



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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### Tuesday's City Council Meeting

The meeting begins with a mini-town hall with Mesa County Commissioners. The town hall will consist of a brief presentation by the commissioners, questions of the commissioners from council members and discussion and comments from the public. We will devote approximately no more than 30 minutes to this town hall. Next will be the consent agenda and five quasi-judicial public hearings related to zoning and annexations and a liquor license renewal, ending with the City Manager's informal review. The agenda and packet information can be found [here](#) by the end of the day Friday.

### Waste Management Update

Earlier this month, Waste Management announced the roll out of a new program for automated trash collection in certain areas of the city. This change improves safety for Waste Management personnel, helps improve cleanliness in Fruita, and reduces litter in the environment. Residents who are a part of the program will receive a 96-gallon cart next week (week of August 15, 2022) on your regular trash pickup day. Originally, residents impacted by the change could only use the 96-gallon carts provided by Waste Management. We realize this change is significant for our community and have been working with Waste Management to resolve the issues we've heard from residents. **Now, as part of the program, if a household has more trash than can fit in the 96-gallon cart, additional trash containers may be placed on the curb (loose trash bags or plastic bags are not a container).** We apologize for the confusion and the frustration this has caused and we hope these changes will help ease this transition.

### 2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project (Continued)

The 2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project is scheduled to begin this Fall and conclude in December of this year. The focus of this year's project will be in the Village at Country Creek and Heritage Meadows subdivisions, with various other, smaller locations around the city. Areas of damaged concrete sidewalk, curb, gutter, and curb ramp will be removed and replaced according to City code. We will work to keep disruption to the public as limited as possible but please be aware that there will be

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multi-day sidewalk closures throughout these areas while work is being completed. If you have any questions or concerns about this year's project, please contact the Project Manager Chris Dehmel at [cdehmel@fruita.org](mailto:cdehmel@fruita.org). The City of Fruita thanks you for your patience while we work to complete this important project.

### **E-Waste Recycling Event**

Take your old electronics to the Fruita Civic Center (325 E. Aspen Ave.) on Saturday, October 8 anytime between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This is an annual event hosted by the City of Fruita and Waste Management. The flyer if below with more information.

### **Weekly FAQ**

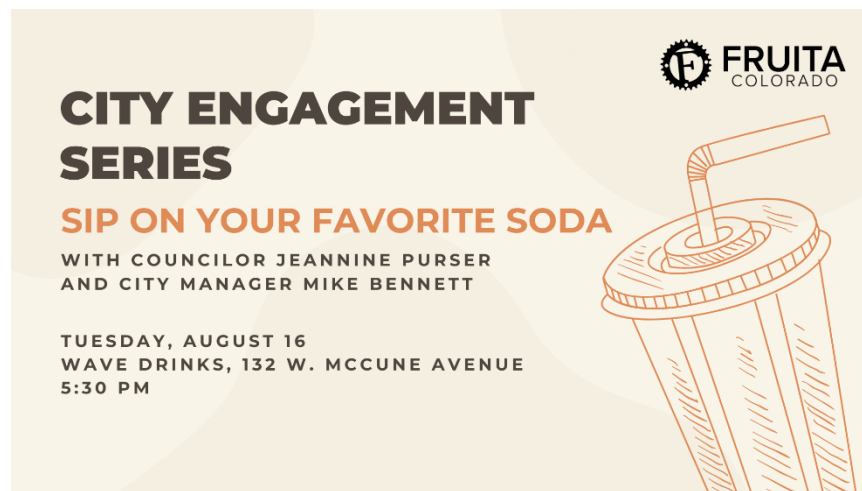
In every weekly update, we will be answering one question we get asked often from the community. These questions will cover a variety of topics from all city departments. If you have any questions, you think would be valuable for us to share, let us know by emailing [communications@fruita.org](mailto:communications@fruita.org).

