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## Weekly Info Update

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER  
Date: OCTOBER 13, 2023  
Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

### **Tuesday's City Council Meeting**

We have a full meeting agenda for Tuesday night, including a presentation and recommendation from the TABOR Review Committee and National Long-term Care Residents' Rights Month proclamation to start the meeting off. Following the consent agenda, we have two liquor license quasi-judicial hearings and then a legislative hearing second reading amending the Council liaison position on the Planning Commission. Under administrative items, the 2024 budget presentation on the strategic area of Infrastructure and Core Services will be presented. Under Council Reports and Actions are two items—one regarding the creation of the committee to review the possible creation of a Localism Board and the second to consider scheduling of Council meetings in December and January. [Full agenda and packet information can be found online.](#)

### **City Irrigation Shut Off**

City irrigation water will shut off for the season starting the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>. It should take 2-3 days to complete the shutdown of the system. If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, the HOA most likely manages your irrigation system instead of the City of Fruita. Check in with your HOA to see what their timeline is for turning on your irrigation system.

### **Economic Development & Resiliency Events**

- **Drive Lead Succeed Annual Conference Tour.** As part of the Economic Development Council of Colorado's conference in GJ next week (I will be attending a portion of this), we are hosting lunch in downtown as part of a tour the Fruita Chamber planned. Dan and I will be speaking to them regarding City revitalization, and they will also meet with Over the Edge, the FARM, and Imondi Wakezone.
- **Colorado Growing Water Smart Workshop.** The week of October 23, we have a team of staff, Council member Amy Miller, and reps from Ute Water and the River

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District participating in the growing water smart workshop for three days. This will provide us with learning and planning for ways we can be more water smart in our operations, and development and design standards.

- **Department of Local Affairs Camp Resilience.** In November, we are hosting the DOLA Camp Resilience one-day training at the Community Center where teams (including a Fruita team) workshop together on resiliency training while focusing on a community economic development strategy.
- **Fruita Building Code Trainings.** Speaking of hosting in Fruita...The Fruita Building Division is hosting two training opportunities for those interested in learning about energy code requirements and compliance. Participants can receive six hours of continued education credit from the Colorado Department of Education and the American Institutes of Architects. These training seminars will be hosted on November 30 and December 1 at the Fruita Community Center. Learn more and register online at [fruita.org/building](http://fruita.org/building). More information is also available with the flyer below.

### **E-Waste Recycling Event Recap**

This past Saturday, over 11,000 pounds of recyclable material was dropped off by residents during the annual e-waste recycling event. What a huge success! Thank you to all the Fruita residents who took this opportunity to dispose of unwanted electronics properly.



### **Fiber Construction Update (Continued)**

Next Week (October 16, 2023), Clearnetwork/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Windsor Park, Cotton Woods, Grace Park, Red Rocks, Cedar Park, Cedar Glen, East Pabor Avenue, Encanto Court, Palo Verde Court, Vista Valley Court, Woodland Creek Estates, Sunflower Estates, Pinewood Estates, Holly Park, East Harrison Avenue, East Carolina Avenue, East McCune

Avenue, South Maple Street, South Orchard Street, South Ash Street, North Sycamore Street, Redbud Court. For questions and comments on fiber internet, please call Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital at 970-240-6600. Learn more about fiber internet in Fruita at [fruita.org/fiberinternet](https://fruita.org/fiberinternet).

## 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 FOG, and why is it important for residents to know about it?
- **Answer:** FOG refers specifically to fats, oils, and grease when poured down the drain in homes, apartments, businesses, restaurants, and public facilities. FOG is typically a byproduct of cooking. To help protect public infrastructure, FOGs need to be disposed of properly. When poured down the drain, these FOGs block sewer lines and can cause extensive damage.

