



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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***City offices will be closed next Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of Christmas. Happy Holidays Fruita!***

Trash and recycling services will not be delayed.

### **City of Fruita Awarded \$650,000 Grant for Aeration Project at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility**

On Thursday, the City of Fruita was notified by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) of a grant award for \$650,000 to assist in the Fruita Wastewater Reclamation Aeration System Project. The grant is from the Energy Impact Assistance program from DOLA.

### **North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza Update (Continued)**

Bids for the construction of the North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza closed Friday, December 9, 2022, and Professional Pipeline and Concrete, Inc. was awarded the contract. The total project cost is within the 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 January 2, 2023, 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/projects](http://fruita.org/projects).

### **Mulberry Street Plaza Items for Sale**

With the North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza project beginning, crews have disassembled the tents and yurt and will be listing those items for sale on Govdeals. Anyone can bid on these items; you will just need to create an account ahead of time. The website for bidding is [GovDeals.com](http://GovDeals.com). After getting to the website, click on "Buyer Registration" in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Fill in all required fields and click on "I agree to the terms and conditions" at the bottom of the page.

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Once you have registered, you will receive confirmation/verification emails. One of those emails will instruct you to follow a link and upload a copy of a utility bill of some sort, so they can verify your address. It could take up to 24 hours after registering as a buyer before you receive that email. Once you've submitted your verification document, it can take up to another 24 hours for GovDeals to verify all your information. Once the verification process is complete, you should have full access to start bidding. GovDeals does make everyone go through a probationary period and limits the amount of bidding an individual can perform. The account probation is outlined at GovDeals.com.

**Items for sale:**

- 2 (20' x 20' white party tents with 8' sidewalls)
- Yurt - 16' wide (Basic Colorado Yurt Tall Boy Package, includes 3 basic windows, wall fabric – protech, snow color; standard roof for 16' Yurt – ProStructure Color: White, Tall Boy Door 6'8" - Window included;
- 100 gallon vertical plastic storage tanks, 42"(H) x 27" (w)
- 105 gallon plastic tanks 63"(H) x 20"(W)



**Update on Fruita Community Center Gym Floor Replacement**

Removal of the damaged floor started on Wednesday, December 21. During the replacement, the gym floor on the first level of the Fruita Community Center will be closed as well as the indoor track on the second floor. The track will be closed in order to place a barrier on the second floor to keep dust and debris away from the fitness equipment. At this time, there is not a confirmed timeline for replacement, but we will share an expected opening date as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we work through this project, Fruita!



### **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](https://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](mailto:communications@fruita.org).

- **Question:** What is the single-use bag fee, and does it only apply to Fruita businesses?
- **Answer:** Starting January 1, 2023, a single-use bag fee of \$0.10 per bag will be imposed. This is a Colorado State Law affecting all communities in Colorado. You can avoid the fee by bringing your own reusable bag to the store. Learn more about the new Colorado State Law and find answers to other frequently asked questions at [fruita.org/bagfee](https://fruita.org/bagfee).

## General Updates

- **December Workshop Canceled.** As a reminder, there is no City Council workshop scheduled for this month.
- **Discover Fruita Radio Show.** Another episode of Fruita's radio/podcast aired on KAFM radio this past Tuesday. Public Works Director Kimberly Bullen and Streets Supervisor Tom Nankervis talked about snow removal and upcoming projects in the department. The full episode will be available on [fruita.org/communications](https://fruita.org/communications) in the next week.
- **Mesa County Economic Update.** Dr. Nathan Perry from Colorado Mesa University released the fourth quarter 2022 Mesa County Economic Report. Highlights from the report include an increase in GDP by 3.74% compared to 2020, an increase in personal income from \$48,884 to \$52,121 per year, and inflation is at 7.1% which is lower than the forecast of 7.3%. View the full report by [clicking here](#).

## Engineering

- **Broadband Project Update.** Staff is in the process of finalizing the Requests for Proposals for the design/build of our middle-mile broadband project. The RFP has been provided to our regional partners for review, and once completed, we will administer the bid process early next year. Staff anticipated that a contract will be awarded shortly after that, with construction to occur in 2023.
- **Pine Street Bridge.** Colorado Piling Service installed the piles for the north abutment of the new bridge. GA Western set the large blocks in place for Retaining Wall 2. Rebar and forms were built, and the concrete was placed for the concrete cap over Retaining Wall 2. GA Western began preparation for the sanitary sewer relocation by welding the steel casing pipe for installation across the Little Salt Wash. The job site was secured, and construction was suspended for the Holiday Season. Construction will resume on Tuesday January 3, 2023.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Fruita Community Center Closures.** The Fruita Community Center will close at noon on December 24 and will be fully closed on December 25. There will be no fitness or water aerobics classes on December 26.
- **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.
- **Cookies & Claus was a success!** We had over 120 kids in the gym to visit Santa, enjoy cookies and cocoa, write letters to Santa, and listen to stories from a librarian. We had over 100 letters written to Santa at the event and lots of smiling faces throughout the evening.

## 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)

## Public Works

- **NRCS Project.** The Preliminary Investigative Feasibility project for the East Creek Watershed of the Mountain Properties will be scheduling a kickoff meeting in early January. The Natural Resource Conservation Service awarded the project to Jones and DeMille Engineering, Inc. to complete this work on behalf of the City of Fruita.
- **H2S Project.** The Public Works utility crew completed 10 potholes on the gravity line to obtain manhole data for the project.
- **Congratulations Jeff!** Our Wastewater Technician, Jeff Brondum, passed his Wastewater A exam. Congratulations, Jeff!

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

- [Fruita Farm soft opening.](#)
- [State agency urges fire safety during extreme weather conditions.](#)
- [Fruita Rec Center gym closed for repairs.](#)
- [Fruita man appointed to juvenile parole board.](#)
- [Two new USA-events for expanding UTMB World Series.](#)
- [Grand Valley Transit evaluating service changes.](#)

## 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](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.