



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's City Council Meeting

We have a bit of a light meeting scheduled for Tuesday night. There are no public hearings scheduled or any items on the Proclamations or Presentations portion of the agenda. After the consent agenda, staff will share a presentation and overview on a new engagement campaign called, For the Love Fruita, and then the Council will adjourn into Executive Session for the City Manager's formal review. See you all Tuesday night!

North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza

Bids for the construction of the North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza closed last week and Professional Pipeline and Concrete, Inc. was awarded the contract. The total project cost is within budget at \$449,925. This includes construction/installation of the hardscape improvements for \$335,315 (drainage, gas lines, electricity, irrigation lines, planters, parking spaces, brick base, etc.) and \$70,000 for contingencies and amenities (seating, fire pits, etc.). The cost of the purchase of the shade sails is \$44, 610 (installation is part of the \$335,315). Artwork will be covered by the Arts & Culture Board art program and we will seek opportunities for amenities from local artisans that will have an artistic functional use. Mobilization is planned to begin the week of December 26 and construction is anticipated to last until late April/early May of 2023. For more information on the project and to see the design documents, visit fruita.org.



Water Damage to FCC Basketball Courts

The Fruita Community Center received extensive water damage to the east end of the gymnasium that will require at least 5,500 square feet of flooring to be replaced. The removal of the damaged flooring is scheduled for the week of December 19th. The gymnasium will be fully closed during this time. Staff is currently working on a replacement plan with insurance and trying to select a contractor to replace the flooring. Staff will provide progress updates as information becomes available. Thank you to the guests of FCC for your cooperation and understanding throughout this project.

FARM Soft Opening

FARM (Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace) is having a soft opening this weekend. Head down to the building (160 S. Park Sq.) on Saturday and Sunday between 11 am – 4 pm to see the space, meet artists, and do some holiday shopping. Learn more about the event on [FARM's Facebook page](#).

Fruita City Council Adopts 2023 Municipal Budget (Continued)

On December 6, 2022, the Fruita City Council adopted the 2023 Municipal Budget including \$27.3 million in projected revenues (excluding transfers from other funds and other financing sources), and \$30 million in proposed expenditures between all funds. The City of Fruita's annual budget mirrors the priorities outlined in the Fruita Strategic Plan while also providing essential core services and aligning with the City's core values. The City's Strategic Plan identifies specific goals and projects to improve the quality of life and place for Fruita residents for the next several years.

The planning documents that guide Fruita City Council and staff's decision-making for each budget year is the reflection of an extensive amount of community input from Fruita residents. We are proud of the input our community provides us to help guide decision-making that aligns with the community's values. View the full [news release online](#) or with the attached document. The 2023 budget can be found at fruita.org/2023budget.

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:** When there is snowfall, what streets does the City's streets crew plow?
- **Answer:** The City streets crew will plow all main roads in Fruita, public parking lots, and roads leading to emergency services and schools.

General Updates

- **Financial Reports.** Financial reports for October 2022 are now available and can be found in the packet for next week's City Council meeting. Quick overview of the reports, when compared to October 2021, most tax revenues continue to trend higher. City sales tax collections were up 14% in October and are trending at an increase of 10% for the year. Use tax on motor vehicles was slightly up in the October (up 1%, trending at an increase of 1% overall), the City's lodging tax increased 53% (trending at an increase of 7% overall), and County sales tax collections were

also up 5% (trending at an increase of 9%). Use taxes on building materials were down 8% in October 2022 but are still up 37% when compared to 2022.

- **City Link.** The winter edition of the Fruita City Link will be mailed to Fruita residents within the next week. An [online version](#) of the newsletter can be found online at fruita.org/communications.
- **Food Bank of the Rockies Distribution Center Ribbon Cutting.** On Wednesday night, I had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting of the new distribution center for the Western Slope Food Bank of the Rockies. The new distribution center is a beautiful facility and is going to be a great addition to all the communities throughout the Western Slope. Thank you to the Western Slope Food Bank of the Rockies for all of your work for our community and others, and our ongoing partnership.
- **City Engagement Event.** We hosted our last City Engagement Event of the year on Wednesday afternoon at Starbucks. We had a great turnout and talked about the recent budget adoption, project highlights, and answered a few questions from residents about fire mitigation and grocery stores.
- **CPW Draft Wolf Restoration and Management Plan.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife is looking for public feedback on the draft Wolf Restoration and Management Plan online and at one of the five upcoming public meetings. The plan looks at reintroducing 30 to 50 wolves in total over the next 3-5 years. Learn more about the plan on the [CPW Engagement website](#). The five upcoming public meetings are listed below.
 - Jan. 19, 2023 – Colorado Springs - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - Jan. 25, 2023 – Gunnison - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 7, 2023 – Rifle - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 16, 2023 – Virtual via Zoom - 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 22, 2023 – Denver - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **December Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The latest edition of the Mobile Mesa County newsletter is now available and can be found at this [link](#). It includes information on potential service changes, the District #51 Student Bus Program, upcoming transportation programs, and more.
- **November Waste Management Report.** In November 2022, Fruita residents recycled 52 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. The full report from Waste Management can be found below. Grat job Fruita!
- **Coffee with the Chamber.** Friday morning, I had the opportunity of speaking at the Fruita Chamber's monthly Coffee Club Networking event. I gave an overview of the Fruita Strategic Plan, budget highlights, and 2023 projects.