## General Updates

- **Financial Reports.** The complete financial reports for tax revenues received in August can be found in the packet for next week's City Council meeting. Here is a snapshot of the report:
  - **City Sales Taxes** – City sales tax collections decreased a half of a percent in August, trending at an increase of 7% year-to-date.
  - **Use Tax on Motor Vehicles** – Was up 12% in August of 2023 compared to the prior August, is at a decrease of 6% year-to-date.
  - **Use Tax on Building Materials** – Was up 116% when compared to the prior, year-to-date is at a decrease of 7%.
  - **City Lodging Tax** – Lodging tax collections increased 34% compared to the prior August, is at an increase of 5% overall.
  - **County Sales Tax** – The 2% County Sales Tax and Public Safety Tax were both down 5% in August and are flat compared to 2022 revenues.
- **US 6 & 20 Rd CDOT Update.** The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has been working on widening the intersection of US 6 & 20 Rd. The project is anticipated to last through the end of December 2023 and has had traffic impacts, including 20 Road being closed. Learn more about the project on [the project's webpage](#).
- **Community Engagement Recap.** With the rainy weather we had a smaller crowd but a fun time with our two guests walking and discussing progress in the downtown area of the City.
- **September Waste Management Report.** In September, Fruita residents recycled 41 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. The full report can be found below.
- **Blood Drive Next Tuesday.** The Vitalant Blood Drive will be at the Civic Center on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. for those interested in donating blood. [You can make an appointment online](#).

- **Free RTD Bus Rides on 10/14 and 10/15.** In celebration of the Grand Junction Air Show, Grand Valley Transit is offering free bus fares on October 14 and October 15, 2023. There will also be extended hours on Sunday.
- **Prescription Drug Take Back Day.** Mesa County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 215 Rice Street. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of prescription drugs.



## Engineering

- **Reed Park Bid Postponed.** The bid opening for Reed Park was scheduled for today, but has been postponed until next Friday, October 20.
- **Kismet Minor Subdivision Update.** CW Construction completed the work in Mesa Street this week and was able to reopen the street to through traffic on Wednesday, October 11. Mesa Street will have to be closed in the future for the asphalt patching. That closure will be dependent on the asphalt company's schedule.

## Parks and Recreation

- **Movies in the Park Recap.** The second "Movie in the Park" feature was hosted at Civic Center Parks this past Friday. Back to the Future was shown on the big screen for 100+ viewers. Popcorn and glow bracelets were handed out to the participants, which was well received by all. Staff look forward to rolling out another series of outdoor movies this coming summer.
- **Tile Upgrade in the Locker Rooms at the FCC.** The request for proposals to re-tile the women's and men's locker rooms in addition to the family changing rooms has generated a lot of interest. Several companies close to Fruita as well as on the Front Range, have responded with questions and comments about the project. Staff hosted several groups this past week, offering tours and more detailed information regarding the project. While staff is eager to begin, we are also looking for the right group to ensure the scope of service can be delivered.

## Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit:

[https://www.fruita.org/projects?field\\_project\\_status\\_value=All&field\\_project\\_type\\_tid=36&keys=](https://www.fruita.org/projects?field_project_status_value=All&field_project_type_tid=36&keys=)

### Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Copper Creek West Preliminary Plan (Approved) (954 19 Road) (138 Lots)
- Iron Wheel 2 Final Plat (Under Review) (19 Road) (46 Lots)
- Adele's Acres Subdivision (Under Review) (1024 19 Road) (48 Lots)
- Kismet Minor Subdivision (Under Construction) (460 N. Mesa St) (3 Lots)
- PSE Minor Subdivision (Approved) (1558 River Road) (2 Lots)
- LaPointe Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1050 E. Ottley Avenue) (4 Lots)
- Sunset Pointe Preliminary PUD Plan (Under Review) (Parcel # 2697-091-80-001) (122 Lots)
- North Mesa Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (155 N. Mesa Street) (2 Lots)
- Weston Estates Preliminary Plan (Under Review) (1877 J 2/10 Road; Parcel # 26997-164-00-050 & 2697-164-00-074) (109 Lots)

### Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Ottley Suites Site Design Review (Approved) (722 Ottley Avenue)
- Pediatric Dental Specialists Site Design Review (Approved) (101 Jurassic Avenue)
- The Fruita Mews (Under Construction) (1138 18.5 Road)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Site Design Review (Under Construction) (417 E Ottley Ave)
- A Storage Place Site Design Review and Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1960 & 1966 Hwy 6 & 50)
- My Storage Fruita (Approved) (1930 Highway 6 & 50)
- Raptor Crossing (Under Review) (853 Raptor Road)
- 535 W. Aspen Apartments (Under Construction) (535 W. Aspen Avenue)

## Public Works

- **H2S Mitigation Project Update.** All manholes have been demolished and replaced. Crews completed the system shutdown/tie-in of the force mains to manhole #17, and the bypass system has been shut down approximately 12 days ahead of schedule. Electrical duct bank installation for the biofilter is expected to begin.
- **Aeration System Project Update.** The aeration system grids along with the modified piping were installed in Basin #1. The manufacturer is scheduled for a system startup and installation check.

Crews are working on the assembly of the aeration grid for Basin #2.



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

- [Drive-through flu vaccine clinic at Mesa County Public Health.](#)
- [Fruita, Central in playoff position, Rifle jumps to the top of RPI in 2A.](#)
- [Addiction and recovery in Mesa County.](#)
- [Economic development conference to showcase Grand Valley.](#)
- [Jewish Grand Valley family on edge with their child in Israel amidst war.](#)
- [Making dollars and sense of the revitalized Monument Village Shopping Center.](#)
- [New hours set at Mesa County community services campus.](#)

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

- **October 21, 2023** – Truck-N-Treat, Civic Center Parking Lot, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **October 28, 2023** – Cups for a Cure, Civic Center Park, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **October 31, 2023** – Trick or Treat Street, Downtown Fruita, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **November 3, 2023** – Mesa County Commissioners' Round Robin/Town Hall, Fruita Community Center, 8:30 a.m.
- **November 5, 2023** – Rim Rock Marathon, Colorado National Monument
- **November 14, 2023** – Coffee and Chat with City Manager, Camilla's Kaffe, 8:00 a.m.
- **November 25, 2023** – Small Business Saturday, Downtown Fruita

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)

# FRUITA BUILDING CODE

## TRAINING SEMINARS

- **REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 20**



SCAN THE QR CODE  
OR REGISTER  
ONLINE AT  
FRUITA.ORG/BUILDING

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER TODAY

- **CONTINUED EDUCATION  
- 6 CE HOURS PER SESSION**

COMPLETION OF BOTH COURSES WILL  
INCLUDE CEU & AIA CONTINUED  
EDUCATION CREDIT

- **\$45 PER CLASS PER DAY**

- **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,  
LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES  
INCLUDED**

- **ALL CLASSES HELD AT THE  
FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER**

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### RESIDENTIAL - REVIEW OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 | 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Presented by Shaunna Mozingo, President of the Monzingo Code Group LLC, this class will review the residential energy code requirements and building science aspects we went over in the year and we will also look at the Colorado Residential field study to see where we can best focus our attention on those code requirements that have the highest impact.

### SEEING OVER THE WEEDS - LIFE SAFETY REASSESSMENT FOR CHANGING TIMES

DECEMBER 1, 2023 | 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Presented by Thomas Meyers, President of Building Intuition LLC, the class is intended to discuss the issues that confront the average code official in times where they are pressured to evolve from traditional life-safety basics. The course will emphasize what is truly important to consider within the limited time available in a working day. Obvious topics will be energy code compliance, green building, electrification, fire and structural safety, code official liability, construction practices, and other emerging and overwhelming topics.



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# SEPTEMBER 2023 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

## 665 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 11,297,700 sheets of printing and copy paper!

## 96 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 122 people!

## 95,712 kWh of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 8 homes!

## Avoided 113 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 24 passenger vehicles!

## 202,384 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 2,698 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, Donstar Paper, Geylond Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and WM.

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Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO<sub>2</sub>E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent



*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.