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Weekly Info Update

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Tuesday's City Council Workshop

We have two items up for discussion at our workshop on Tuesday. The first agenda item is to provide the City Council with an overview of the Waterworth program that staff is using to make revenue projections and build scenarios based on operating and capital expenditures in the Sewer Fund. The second item is our October check in on the draft 2024 Budget. As part of this check in, we have three items: (1) general questions from the City Council, (2) review of outside agency funding requests, and (3) a review of the compensation of the City Councils throughout Western Colorado. As always, to access the agenda and packet for [Council meetings, please go online to fruita.org](https://www.fruita.org/council-meetings). See you on Tuesday night!

Truck N Treat Tomorrow Morning

This Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., families can enjoy the annual Truck or Treat event at the Fruita Civic Center parking lot and surrounding area. Kids are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes, explore trucks, and collect candy! Vehicles will honk at 12 p.m.



Fruita Leaf Pick Up Program

During the following weeks, Fruita residents can place bagged leaves next to their trash can on their regular trash service day. Waste Management will dispose of bagged leaves in addition to regular trash service during these three weeks throughout the fall season. Please bag leaves in a plastic trash bag. Waste Management will only pick up bags of leaves.

- November 13 - 16
- November 27 - 30
- December 11 – 14

Fiber Construction Update (Continued)

Next Week (October 23, 2023), Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along East Pabor Avenue, Encanto Court, Palo Verde Court, Woodland Creek Estates, Holly Park, Vista Valley, Brandon Estates, East Carolina Avenue, 18 Road (south of Kiefer Avenue), Kiefer Avenue, McCune Avenue, Maple Street. 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.

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:** I have a lot of leaves in my yard, can I blow them into the street?
- **Answer:** No, the City of Fruita kindly asks residents to please avoid placing leaves, rocks, and other debris in the streets. Our crews use a street sweeper to clean the roadways, but these machines cannot pick up large debris. The debris will then find its way into the sewer and storm drains, which can cause damage and/or potential contamination.

General Updates

- **Drive Lead Succeed Annual Conference Tour.** On Wednesday, as part of the conference, we hosted a lunch in the Mulberry Plaza for conference attendees. The group learned about Fruita's economic development from me and Community Development Director Dan Caris. I also led the full tour and answered questions about Fruita on the drive to and from Fruita. After lunch, the group enjoyed a tour from Over the Edge, the FARM, and Imondi Wakezone , and the Colorado National Monument. Much thanks to the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce for planning the tour.
- **Trail Clean Up with Livability Commission.** Yesterday afternoon, staff joined the Livability Commission on their clean-up of a portion Colorado Riverfront Trail on the southside of Fruita. It was a beautiful afternoon, and the group were able to make quick work of the trail clean up. Thank you to Livability Commission for your volunteer work!
- **Fruita Mews Property Management Contact.** We continue to receive inquiries from interested parties regarding the Mews Development, currently under construction. In collaboration with the developer, IndiBuild, we have created a web page at www.fruita.org/fha for more information, which also includes contact information for those interested in living at the Mews.
- **Update Draft Budget and Presentations.** An updated version of the City Manager's Recommended 2024 Budget was uploaded to our website last week, and can be found at our website here: [2024 City of Fruita Budget Draft](#). In addition to the draft, staff will be uploading all of the presentations that have been shared with the City Council throughout the budget process. The first PowerPoint presentation, on Infrastructure and Core Services, that was shared this past Tuesday, can be found at the bottom of the page. Any questions regarding the budget can be emailed to: communications@fruita.org.

Engineering

- **Kismet Construction Update.** CW Construction closed Mesa Street to through traffic again this week to complete paving of the asphalt patches. This completes the work for the water and sanitary sewer installations in the public Right of Way. Mesa Street should be open by Friday afternoon.
- **Reed Park Improvements.** The bid opening for Reed Park is scheduled for this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. We will review the bids and provide an update to the Council at a future meeting, after evaluating the bids and ensuring that all components of the project can be met.

Parks and Recreation

- **Pumpkin Dunk Tonight!** We're turning the FCC's indoor pool into a floating pumpkin patch! Families are invited to go dunkin' for pumpkins. Registration is required for this event and each person registered is guaranteed a pumpkin. *The pool will be closed to open swim during this event.*
- **Winterization has begun.** Parks crews have started winterizing irrigation systems at our parks. They will be blowing out all systems over the next month.

- **Water fountains at Fruita Bark Park, Fruita Bike Park & Circle Park.** Both fountains are not frost-free units and need to be winterized annually. This winterization has now occurred, and they are shut off for the winter.
- **Holiday decorating begins next week.** Parks crews will start decorating the downtown corridor and city facilities with holiday lights next week. They will complete all decorating by November 22nd with the lights being turned on during the Downtown Lighting and Small Business Saturday event on November 25th.
- **FCC Staff attended Community Hospital Benefits Fair.** Tina Ross and Hannah Bihl attended the benefits fair and talked about our Fruita Parks and Recreation with employees. There were around 125 employees who visited the table inquiring about our programs and community center.
- **Goal Academy using the Fruita Community Center for school.** GOAL Academy is using our facility to host their online school for local Fruita students. Proximity here is convenient for both staff and students versus driving into Grand Junction. The partnership could evolve into a more permanent situation, ie:1-5 year lease. We will reevaluate it at the end of this year.

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=

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)
- Wildcat Residences (Under Review) (1807 Wildcat Avenue)

Public Works

- **State Revolving Loan Funds.** The Public Works Director and Superintendent attended a Pre-Qualification meeting with the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Department of Local Affairs, and Colorado Water and Power Authority to discuss potential funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program for sewer line replacements. This is the first initial step in the SRF process.
- **NRCS Update.** The City was informed by the NRCS that our Mountain Water property project is not going to be recommended for funding through the PL-566 program.
- **Roadway Assessments.** Public Works staff reviewed the Roadway Assessment Service (RAS) data Boss software that develops a number of scenarios for roadway treatments, overall improvement to the roadway system and PCI scoring and cost estimates based on type of treatment.
- **Streets Update.** Streets crew completed a large asphalt patch behind Kim's Auto and two additional patches on Marigold. Crews will begin working on a temporary parking lot at 169 S. Mulberry and will begin crack sealing streets.
- **Utilities Update.** The Utilities crew completed 80 utility locates this week and shut down the irrigation system for the season which included flushing the system prior to headgates being closed.
- **Mountain Water.** Staff completed winterization of Mountain Water properties.

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

- [All for one: Grand Valley Youth Cycling.](#)
- [10 Best Places in Colorado for a Couple to Live on Only a Social Security Check.](#)
- [United Way hosting public Poverty Immersion Experience.](#)
- [Home sales continue to trend down compared to 2022.](#)
- [CMU removes barriers by providing Free Application Week to students.](#)
- [Family uses spooky Halloween display to raise awareness.](#)
- [Upcoming boundary changes, Fruita grade reconfiguration discussed at D51 board meeting.](#)
- [Fruita Softball is Ready to Bring Home a Title.](#)
- [Protecting West Slope water: Coalition eyes pricy purchase of water rights.](#)

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



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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.