- **Question:** Can I have an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on my property?
- **Answer:** There are multiple variables to review to determine if a property can have an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). The first variable to be considered is what zoning area the property falls under. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are permitted on property with a single-family detached house in the following zones: Rural Estate (RE), Large Lot Residential (LLP), Community Residential (CR), South Fruita Residential (SFR), Monument Preservation (MP), Neighborhood Commercial Overlay, Downtown Mixed Use (DMU), and Commercial-1 (C-1). If you don't know what zoning district your property is located in, take a look at the City's GIS Map [here](#). In the map's "Layer List," make sure the "Existing Zoning District" option is selected. In addition to meeting zoning requirements, an ADU must meet setback requirements, height requirements, and lot coverage requirements. Property owners looking to have an ADU need to know where easements are on the property and follow HOA guidelines if in a neighborhood with an HOA. To learn more about ADUs in Fruita, [click here](#).

### **General Updates**

- **Financial Reports.** The Financial Reports for June 2022 can be found in this week's Council packet. Quick overview of sales tax collections in June, when compared to the previous year, City sales tax was up 12% and is trending at a 7% increase for the year. Use tax on building materials (up 13% in June, trending at 48% increase of 2021), the City lodging tax (up 4% in June, trending at an increase of 14% year-to-date), and County sales tax collections (up 8% in June 2022, at an increase of 9% when compared to 2021) were also up and trending higher than 2021. Use tax on motor vehicle was down 13% in June, but is still at an increase of 10% through June year over year.
- **Radio Show about Wayfinding and Livability Commission Tuesday, August 16 at 12 pm.** The Discover Fruita will be having its next episode live next Tuesday, August 16 at 12 pm. Tune in to KAFM 88.1 to learn about wayfinding, adopt a street/trail program, and livability commission.

- **Monthly Waste Management Report.** In July, Fruita residents recycled 46 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! The full report from Waste Management can be found below.
- **Mesa County Safe Routes Mobile App.** This week, Mobile Mesa County launched the Mesa County Safe Routes app for families to find the safest routes to school. The app also has recommended paths and sidewalks, safety tips, and fun games to increase healthy habits. The app can be downloaded on the App Store and Google Play store.
- **City Engagement Event Next Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** Join City Councilor Jeannine Purser and City Manager Mike Bennett at Wave Drinks next Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for a casual conversation. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the city. We hope to see you there!



### Engineering

- **Right of Way Acquisition.** Three responses to the request for proposals for environmental services were received this week for the Fremont Street right-of-way acquisition. The responses will be evaluated, and a consultant will be selected by next week.
- **2022 Sidewalk Replacement Program.** Bids for the 2022 sidewalk replacement are due next Friday, August 19, 2022.
- **Summer Intern.** Summer Intern Emmalee Taylor's last day was this week. She provided great help to the Engineering Department and will be missed.

### Parks and Recreation

- **We had a successful Splash Bash and Staff Appreciation Party this past weekend.** Splash bash had a great turn out of 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders for the annual Fruita Youth Action Council end of summer celebration. We also had a staff appreciation party after hours for all of our hard working staff at the FCC. Our staff had chances to win gift cards, were able to swim in the pool, and enjoyed a pizza and ice cream dinner.

- **Last day to register for Fall Flag Football and Soccer is Monday, August 15 at 6:00 pm.** Register your child for their fall athletics now!
- **Dance Open House with FREE trial classes next week!** We will be hosting a variety of trial dance classes for free. Let your child try out ballet, tap, jazz, and rhythms boppers to learn if it is a good fit for them. View the full schedule of classes [here](#).
- **Adult Art Clay Class starting next Wednesday August 17, Sign up Now!** This class will be offered from 8/17-9/7 on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Learn the basics of clay work and take homework of art that you created.
- **Take our survey for a chance to win a City of Fruita Swag Pack!** Help us to learn more about how best to get you our activity guide information. This 3-minute survey will help us better communicate program information to you. Surveys completed by August 31 will be entered in a chance to win a City of Fruita Swag Pack. [Click here](#) to take the survey.
- **Newsletter released this Wednesday! Click here** to read the latest newsletter. Learn more about our programs and special events with our biweekly email newsletter. Sign up to receive the newsletter [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)
- Dana Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (317 Pine Street) (3 Lots)
- East Grand Townhomes Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (600 Grand Avenue) (4 Lots)
- Copper Creek West Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (954 19 Road) (138 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
- Dogleg 1 Annexation (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-078)
- Dogleg1 Rezone (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-078)

