



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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Tuesday's City Council Retreat (Rescheduled from Last Week)

The City Council retreat scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, was rescheduled to Monday, August 8. On Monday, please meet at the Civic Center at 5 pm to carpool to Highline Lake State Park where we will have dinner, engage in team building and have a strategic planning discussion that will help staff come back to Council in future meetings with a draft strategic plan to work through.

2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project

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 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. The City of Fruita thanks you for your patience while we work to complete this important project.

School Zone Lights Turned On

In preparation for schools to start on August 10 and 12, the Public Works Department will be turning on all school zone flashing lights throughout Fruita starting Monday, August 8. These lights are turned on early to get drivers acquainted with the speed change.

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:** Does the City of Fruita spray for mosquitoes?

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- **Answer:** No, but the Grand River Mosquito Control District does. The last time they sprayed was on August 2, 2022, from 17 Rd to 19 Rd, north of the highway, and 21 Rd to 24 Rd north of the highway. To help protect the honeybee population and for increased public acceptance, the district only sprays after dark when honeybees have returned to their hives. This is why you might see or hear their fog truck late at night. For more information and for notifications on upcoming services, please visit the Grand River Mosquito Control District's website at grmcd.org.

General Updates

- **2022 Fall City Link.** The Fall City Link was sent to the printer this week and should be arriving at homes in the next few weeks. The online version can be found [here](#). In this edition, the community can learn about recent grant funding for a variety of upcoming projects, the 2022 State of the City video, an update on the N. Mulberry Street closure project, and more.
- **Board and Commissions Outreach Event.** Interested in learning more about Fruita Boards and Commissions? Tomorrow, members of the Fruita Livability Commission will be hosting a booth at the Fruita Farmers Market to discuss Boards and Commissions with residents. Stop by for free candy and other Fruita gear!

Parks and Recreation

- **Summer Splash Bash, Today, August 5 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Fruita Community Center.** Join other youth in grades 6-12 for swimming in the outdoor pool, music, yard games, snowcones, pizza, and more. This event is free and put on by our Fruita Youth Action Council.
- **New Activity Guide now available!** Learn about our fall programming and sign up for programs. The new Activity Guide is available [here](#).
 - **Sign up now for Fall Flag Football and Youth Soccer.** Final registration is August 15.
 - **FREE Open House for Dance programs on August 15, 16, 18.** Come try a variety of classes and styles to see if this is the right option for your kiddo.
 - **Senior trips and art are available in August.** Join other 55+ adults for a Palisade peach picking and history day, art pear painting, or Ouray day trip.
 - **New Fitness Classes starting in August.** New evening classes will be available this August. Join us for Yoga on Monday and Wednesday 5:45 pm -6:45 pm, Tabata on Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, and Total Body toning and Dance Thursday and Friday 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm.
- **Thursday Night Concert Series, August 11 with Wave 11.** Join us for the FREE Thursday concert with the reggae/hip hop/funk band Wave 11 at Civic Center Park. Bring a chair or blanket for the show starting at 7:30 pm. Please leave pets at home for this concert series. This is the last Thursday Night Concert of the year!

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)

Police Department

- **National Night Out.** Our officers had a great time visiting with residents in several of our neighborhoods on Tuesday evening during National Night Out. This event is a great opportunity for neighbors to get outside and meet each other and get to know the officers in their community.



Public Works

- **Building Maintenance Update.** Building Maintenance staff rented a manlift and are using it to clean gutters and trim trees at the Chamber of Commerce and the Police Department. They also repaired a swamp cooler for the fleet area of the shop.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Fleet staff repaired sideboards to two dump trucks, repaired a hydraulic leak on our backhoe, and replaced a truck battery. They also performed multiple inspections and services.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Road Maintenance staff replaced thermal plastic crosswalks and turned arrows on Coulson, patched asphalt on Pinyon Dr. and Pear Dr., and continued with right-of-way mowing.
- **Utilities Update.** The Utilities crew flushed irrigation lines and cleaned headgates and sump pits from silt and mud. They also cleaned out sewer lift station wet wells. We are happy to announce that Troy Melroy accepted the full-time position, as Maintenance Worker II, in the department. Congratulations, Troy!
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Wastewater Treatment staff dealt with an algae issue, that was clogging their non potable water system, and coating the UV systems. They were able to control the issue by draining the wet well, removing the accumulated algae and cleaning UV lamps and modules. They are also staying on top of mowing, trimming and weeding their facility grounds. Replacement of the canvas roof will happen at the end of the month on one of their buildings.

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

- [Why this Colorado valley is the West's next must-visit destination.](#)
- [Incoming GJEP director ready to hit the ground running in recruiting.](#)
- [What's in a Name: Grand Junction and the rivers that run through it.](#)
- [Peaches bring taste of Palisade to Fruita Farmers Market.](#)
- [Unstuff the Bus event today; D51 sets dates for open houses.](#)

- [West Nile Virus reaches western Colorado.](#)
- [Mosquitos collected in Fruita area test positive for West Nile Virus.](#)
- [Mesa County real estate activity slows.](#)

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 6, 2022 – October 29, 2022** – Farmers Market, Reed Park, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- **August 11, 2022** – Thursday Night Concert Series, Civic Center Pavillion, 7:30 p.m.
- **August 12, 2022** – One Riverfront Concert, James M Robb Colorado River State Park, 7:00 p.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



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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.

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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.