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge.** Piling will be driven on the north side of the bridge starting Monday. Next Tuesday is scheduled for the piling on the south side.
- **Civic Center Office Remodel.** A Notice of Award has been sent to Ford Construction Co. Inc. In the amount of \$247,943. Work will likely not begin until after the first of the year.

Parks and Recreation

- **Parks and Recreation Bimonthly Newsletter.** Check out this week's [bi-monthly newsletter](#). Learn about featured programs, updates about the Fruita Community Center facility, fitness classes, and more!
- **Start your new year fitness journey with the Biggest Change Challenge.** By participating in this program, you will receive workouts, meal plans, weekly challenges, trainer and nutritionist support and more. The program runs from January 9-February 19 for adults 18+. Registration is required by January 7 and has a fee of \$123.
- **Last chance for early bird pricing for Youth Basketball and Volleyball.** Starting on December 18, our fee for both youth volleyball and youth boys basketball will be increasing by \$10. Registration is required by January 1 for both of these activities.

Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit: <https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Cider Mill Estates Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mountain Drive) (47 Lots)
- Dana Minor Subdivision (Approved) (317 Pine Street) (3 Lots)
- East Grand Townhomes Minor Subdivision (Approved) (600 Grand Avenue) (4 Lots)
- Copper Creek West Preliminary Plan (Approved) (954 19 Road) (138 Lots)
- Iron Wheel 2 Final Plat (Under Review) (19 Road) (46 Lots)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (111 S. Mesa St)
- 204 S. Mulberry Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (204 S. Mulberry St)
- North Mulberry Street Conceptual Street Design (Approved/Under Construction)
- The FARM Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace (Under Construction) (158 Park Square)
- Ottley Suites Site Design Review (Under Review) (722 Ottley Avenue)
- Pediatric Dental Specialists Site Design Review (Under Review) (101 Jurassic Avenue)
- 18 & K Road Rezone (Under Review) (Parcel #2697-162-21-001)
- The Fruita Mews (Under Review) (1138 18.5 Road)

Police Department

- **Shop with a Cop.** Several of our officers had a great time participating in Shop with a Cop activities with Fruita-area elementary school students. This is always a fun experience for the kids and cops alike and leaves everyone with smiles on their faces.

Public Works

- **Compliance Testing.** Wastewater Treatment staff sampled/tested the Colorado River to complete Regulation 85 compliance testing. Regulation 85 currently regulates point sources of nutrient discharge such as wastewater treatment plants and regulates nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorophyll in Colorado's surface waters.

- **Utility Locates.** 33 utility locates were completed bringing the total number of locates for the year to 1,707.
- **FOGs Removal.** Utility staff removed 1,500 gallons of grease from the collection system for disposal.
- **Welcome Kevin!** The Public Works Department filled a Maintenance Worker I position in the Utilities Division – Kevin Delong, who has been working in the Utilities Division as a part-time employee accepted the full-time position. Congratulations Kevin!
- **H2S Project Update.** The city’s Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) and Engineering firm were on site this week to walk the project, discuss bypass pumping plan, review biofilter and manhole material and discuss the aeration project.
- **Streets Division.** The Public Works Streets Division completed a culvert replacement project on Kingsview Road.



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

- [Fruita City Council approves \\$30 million budget.](#)
- [Increase is RSV, Flu, and COVID-19 in schools.](#)
- [Author and naturalist Craig Childs eats crow over his younger self’s mistakes.](#)
- [Walmart’s New Year’s resolution: no more plastic bags.](#)
- [GOCO sending \\$387k to Mesa County projects.](#)
- [Stanley Cup comes to Fruita.](#)
- [Wolf reintroduction draft released, feedback requested.](#)
- [Mesa County Libraries close for Christmas and New Years.](#)
- [Say bye-bye to plastic bags in some Colorado stores.](#)
- [This holiday season is Food Bank of the Rockies’ first in new distribution center.](#)
- [Grants of \\$1.3 million go to outdoor experiences for youth.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP for you)*

- **January 26, 2023** – City Engagement Series with Fruita Police, Einstein Bagels, 8:00 a.m.
- **February 11, 2023** – Sweetheart 5K/10K Run, Fruita Community Center, 10:00 a.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



CITY OF FRUITA

NOVEMBER 2022 RECYCLING BENEFITS

52 tons of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard were recycled by the community this month.

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

844 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 14,340,200 sheets of printing and copy paper!

122 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 155 people!

121,487 kWh of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 11 homes!

Avoided 144 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 31 passenger vehicles!

256,886 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,425 people!

To learn more about recycling, visit [WM.com/RecycleRight](https://www.wm.com/RecycleRight).

Always remember to Recycle Right



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Environmental Paper Network-Paper Calculator V4.0, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO₂E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent



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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.