



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: NOVEMBER 18, 2022
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

City offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday, November 24th & 25th, for Thanksgiving.

We hope that you have a great Thanksgiving, Fruita! The Fruita Community Center will be closed on Thursday but open on Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (no water aerobics or fitness classes on Friday), and trash and recycling scheduled for next Thursday will be delayed until Friday.

Tuesday's City Council Workshop

There is only one agenda for our Workshop on Tuesday night, and that is to review the changes made to the By-Laws of the Housing Authority. See you on Tuesday night!

Community Meeting for Skate/Wheel Park Design

Join us on Tuesday, November 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Fruita Civic Center to provide input and ideas on the conceptual design of a future skate/wheel park at Reed Park. After the meeting, the City of Fruita and Design Workshop will utilize the input received to create different design variations. The community will then have the opportunity to review the design options and provide more feedback. In 2020, the City of Fruita completed the PHROST Master Plan to understand community needs when it comes to parks and recreation services. Based on the Master Plan, Reed Park was identified as a prime location for a skate/wheel park in Fruita. [Learn more about the project here.](#)

Trail Closure at the Little Salt Wash Trail under I-70 Starting November 14, 2022 (Continued)

On Monday, November 14, 2022, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began closing a section of the Little Salt Wash Trail under I-70 to perform structural maintenance. With the Little Salt Wash stream running near the I-70 bridge, fast-moving water can remove sediment from around the bridge abutments. When this happens, the structure can be compromised and affect the structural integrity. There

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are scour holes at both the Little Salt Wash and Big Salt Wash bridges for I-70. So, CDOT will be making repairs to both crossings which will result in a closure of the Lower Little Salt Wash Trail.

CDOT anticipates the closure to last through the winter. Access from the north to the Kokopelli section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail will remain open. CDOT will be sharing more information about the project and detour route next week on the project website - <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i70-salt-wash-bridge-scour>. CDOT is handling the notice on the trail to users and we have been following up with them to get the physical notice on the trails. A map of the 1.75-mile detour route can be found below.

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:** How many lights go into the holiday displays around downtown Fruita and how long does it typically take to put them all up?
- **Answer:** Each year, our Parks Crews start hanging up holiday lights the last week in October and typically finish up in mid-November. The lights are on display from Circle Park, down Aspen Avenue, to the Fruita Civic Center. There are over 700 strands of lights or 70,000 bulbs that light the streets of Fruita each year! We appreciate the hard work the team puts into making this a yearly tradition for the Fruita community.

General Updates

- **Financial Reports.** The Financial Reports for September 2022 were included in the packet for our last Council meeting, and can be found [here](#). Quick overview of the report, when compared to September of 2021, City sales tax collections were up 8%, and are trending at an increase of 9% for the year. The County sales tax (up 8% over the previous September, trending up 10%), Use taxes on building materials (up 103% in September, up 46% year-to-date), and Use taxes on motor vehicles (up 28% in September, 1% year-to-date) were all also up. The City's 3% lodging tax was down 5% in September but is still at about a 1% increase for the year overall.
- **Discover Fruita.** Another episode of Fruita's radio show, Discover Fruita, aired on Tuesday. This episode covered information on the holiday lights and the work the parks team puts into the displays. Lieutenant Nick and Sergeant John talked about safety tips during the holiday season including the Police Department's Porch Pirate Program where Fruita residents can have their packages shipped to the Police Department to help prevent theft. The episode will be available at bit.ly/discoverfruita in the next week.
- **Senior Potluck.** On Thursday, staff and I had the opportunity of serving food at the Senior Thanksgiving Potluck. The Senior Program is run through the Parks and Recreation Department and hosts a potluck every other Thursday at the Fruita Community Center. It was amazing to see how involved the community is in the Senior Program. We loved helping out and getting the chance to meet and mingle with this great group of individuals.



- **Clean-Up Event with Livability Commission.** On Thursday afternoon, I joined the Livability Commission for their first Adopt a Trail Clean Up Event of the Co. Riverfront Trail from Kokopelli Blvd to South 18 Road. We had a great turnout for the event, and the clean-up efforts only took about a half an hour. Fortunately, there isn't a lot of trash on that section of the trail! Thank you to the Livability Commission for letting me join the event, and the new Adopt a Street/Trail program has been a great addition to the community.



Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** The Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction Project has entered the bridge demolition phase. All utilities that required relocation have completed their work and GA Western has mobilized to the site and is actively working on the existing bridge demolition. The safety guardrails and fencing have been removed from the bridge. The City of Fruita wants to ensure the safety of all residents and the construction crew working on the bridge demolition and kindly requests that all residents respect the road closure. This road closure pertains to all modalities; including vehicular, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Thank you for your consideration.

Parks and Recreation

- **Important Fruita Community Center Billing Information.** With the recent software update, customer Credit Card information did not transfer over because of security encryption. We

attempted to bill all existing Fruita Community Center memberships on Nov. 15th. **If you did not get billed on Nov. 15th your membership was cancelled and you will need to sign up for a new membership.** Thank you, Fruita, for your patience as we navigate through the new software!