- Dogleg 2 Annexation (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-094)
- Dogleg 2 Rezone (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-213-00-094)
- Latigo Annexation (Under Review) (1834 J Road)
- Latigo Rezone (Under Review) (1834 J Road)
- Adele's Acres Annexation (Under Review) (1024 19 Road)
- Adele's Rezone (Under Review) (1024 19 Road)
- The FARM Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace (Under Construction) (158 Park Square)

## Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff have been working on fixing up the Chamber of Commerce Building owned by the city with a gutter repair, and building reseal. They also replaced bay door seals in the fleet shop. A crew member also assisted the City of Grand Junction with a paving project. For the Police Department kennels for runaway dogs, staff installed a watering misting system to keep them nice and cool while waiting for their family.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet staff performed multiple services and repairs on Parks, Public Works, Police and Civic Center Admin vehicles such as replacing shocks, a fuel pump, a drive belt, tires, an axle boot, a battery, trailer plugs, and flat tire repair. They also scheduled two vehicles to be sent in to take care of recall notices.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff fixed the Welcome to Fruita sign on I-70 and installed a new safe route sign for the 8/9 school. They also laid down some new thermal plastic crosswalks near Circle Park. Staff also assisted Grand Junction with a paving project for Grand Junction at 23 Rd and G Rd.
- **Utilities Update.** The Utilities crew jetted all sewer lines around the schools. Close circuit television (CCTV) inspections were performed on new tap installations around the city. Dam inspections were completed with the State of Colorado dam safety engineer for our reservoirs on Glade Park.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Wastewater Treatment staff had to troubleshoot their supervisory control and data requisition (SCADA) software that was not communicating but the issue was resolved. Routine maintenance was performed on equipment. Monthly metals were sent to Seacrest Lab for analysis. Gas monitors passed their monthly calibration. Staff are currently experimenting to reduce poly usage running the RDTs, current is 8-10 lbs. per ton and 7-9 lbs per ton is the goal.

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

- [Biz Buzz for Aug. 7, 2022.](#)
- [Mesa County updates strategic plan.](#)
- [CDOT reviews Glenwood Canyon safety protocols.](#)
- [Montrose Airport adds two connections, including Delta; GJT expanding on current routes.](#)
- [Woman's clothing boutique opens in downtown Fruita.](#)
- [Fruita's Thursday Night Concert Series is a summertime favorite with music fans.](#)
- [Free beer on tap for teachers at Copper Club this Saturday.](#)

**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.):*

- **August 12, 2022** – One Riverfront Concert, James M Robb Colorado River State Park, 7:00 p.m.
- **August 13, 2022 – October 29, 2022** – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- **August 16, 2022** - Wave Drinks with City Manager Mike Bennett and Councilmember Jeannine Purser, 5:30 p.m.
- **August 26, 2022** – Fruita Fourth Friday, Downtown Fruita, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **September 7, 2022** – Colorado Municipal League District Meeting at 4:00 p.m., Rio Blanco Fire Protection Building in Meeker (please let Deb or I know if you would like to attend, and we will register you for the meeting).
- **September 9, 2022** – One Riverfront Concert, James M Robb Colorado River State Park, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 23 – 24, 2022** – Fruita Fall 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)



# E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

FRUITA CIVIC CENTER

9 AM - 1 PM



## RECYCLE - NO COST

- CELL PHONES
- LAPTOPS
- CORDS/CABLES
- CPUS
- SPEAKERS
- MICE & KEYBOARDS

## RECYCLE - FOR A FEE

- COMPUTER MONITORS
- DESKTOP PRINTERS/COPIERS
- FLAT SCREEN/CRTS
- ALL OTHER ELECTRONICS







CITY OF FRUITA

## JULY 2022 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

### 739 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 12,564,700 sheets of printing and copy paper!

### 107 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 136 people!

### 106,445 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 9 homes!

### Avoided 126 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

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

### 225,080 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,001 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, Gaylor Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO<sub>2</sub>E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent







# FRUITA COLORADO



*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.