.** Mesa County Public Health is currently in the process of completing its Community Health Improvement Plan and Needs Assessment update to gain an understanding of health improvement priorities in Mesa County. As part of this process, Mesa County Public Health has invited the City of Fruita to participate as a partner in the process. This week, Shannon attended the kick-off meeting for the plan update and will work as the city representative on it over the next month. The final plan will identify a number of health needs for the County over the next few years, and we are happy to participate as a partner organization.
- **Food Truck Friday Tonight!** Food Truck Fridays are back and is at Reed Park tonight! More information can be found [here](#).
- **Preserve America Youth Summit.** This week, Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso, Public Works Director Kimberly Bullen, and myself, presented and participated in a variety of topics during the Preserve America Youth Summit. The group traveled from the Denver-Metro Area to learn about public lands and historic places. On Tuesday, we joined the group in viewing the Fruita bridge and discussed the history and challenges of saving the historical bridge. On Wednesday, Marc joined the group at Snook's Bottom to discuss Private Land Conservation and later talked to the group at the Calvacade about preserving community character. Later in the day, the group enjoyed dinner at the Fruita Community Center and heard presentations from myself and the Fruita Youth Advisory Council.



Image courtesy of the Preserve America Youth Summit

Parks and Recreation

- **Summer activities are in full swing!** This week was the start of our Gators Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Tennis Camp, Track and Field Camp, PeeWee Soccer, and Dinomites Summer Camp. Next week will be the start of Youth Ceramics and FutureCats Basketball Camp.
 - There are still opportunities for you to sign your kids up for summer activities. Visit the Fruita Community Center or our website to view the Summer Activity Guide and learn more.
- **Free Thursday Night Concert Series started this week with the Devon Worley Band!** Join us for the FREE Summer Concert Series at Civic Center Park every Thursday until August 11th. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for music starting at 7:30pm. Please leave pets at home for these concerts. These concerts are presented by FCI Constructors and the City of Fruita. Next week's concert is by HeyDay a modern rock/pop band! View the full [schedule here](#).

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

- **Road Maintenance.** Crews replaced thermal plastic crosswalks and stop bars on Coulson and Roberson. Crews have prepped city dirt roads (19 Rd., 18 ½ Rd., Snooks Bottom, Greenway Dr. And Raptor Rd.) for dust control application. The city is using a product called Earthbind instead of Mag Chloride to see if it will be a better product. Our welder on the Road Maintenance crew built a ladder for safety purposes when climbing on and off the Police Department roof, Building Maintenance staff installed the ladder.
- **Fleet Maintenance.** Crews performed a maintenance service and a monthly inspection, responded to a service call, and rebuilt an air compressor carb for one of the city trucks.
- **Utilities Division.** The team cleaned and flushed storm drains on Aspen and Peach. They completed two irrigation valve replacements and responded to 14 irrigation calls. The crew completed 3,434 feet of jetting and 31 utility locates.
- **Wastewater Collections.** Performed routine maintenance and repairs like cleaning and calibrating meters, belt replacement on a blower motor, installed airflow meters, cleaned/maintained clarifier and rotated idle equipment.
- **Admin Update.** Public Works Director wrapped up one on one employee meetings this week. Participated in a stakeholder Workgroup meeting with the Colorado Department of Public Health regarding biosolids and PFAS (Per and polyfluorinated substances) Interim Strategy. Participated in tour of the Old Fruita Bridge and tour with City Council members of the Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

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

- [Grab your tote bags and baskets, the Fruita Farmer's Market starts next week.](#)
- [Fruita community gathers to celebrate 13-year-old boy.](#)
- [Mike the Headless Chicken Festival returns.](#)
- [Mesa County COVID-19 cases slowly but steadily rising.](#)
- [Diana Sirko reflects on 47-year career in education.](#)
- [Mesa County real estate: fewer deals, more dollars.](#)
- [Millions of dollars coming to Mesa County as part of big pharma lawsuit.](#)

- [Mesa County seeks proposals for programs that tackle the Opioid crisis.](#)
- [Join the fun at Fruita Colorado's farmer's market this Saturday in Reed Park.](#)
- [Commissioners delay approval of pot cultivation ordinance.](#)
- [Momentum of old Fruita bridge renovation continues to grow.](#)
- [CDOT awards grant to City of Fruita.](#)
- [Fruita Farmer's Market Opening Day!](#)
- [Imondi Wake Zone celebrates 5th anniversary.](#)
- [Head Advisory issues for Fri. & Sat., Fire Weather Warning for Sun.](#)

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.):*

- **June 16 – 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.
- **July 3, 2022** - Fireworks Display, City of Fruita, Dusk
- **July 12, 2022** – Coffee with the City Manager and Councilmember Amy Miller at Aspen Street Coffee, 9:00 a.m.
- **July 26, 2022** – Ice Cream with the City Manager and Mayor Kincaid, 4:00 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



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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.