



CITY LINK FALL 2022

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FUNDING HELPS BRING PROJECTS TO LIFE

GRANTS & FUTURE CONSTRUCTION

Over the past few months, the City of Fruita received an abundance of good news for the future of a handful of community projects. Since June, the city has been awarded over \$2.7 million in grant funding. From electric vehicle charging stations to enhancements on South Mesa Street, we are excited to see these projects funded. Later this year into next year, residents can expect to see construction throughout the city for the implementation of these projects.

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the number of parking spots, consolidating some of the access drives, constructing continuous sidewalks along the street, adding planting islands at drive accesses to enhance the streetscape, and replacing approximately 600 feet of sewer line along South Mesa Street. These changes, in addition to narrowing the street, will help with traffic calming for all users and the lower speed limit will allow bikes and vehicles to easily share the road. This project is estimated to cost \$2.4 million and is anticipated to start in the spring of 2023.

South Mesa Street Gateway Multi-Modal Project – The Colorado Department of Transportation awarded the City of Fruita \$1,736,000 to implement the second phase of the “Fruita Civic Center Memorial Park and Downtown Streetscape Improvements Plan.” The project will enhance South Mesa Street by converting on-street parallel parking to diagonal parking to increase

Middle-Mile Broadband – \$364,050 was secured through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to fund the construction needed to bring symmetrical Giga bite internet speed to Fruita. Working with Region 10, a non-profit that works on broadband projects in southwest Colorado, the City of Fruita will install fiber from Grand Junction to Fruita (CONT p.2)

FRUITA STATE OF THE CITY

VIDEO RECAP



Each year, we share an update from the city in a video format. For this year’s video, we wanted to showcase the results of the 2021 community survey and how the City of Fruita utilizes community input to improve the quality of life here in Fruita. From current projects to future projects, the feedback the city receives from the community is a guiding principle in everything we do. We would like to thank the community for being involved and engaging in local government. Watch the video by visiting fruta.org/2022stateofthecity or scan the QR code below.

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FRUITA CITY COUNCIL: If calling City Hall at 858-3663 does not answer your questions, please feel free to contact any of your City Council Members.



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to bring faster speeds and redundancy to Fruita. Once the project is complete, existing and new internet providers can use the fiber to provide new services to Fruita residents and to support their operations. The project is estimated to cost \$728,100 and is expected to be complete in 2023.

H2S Sewer Mitigation Project – The City of Fruita received \$600,000 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Fund to replace several manholes along the gravity flow sewer main line and installation of a foul air biofiltration treatment system at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility due to a high presence of Hydrogen Sulfide Gas (H2S). The affected location is located west of town toward the Wastewater Treatment Facility. This project is estimated to cost \$1.2 million and is expected to kick off toward the end of 2022, with most of the work carrying over into 2023.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project – Earlier this spring, the Colorado Energy Office awarded the city with up to \$70,000 to install two-Level III,

fast charging, 62.5 kw Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the Fruita Civic Center. These charging stations will be the only two fast charging stations in Fruita, and after installation, Fruita will have a total of three charging stations with one located at the Dinosaur Journey Museum. This project is estimated to cost \$110,000 and is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

Reed Park Playground & Prospector Park Playground - On behalf of PlayCore, GameTime, and Altitude Recreation, our community has received funding from GameTime as part of the 2022 Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Statewide Training and Funding Initiative. Staff will be working directly with GameTime and Altitude Recreation over the next couple of months to design playgrounds at the two different sites.

It is exciting to see these projects come to life after purposeful planning and community engagement. To see a list of current city projects, visit fruita.org.

BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the Fruita community? Joining one of the many boards and commission is a great way to provide input and guidance on important city projects. Learn more and apply for a position on a board or commission online at fruita.org/bc.



E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT



Saturday, October 8
9 AM - 1 PM

Fruita Civic Center - 325 E. Aspen Ave.



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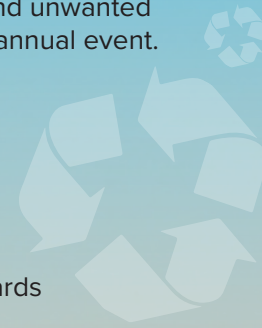
The City of Fruita and Waste Management are proud to offer residents an opportunity to responsibly recycle their old and unwanted electronics at this annual event.

Recycle for FREE

- Cell Phones
- Laptops
- Cords/Cables
- CPUs
- Speakers
- Mice & Keyboards

Recycle for a FEE

- Computer Monitors - \$12
- Desktop Printers/Copiers - \$5
- Flat Screen/CRTs (measured diagonally)
 - Up to 27" \$1 per inch
 - Over 27" \$2 per inch
- All Other Electronics \$3 and Under



FRUITA PARKS AND REC ACTIVITY GUIDE

Check out and sign up for fall activities happening in Fruita!

