



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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***City offices will be closed next Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day.***

Thank you to all of the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. If you are a Veteran, the Fruita Community Center provides a free day pass on November 11 each year. Thank you!

**FARM Tour**

On Tuesday night, the City Council, members of the Planning Commission, and our Leadership Team received the opportunity to tour the Fruita Arts and Recreation Marketplace (FARM) building. Thank you to Sarah Wood, the Project Manager of FARM, for the tour! We were able to see all of the artists spaces (21 spaces), the retail spaces, hear about the tenants, and see the progress of the building. FARM is going to be an excellent addition to the Fruita community, and we are very excited to see this project come to fruition. The goal for FARM is to open soon, and if you are interested, you can visit their website [here](#) to keep up to date on progress.



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### **Snowstorm Tree Limb Drop Off**

Do you have fallen tree limbs from last night's snowstorm? If you have a lot of fallen tree limbs you are trying to dispose of, please feel free to drop them off at Little Salt Wash Park.

- Little Salt Wash Park overflow parking
- Free to the community!

You might see our Public Works and Parks crews out clearing tree limbs. Due to the amount of tree limbs down, we are opening the Little Salt Wash Park overflow parking as a tree limb drop off location. Our crews will be dropping off tree limbs in this location. If you have a lot of fallen tree limbs you are trying to dispose of, please feel free to drop them off as well! Stay safe, Fruita!

### **Trail Closure at the Little Salt Wash Trail under I-70 Starting November 14, 2022**

Starting on Monday, November 14, 2022, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be 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 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 five months and is working on a detour route. 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. Once we have more information, we will make sure to share with the community through our various communication channels.

### **Leaf Pick Up for Waste Management Pilot Areas**

To help residents in the Waste Management pilot program dispose of fallen leaves, during the week of November 7, 2022, residents can place extra bags of leaves next to their trash can for pick up. Waste Management will pick up extra bags of leaves on your normal pick-up day (depending on volume, they may have to finish the following day).

- Leaves must be bagged.
- Bags must be 3 feet away from your trash cart.
- Only bags of leaves will be picked up.

In August 2022, residents in the pilot program received a 96-gallon cart. If you are unsure if you are a part of the Waste Management pilot program, please review the [pilot program maps](#).

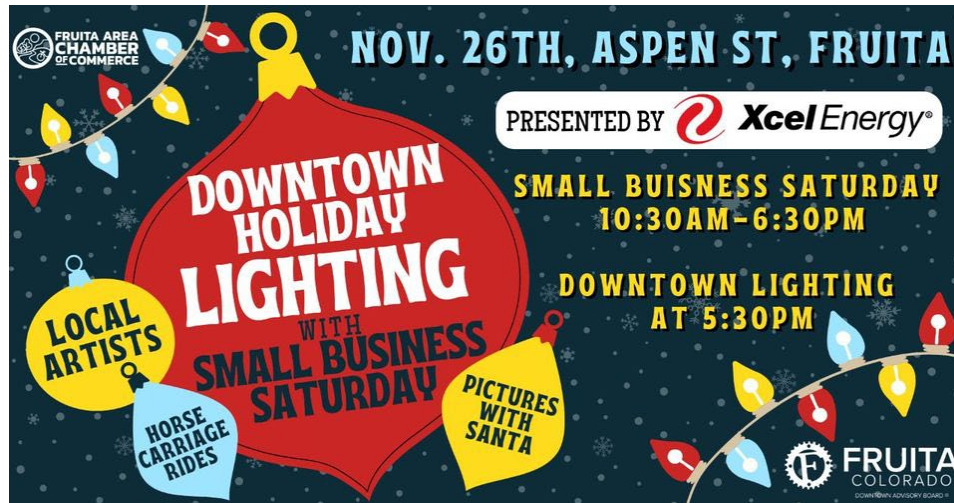
### **New Parks & Rec Registration Software**

Fruita Parks and Recreation has a new and improved online registration software to make finding program information and registering easier for the community. Check out the new site at [fruita.activityreg.com](http://fruita.activityreg.com). You can still register for programs over the phone (970-858-0360) or in-person at the Fruita Community Center.

### **Downtown Holiday Lighting Event**

Join the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Advisory Board for an official holiday lighting event! The Parks team has been working on hanging up holiday lights around downtown Fruita and on Saturday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m. the lights will be turned on for the season! Enjoy local

shopping by supporting Small Business Saturday, take pictures with Santa, there will be art vendors, hot chocolate, and more.



