



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

We will kick off our meeting on Tuesday night with recognizing the students and teachers of the month at Rim Rock Elementary School. After that, members of the Fruita American Legion Post 2006 will be joining us to accept the Veterans Day proclamation for the City of Fruita. We have two items to be considered on the consent agenda, and one public hearing on a special event liquor license application from the Rim Rock Run. On the administrative agenda, we will continue our 2023 Budget presentations and staff will cover Quality of Place and Community Wellness highlights from the budget and discuss personnel changes. We will then wrap up with reports.

As a reminder, we have a tour of FARM (Fruita Arts and Recreation Marketplace) scheduled at 6:00 p.m., if you are planning to attend. See you on Tuesday night!

Truck N' Treat Recap

Truck-n-Treat 2022 was a success! We had 35 different groups participating with a variety of vehicles. Some of the longtime fan favorites like the Sterling Crane, Girardi's Towing, Xcel Energy, and Waste Management were back again. We also had many new trucks at the event. One of the new trucks was Bailey's Moving and Storage which took home the coveted title of Tricked Out Truck 2022 with their monster decorated truck that had jaws that moved. Cub Scout Troop 323 won the Most Spirited award with their detailed horror camping scene. Families were able to attend both Truck-N-Treat and Trick-or-Treat Street at the same time this year with the Trick-or-Treat Street portion extending from Peach St. to the Circle on Aspen Ave. The morning was filled with smiling faces and plenty of candy for kids to take home before Halloween. We look forward to 2023 to continue to invite local businesses to join us and to serve our residents with this free event.

Board and Commission Vacancies

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the Fruita community? Joining a board or commission is a great way to provide feedback to City staff and

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recommendations to City Council. Visit fruita.org/bc to learn and apply today! We are currently accepting applications for the following:

- Board of Adjustments (two alternate member vacancies)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy)
- Planning Commission (two regular member vacancies and one alternate member vacancy)
- Tourism Advisory Board (one vacancy)
- Arts and Culture Board (one vacancy)
- Downtown Advisory Board (five vacancies)
- Livability Commission (twelve vacancies)

Update on Fruita Bike Park Renovations

Renovations to the Fruita Bike Park were originally scheduled to wrap up at the end of the month. Due to delivery delays and weather, construction has been delayed for at least a few more weeks. Single Track Trails plans to wrap up installations in mid-November. Thank you for your patience 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.

- **Question:** Can I pile leaves/yard waste into the street?
- **Answer:** No, the City of Fruita does not have the required equipment to pick up large piles of yard waste in the street. City crews do have a street sweeper which cleans the streets from debris but cannot pick up large piles. The City of Fruita asks residents to properly dispose of yard waste to help maintain the City's stormwater system. The best way to dispose of yard waste is to bag it and place it in your trash container on your regular trash pickup day. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs, brush, soils, rocks, or debris that results from landscaping, gardening, yard maintenance or land clearing operations.

General Updates

- **Fruita Strategic Plan.** The City of Fruita's Strategic Plan is now available online at Fruita.org. The plan outlines City Council's priorities over the next 2-4 years in addition to the City's core service delivery. The plan aligns with the City's other planning documents like the comprehensive plan, community survey, and other master plans. Staff will provide updates throughout the year to track progress for each priority. [Click here to view the Fruita Strategic Plan.](#)
- **Ride Along with Police Department.** If you saw me in a Police car this week, fortunately it was the front seat 😊. I had the opportunity to participate in a ride along with Nate and Clem and thoroughly enjoyed learning from them and experiencing first-hand the impressive people we have working for the community. Overall, it was a quiet night.
- **Working Along Side Public Works.** Friday, Director Kimberly Bullen and I worked with our streets crew on patching asphalt on Drumlin Circle. The crew showed us step-by-step how they work together to patch the road. We had a blast learning from this fun and efficient team!



- **Working with GJEP.** Grand Junction Economic Development Partnership staff and I met with a prospective manufacturer interested in relocating to Fruita. It was a great meeting and hopefully has positive results in the future.
- **Home Builders Association of Mesa County Engagement.** Planning & Development Director Dan Caris presented to the HBA at our request to cover the transition of bringing Building Services in-house rather than continuing to contract with Mesa County to provide those services.
- **Western Colorado Contractors Association.** City Engineer Sam Atkins presented to the WCAA along with other jurisdictions in the valley on capital projects anticipated in 2023.
- **Vets Ride Free in November.** Grand Valley Transit will be offering free fares to veterans during the month of November. Veterans wishing to take advantage of this opportunity just need to mention that they are a veteran when they board the bus from November 1-30. The flyer for Vets Ride Free month can be found below.
- **City Engagement Event next Wednesday, November 2.** Join City Manager Mike Bennett and City Councilor James Williams next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Sud Brothers Brewery for a beer or root beer. This is a great opportunity to learn about what the City is working on and to ask any questions you have about City services.



CITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

BEER OR ROOT BEER

WITH CITY MANAGER MIKE BENNETT
AND COUNCILOR JAMES WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
SUD BROTHERS BREWERY
5:30 PM

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge.** Both high and low-pressure gas have been temporarily relocated as well as overhead power in anticipation of the demolition of the existing bridge. The communication lines are anticipated to be moved next week.
- **Little Salt Wash Trail.** The Little Salt Wash Trail near Creekside Subdivision will be closed for a few days next week for concrete repairs. The trail will re-open for use towards the end of the week.
- **N. Mulberry Streetscape Improvements.** Bid documents will be available Monday for the North Mulberry Street Outdoor Space project. They will be available online at [our website](#) as well as Bidnet and the Western Colorado Contractors Association.

Parks and Recreation

- **Boys Basketball Open for Registration.** The 3rd-6th grade basketball program is registering now. Early bird fee of \$50 until December 18. Practices will begin on January 16.
- **New Youth dance and art session starting in November.** New sessions of DIY Art, Passport to Art, and a variety of dance classes will be starting the first week of November. Register now!
- **Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors.** Our next session of the Alzheimer's Education Series will be held on November 2, 1:00 pm -2:00 pm at the Fruita Community Center. Registration is required and light refreshments will be provided.
- **Teen Weightlifting Class Starting November 13.** The first session of our teen weightlifting class will begin on November 13. This class focuses on proper form and is a great way to stay in shape for off season athletes. Class is offered on Sundays from 9:30 am -11:00 am at the Fruita Community Center with a \$40 fee for 4-week sessions and \$50 fee for 5-week sessions.

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

- ***Calls for Service Statistics.*** Statistics from the Grand Junction Regional Communications Center show calls for service for Fruita PD at 781 for the month of September, 2022. In the month of September, 2021, we responded to 843 calls for service. Year to date in September we had responded to a total of 4,857 calls as opposed to 5,117 year to date in 2021, showing a 5% decrease.

Public Works

- ***Building Maintenance Update.*** Sheetrock was repaired and installed in the Civic Center basement.

- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** Snow removal equipment is being installed on multiple pickups and dump trucks.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** After Truck-N-Treat, traffic control was picked up and downtown was swept. N. Peach St. was crack sealed.
- **Utilities Update.** Mountain Water winterization is complete. Lift station heaters were checked and generators inspected. Multiple storm drain inlets and vaults were cleaned. 33 utility locates were completed.
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** The discharge limitations have been reduced by roughly 50%. Below are the new concentrations that the Wastewater Reclamation Facility will be required to meet.
 - Hg (Mercury) 0.01 from 7.3ug/l
 - Hexavalent Chromium (6+) 11 from 23.7ug/l
 - Ag (silver)partially dissolved .59 from 10 ug/l
 - Nonylphenol 6.6 from 10 ug/l
 - CN (Cyanide) 5.0 from 57 ug/l
- **Admin Update.** Staff participated in an American Public Works Association webinar on calibrating winter operations equipment.

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

- [The Christi Reece Group Opens Second Office in Fruita.](#)
- [Fruita, Central, Palisade qualify for state marching band competition.](#)
- [Mesa County jobless rate retreats.](#)
- [Fruita, Central, Palisade win marching band titles.](#)
- [System brings welcome moisture to area, tolerable cold for growers.](#)
- [How to prepare your car for winter in western Colorado.](#)
- [BLM Announces New Manager for McClinnis Canyons and Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Areas.](#)
- [Mesa County Crime Stoppers: Halloween Safety Tips.](#)
- [70 horses from Piceance roundup to be put up for adoption.](#)
- [Orphaned bear cub found in tree after eluding Colorado wildlife officers for a week.](#)
- [Highline Lake now infested with zebra mussels.](#)
- [Partners make big plans for forest work on Grand Mesa thanks to new federal funds.](#)
- [Final Flu Vaccine Drive-Thru Clinic This Season.](#)

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.):

- **November 2, 2022** – Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager, Suds Brothers Brewery, 5:30 p.m.
- **November 30, 2022** – Coffee and Chat with the City Manager, Camilla's Kaffe, 8:00 a.m.
- **December 10, 2022** – Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair, Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- **December 14, 2022** – Hot Chocolate with the City Manager and Councilor Amy Miller, Starbucks Coffee, 4:00 p.m.
- **December 15, 2022** – Cookies & Claus, Fruita Community Center, 6:00 p.m. - 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



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Vets Ride Free in November

Veterans Ride Grand Valley Transit Fare Free November 1-30



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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.