Visit fruita.org/parksandrec to view the guide.



Scan the QR Code to view the guide!





AN UPDATE ON THE NORTH MULBERRY STREET CLOSURE PROJECT

This past spring, working with Design Workshop, the City of Fruita collected community input on the future of the North Mulberry Street closure. The results of the survey showed the majority of Fruita residents would like to see the space become a permanent plaza if done well and if parking concerns are addressed. Now, Design Workshop is creating a design plan for the space. Over the next few months, Fruita City Council will be reviewing these designs and deciding on the best options for implementation. Until then, the area will stay closed with the temporary amenities currently in the space.

Project Hot Topics:

- **Next Steps** - Designs will include a complete overhaul of the space with new amenities based upon community feedback already received. The current layout will be removed. This will be a construction project to define the space and match the feel of the rest of downtown Fruita. City Council will review design options, cost estimates before deciding on next steps.
- **Funding** – The city did receive a \$25,000 grant with a \$25,000 city match from ARPA funds to help with the engagement process and design plans. The cost of the project has not been determined, but the city budgeted \$450,000 (\$150,000 General Fund, \$100,000 Public Places Lodger’s Tax funds, and \$200,000 ARPA funds) in the 2022 annual budget to go towards the construction.
- **Stay up to date** – Learn more about the project and see updates on the project online at fruita.org.

MAINTENANCE WEEK AT THE FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER

Every fall season, the Fruita Community Center closes for one week so staff can perform routine maintenance and upgrades. The community center receives a deep cleaning including refinishing all the wood floors, carpet cleaning, new paint on the walls, window cleaning, inspection and deep cleaning of all workout equipment. In addition, the pool gets drained, power washed, and refilled. New this year, the indoor pool will be closed for two weeks to install new filters.

IMPORTANT CLOSURE DATES:

- **October 10-16, 2022** – The entire Fruita Community Center will be closed. Expected opening date is Monday, October 17, 2022.
- **October 3-16, 2022** – The indoor pool at the Fruita Community Center will be closed. Expected opening date is Monday, October 17, 2022.

EXPLORE FRUITA WITH THE CITY MANAGER & GUESTS



Join City Manager Mike Bennett and guests for informal discussions about Fruita while exploring what our community has to offer. Join us on any of the following dates. For more information and the most current schedule, please visit fruita.org/calendar.

Upcoming Events:

- September 22, 1 p.m. - Cupcakes at Circle Park
- September 29, 9 a.m. - Walk around downtown
- October 12, 12 p.m. – Biking from the Fruita Community Center
- November 2, 5:30 p.m. - Beer or Root Beer at Suds Brothers
- November 30, 8 a.m. - Coffee at Camilla’s Kaffe
- December 14, 4 p.m. - Hot Chocolate at Starbucks

PINE STREET BRIDGE CLOSURE

A full road closure of Pine Street north of K.4 Road and south of K.6 Road is scheduled to begin on **October 3, 2022**. This road closure will facilitate the utility relocation work during October in support of the Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction Project at the Little Salt Wash bridge crossing. GA Western is scheduled to begin work on the bridge reconstruction on October 31, 2022. **The full road closure is expected to last through May of 2023.** The City of Fruita Engineering Department requests that all citizens respect the full road closure as hazardous conditions may exist within the construction area and will be intermittent during the utility relocation portion of the project.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/9	One Riverfront Concert Series	Show begins at 7:00 PM	James M Robb State Park
9/22-9/25	Fruita Fall Festival	Open Venue	Downtown Fruita
10/1	FCC Youth Scholarship Gold Tournament	1:00 PM	Adobe Creek Golf Course
10/8 & 10/9	Rexy, Queen of the Desert Gravel Race	TBD	Civic Center Park
10/22	Truck N Treat	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Civic Center
TBD	Trick or Treat Street	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Downtown Fruita
11/6	Rim Rock Marathon	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Colorado National Monument
12/10	Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Fruita Community Center
12/10	Hometown Christmas and Parade of Lights	Parade starts at dusk	Downtown Fruita
12/15	Cookies & Claus	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Fruita Community Center

For more information, or if you don't see the event you were looking for:

City of Fruita, fruita.org/calendar, 970-858-0360

Fruita Tourism, gofruita.com

Fruita Chamber of Commerce, fruitachamber.org, 970-858-3894