



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

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### **E-Waste Recycling Event Next Saturday, October 8**

The annual E-Waste Recycling event is next Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot. Bring your unwanted electronics to recycle! From old cell phones and cords, to printers, Waste Management will help you recycle all your electronics. Recycle these items for free: cell phones, laptops, cords/cables, speakers, and keyboards. Recycle these items for a fee: computer monitors, desktop printers, flat screen TVs, and other electronics. Learn more about the event by [clicking here](#).

### **Movie in the Park Next Friday, October 7**

Enjoy a movie in the park next Friday, October 7 at Fruita Civic Center Park. Bring the family to enjoy the Disney movie Coco and free popcorn! The movie will begin at dusk, but yard games will be available starting at 6:00 p.m.

### **Pine Street Bridge Road Closure Begins Next Week**

A full road closure of Pine Street north of K.4 Road and south of K.6 Road is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 3, 2022. This road closure will facilitate the utility relocation work during October in support of the Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction Project at the Little Salt Wash bridge crossing. GA Western is scheduled to begin work on the bridge reconstruction on October 31, 2022. The full road closure is expected to last through June of 2023. The City of Fruita Engineering Department requests that all citizens respect the full road closure as hazardous conditions may exist within the construction area and will be intermittent during the utility relocation portion of the project.

### **Fruita Community Center Maintenance Week (Continued)**

The annual maintenance week for the Fruita Community Center will be held from Monday, October 10- Sunday, October 16. In addition, the indoor pool will be closed from October 5 – October 16 for crews to install a new filter system. The full facility (excluding the Fruita Branch of the Mesa County Library) will be closed during this time for maintenance, repairs, and cleaning. If you have questions or need to

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register for an activity, please call our front desk throughout this time. Regular facility hours will resume Monday, October 17.

### 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:** Where should I park if I drive a large vehicle? Are there other public parking areas in downtown Fruita other than along Aspen Avenue?
- **Answer:** You may notice new signage around downtown Fruita directing traffic to public parking areas. If you have a larger vehicle, we recommend parking in the Fruita Civic Center parking lot. [Click here](#) to see an interactive online map showing all the public parking lots near downtown Fruita.

### General Updates

- **City Council Meeting Canceled.** As a reminder, our regular City Council meeting that was scheduled for next Tuesday, October 4, 2022, was canceled.
- **Mesa County Economic Update.** Each quarter the Business Department at Colorado Mesa University publishes an economic update for Mesa County. The report shows local economic indicators, local real estate indicators, regional energy trends, and national economic indicators. A few highlights from the report show employment is holding steady, real estate sale prices saw a high increase, and inflation is at 8.3%. [Click here](#) to view the entire report.
- **Future of Kokopelli Trails Survey.** The Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, COPMOBA, is seeking feedback on the future of the Kokopelli Trail System. If you are interested in participating, a survey from COPMOBA can be found at this [link](#). Information gathered from the survey will help in the prioritization of the proposed reourtes, repurposed trails, and new trails at Kokopelli.
- **Grand Junction Economic Partnership Welcome Reception.** This week, Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Breman and I attended the welcome reception at Colorado Mesa University for Grand Junction Economic Partnership's new Director, Curtis Englehart.
- **City Engagement Event.** Thank you to those who came to this week's City Engagement event. We had a blast walking around downtown Fruita showing the group recent and future development projects. Thank you to Sarah Wood with the FARM (Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace) for showing us the progress on the FARM development located at 158 Park Square.



## Engineering

- **2022 Sidewalk Program.** Concrete sidewalk replacements continue into October. Replacements are moving to the north of Aspen Avenue. For a map of replacements please [click here](#).

## Parks and Recreation

- **Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament Saturday, October 1.** Join us for our annual fundraiser to provide scholarships for recreation programming to local youth. The tournament will be held at Adobe Creek Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Entry includes dinner and a chance to win a variety of prizes. Limited spots available for day of registration.
- **Fruita Community Center Pool closed October 5-16.** The Pool will be receiving a new filter to help improve efficiency in our facility. During this time, the pool will also receive its annual maintenance and repair. The pool will reopen on Monday, October 17.
- **Art for All Ages and Youth Dance is open for registration!** Join Banjocat Art at the Fruita Community Center to for a variety of classes for youth, families, and adults. All classes include materials and are open to all experience levels. The next session of Youth Dance will start the week of October 3. Learn more and register on our website.
- **New HIGH Fitness class starting on Monday, October 3.** Are you ready to take a fitness class reminiscent of old school aerobics but with a modern twist? Try out the cardio and toning class on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. starting on October 3.
- **Billing Information at the Fruita Community Center.** The Fruita Community Center is excited to be transitioning to a new and more user-friendly software company in October. We will need to update the billing information for all monthly Fruita Community Center pass holders, and you may be contacted via phone by staff for this information. If you get billed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (both ACH and Credit Card) please call or stop by the front desk to provide us with this

information for the new software by October 3. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a smooth transition. See you soon!

## **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**

- ***Irrigation Update.*** Crews will begin shutting down City supplied irrigation water the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you belong to an HOA, please contact your HOA for their scheduled shut-off date.

- **Building Maintenance Update.** The Public Works and Parks shop passed the fire inspection.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Emergency equipment was installed on a police vehicle. DOT inspection, preventative maintenance service, and tires were replaced on a Public Works dump truck.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Potholes were filled in on 15.5 Rd. and the road was bladed. The crew prepped for a control burn on October 4 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility off of 15 Rd. New Public Parking signs were installed downtown.
- **Utilities Update.** Grease was hauled from the I-70 lift station. Alarm testing at all lift stations was performed. Orchard Ridge sewer lines were jetted and inspected by the CCTV camera. 31 utility locates were performed.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** With the power adjustment fees increasing their energy bill, the superintendent is working on energy savings by rotating equipment.
- **Admin Update.** Staff met with the Planning Department and Engineering Department to discuss possible alternatives for the H2S Project. The Public Works Director attended the GVRTC meeting with Councilor Kreie and participated in the virtual meeting with the stakeholder group regarding Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) update.

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

- [Fruita celebrates 107<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival.](#)
- [E-bike use of North Fruita Desert working well so far, BLM reports.](#)
- [D51 superintendent announces merit scholars and return of Board Coffee.](#)
- [Bridge in Fruita will be closed starting October 3.](#)
- [50 Years for Fruita's Class of 1972.](#)
- [Family, Father-Son Team Competes in a Bikepacking Gravel Race.](#)
- [A lifetime of 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.):*

- **October 7, 2022** – Movie in the Park, Fruita Civic Center Park, Yard games available at 6:00 p.m. and movie will start at dusk.
- **October 8, 2022** - E-Waste Recycling Event, Fruita Civic Center Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **October 12, 2022** – Lunch Hour Bike Ride with the City Manager, Fruita Community Center, 12:00 p.m.
- **October 22, 2022** – Truck-N-Treat, Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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](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.