- **Fruita Community Center Annual Food Drive raised 724 pounds/603 meals.** Our annual food drive for Western Slope Food Bank of the Rockies was a success, thank you for donating and supporting our community.
- **Night at the FCC this Weekend.** We will be hosting a Night at the FCC event tonight, Friday, November 18. These events are for 5-7th graders to enjoy the entire Fruita Community Center with live dj, inflatables, basketball, swimming and more.
- **Basketball and Volleyball in need of Coaches. We are looking for youth athletic coaches for the winter boys' basketball league and co-ed volleyball league.** If you or someone you know is interested in coaching, please reach out to Rylie Vavra at rvavra@fruita.org.

Planning & Development

- **Monthly Development Report.** Each month, the Planning and Development Department updates and shares a report on total planning clearances, types of planning clearances, and code enforcement issues compared to previous months and years. [Click here to view the updated report through October 2022.](#)

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)
- 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.*** Grand Junction Regional Communications Center data shows the Fruita Police Department responded to 949 calls for service in October 2022, compared to 743 in October 2021, accounting for a 28% increase. Year to date, the Fruita Police Department has responded to a total of 7,243 calls for service in 2022, compared to 7,348 in 2021, resulting in a total 1% decrease year to date.

Public Works

- ***Update on TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load).*** USGS presented the e.coli study results/load analysis for TMDL's to the MS4 Stakeholder Group and discussed the potential to increase sampling and the number of sites.
- ***Utility Locates.*** Utility staff completed 32 utility locates this week.

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

- [Veterans Day Ceremony in Fruita.](#)
- [Fruita War Memorial Park hosts Veterans Day Celebration.](#)
- [Colorado winter escapes: Beat the cold at these 3 destinations.](#)
- [Crash Responder Safety Week.](#)
- [Grand Junction listed as a top 50 travel destination on earth.](#)

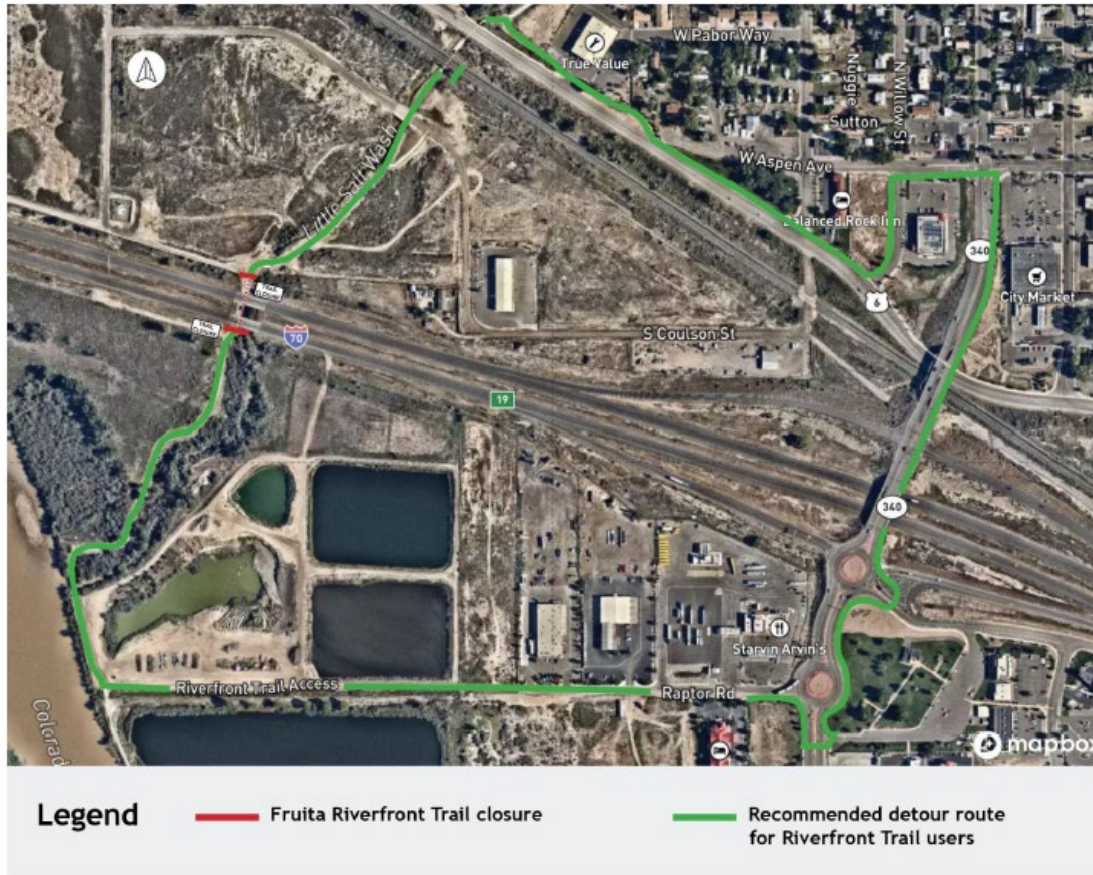
UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you when needed.):*

- **November 26, 2022** - Downtown Holiday Lighting, Downtown Fruita, 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 10, 2022** – Fruita Parade of Lights, Downtown Fruita, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 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

Detour Route for CDOT Little Salt Wash Trail Closure





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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.