### Update on North Fruita Desert Trail Work

Since last spring, eight miles of new trails have been added to the 18 Road Trail system. Crews from the Mesa County Trail Team and the Western Colorado Conservation Corps have been working hard over the past several months to create multiple reroutes, new routes, and trail extensions. By the end of the year, the teams anticipate adding an additional three to five miles of new trails. The City of Fruita on behalf of the Fruita Trails Initiative (FTI) received a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado as well as a grant from the Colorado Tourism Office to help fund these new trails. The FTI is excited to continue implementing the North Fruita Desert Master Plan. [View a map of the 18 Road Trail system](#) with the new routes highlighted in pink.

### Board and Commission Vacancies (Continued)

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 recommendations to City Council. Visit [fruita.org/bc](http://fruita.org/bc) to learn more 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)

### 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 vote at the Fruita Civic Center?
- **Answer:** We do not have an in-person polling station at the Fruita Civic Center. However, we do have a ballot drop-off box in the parking lot near the Fruita Civic Center Park. If you would like to vote in-person, there is a polling station at the Dinosaur Journey Museum that is open starting today (but closed on Sunday). The hours for the polling center are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday (Election Day), when it is open 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### General Updates

- **City Engagement Event.** City Councilor James Williams and I enjoyed a nice evening at Sud Brothers for our City Engagement event. We discussed the community's values, the Fruita in Motion Comprehensive Plan, the Thursday Night Concerts, and more.
- **Rim Rock Run This Weekend.** The Rim Rock Half Marathon and Marathon is this Sunday morning. The Marathon starts at the east entrance of the Colorado National Monument at 7:30 a.m., and the Half Marathon starts at the Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. If you are out and about Sunday morning, there could be traffic delays along Highway 340 (as runners descend from the Monument to the Little Salt Wash Trail) and Coulson Street (between Gewont Lane and the Fruita Community Center). Good luck to all of the racers!
- **Go Wildcats!** Good luck to the Fruita Monument Wildcats in their playoff game tomorrow versus Central High School. The game is at 1:00 p.m. at Stocker Stadium. Go Wildcats!

### Parks and Recreation

- **Food Drive for the Food Bank of the Rockies at the Fruita Community Center.** We will be collecting nonperishables until November 13 at the Fruita Community Center in the gift-wrapped boxes by the front desk. Some items that are great donations are peanut butter, pasta, tuna, soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.
- **Special Olympics Youth Basketball Clinic is on November 7.** This clinic is for Special Olympic Athletes and Unified Partners ages 8-15 years old and will run from 5:45 pm -7:00 pm.
- **Adult 55+ Mosaic Tray Art Class.** The next senior art class with BanjoCat Art will be offered on November 7 and is creating a mosaic tray that makes a great gift for the holidays. Pre-registration required!

### 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.** The fire inspection for the Chamber of Commerce was completed. A door and HVAC unit were repaired at the Civic Center. A painting project was completed at the Public Works shop.
- **Fleet Maintenance Update.** A fuel shut-off solenoid was replaced on a mower for Parks. Wiring was repaired on the crack sealer. A police vehicle was serviced.
- **Road Maintenance Update.** Two asphalt patches were completed on Drumlin Circle. Storm drain inlets were cleaned. Mag tanks were repaired and installed for upcoming snow removal. Dirt was hauled to the Bike Park for the Parks department.
- **Utilities Update.** Staff are rebuilding a fan at the I-70 lift station. Sewer tap locations and reporting are currently being updated. 108 utility locates were completed. Troy Melroy passed his Wastewater Collection I test. Great job and congratulations, Troy!
- **Wastewater Treatment Update.** Staff pumped the ATAD (Autothermal Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion) tank solids from tank #1 to tank #2 to allow for the operation of both Rotary Drum Thickeners and for inspection. Tank #1 was serviced and cleaned. With the swap of tanks, it took four days to recover solid temperatures. Blower belts were replaced on one of the Solids Building HVAC units. A couple of faults with HVAC units relating to heating units were worked through.

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

- [Life on the FARM: Fruita's new shared-use space for local creatives.](#)
- [Aspen developer behind Riverside Parkway apartments, and other projects.](#)
- [Dere earns top academic honor.](#)
- [Mesa County Libraries closed for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Holidays.](#)
- [Mesa County Workforce Center gets new director.](#)
- [Fruita draws Central in 4A football playoffs.](#)
- [All-Southwestern League Cross Country Teams.](#)
- [Western Slope represented on state softball teams.](#)
- [Mesa County awarded over \\$65K for emergency food and shelter programs.](#)

**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 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](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.