



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER

Date: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Re: WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day.

Trash and recycling services will be delayed by one day next week. We hope that everyone has a great holiday weekend!

Tuesday's Housing Authority Meeting @6:00 p.m.

We will begin our Tuesday night a little bit earlier than usual with a Housing Authority meeting at 6:00 p.m. There is only one item on the agenda, and that is to discuss a request from IndiBuild to accept a grant from the Colorado Energy Office for the Fruita Mews Development.

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

We will begin our regular City Council meeting on Tuesday night with a proclamation declaring September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Fruita. After that, we have three presentations, the first from Mind Springs, then one from the Business Incubator Center, and finally from the Fruita Chamber. As part of our broader economic development goals in 2023, we have been working on our agreements with our local and regional partners to clarify roles, discuss our agreements, and align goals. The two presentations will discuss this and provide an update on each organization. After that, and the consent agenda, we have two public hearings scheduled on special event liquor licenses. There are a number of Fruita residents being appointed to Boards and Commissions on Tuesday night, and because of that, I want to say thank you to them for volunteering! After reports and actions, the Council will conduct the annual review of the City Attorney. See you all on Tuesday night!

Update on Mountain Properties/Recap of Special Meeting

The Fruita City Council met this past Tuesday to discuss two items that were continued from the July 18, 2023, meeting. The two items were regarding the sale of two properties on Pinion Mesa, Enoch Lake and a two-acre parcel of land near Enochs Lake. After continuing the public hearing and hearing updates from staff and

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members of the public, the City Council denied the ordinance regarding the sale of Enoch Lake. The City Council then went on to approve the sale of the two-acre parcel. No other decisions were made, and the City Council will discuss next steps for the mountain properties at the September 19, 2023 meeting.

Closure on the Kokopelli Section of Riverfront Trail Next Week

A portion of the Kokopelli Section of the Co. Riverfront Trail (heading up the hill to Loma, after going through the underpass if you are traveling west) that is heaving, is scheduled to be repaired next Tuesday – Friday. This project should be completed by Friday, September 8. Because of the construction, this portion of the trail will be closed next week. The trail will be ready for the Tour of the Moon event that weekend. The repairs will make for a better rider experience.



Dog Daze Next Tuesday Night

Calling all doggos and puppies! The Annual Dog Daze will be held at the FCC outdoor pool on Tuesday, September 5, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. All proceeds raised during the event will benefit the Roice-Hurst Humane Society. Check-in at the exterior gate nearest to the outdoor pool. All pooches remained leashed until inside the gate.

Fiber Construction Update (Continued)

Next Week (September 4, 2023), Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Cotton Woods, Canterbury Park, Cougar Run, Bobcat Way, Catalina Avenue, Logan Lane, and Satterfield Avenue. 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:** Is there a Mesa County Motor Vehicle Office in Fruita?
- **Answer:** Yes, the Mesa County Motor Vehicle Department operates a satellite office at the Civic Center. It is open on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This full-service office provides information and services for persons with disability parking placards, title and/or registering motor vehicles, off highway vehicles, special mobile machinery, and manufactured homes.

General Updates

- **Tour of Food Bank of the Rockies Facility.** On Wednesday morning, I had the opportunity to tour the new Food Bank of the Rockies Facility along with other governmental partners and agencies. The new facility includes a warehouse and food distribution center and can accommodate more donations than the previous one. It is a beautiful facility! Thank you to Food Bank of the Rockies for the invitation and opportunity to see the new building.
- **Closing on Glade Park Property.** On Thursday morning, we closed on the four-acre parcel that was approved to be sold at the July 18, 2023, meeting. This was the landlocked parcel that was surrounded entirely by private property.
- **New GoFruita Newsletter.** The latest edition of the GoFruita newsletter is now available and can be found here: [Climb to New Heights](#).
- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** Also, the August 2023 version of the Regional Transportation Planning Office's newsletter can be found here: [Mobile Mesa County Newsletter – August 2023](#). It includes articles about electric scooters and the Colorado E-Bike program, the Grand Valley Transit Pass Program for students, I-70 Business Loop updates, and more.
- **Budget Preparation.** Our Leadership team spent several hours this morning discussing the 2024 Budget and hearing from the group on priorities for the upcoming year. The group also discussed capital projects, operational needs, personnel changes, and more. The first draft of the 2024 Budget will be presented to the City Council at the September workshop and will be available for the public to view on our website.

Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** GA Western completed the epoxy coating on the bridge deck, the final surface course for traffic. Site cleanup and final grading activities are being completed. The road preparations, paving and striping are scheduled, and completion of the bridge is on track for a mid-September opening, barring unforeseen complications.



Parks and Recreation

- **Multi-Agency Coordination.** Staff were contacted by administrators overseeing the Pike Ridge Fire near Douglas Pass requesting access to the showers for over 100 staff and fire crew based in Utah. Over the next week, the FCC will host small groups from this group and give them a place to relax and clean up.

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 Review) (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)

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 (Approved) (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)

Public Works

- **FOG Coating Update.** Fog coating of chip sealed areas will continue over the next couple of weeks. Due to weather and staffing availability the project has experienced some delays. The fog coat sealant takes a few hours to dry, and drivers need to take caution when driving on the roads to reduce the risk of tracking oil.
- **H2S Project Update.** Public Works staff met with project team members from Hensel Phelps and Tetra Tech to discuss the schedule of upcoming sewer projects. Manhole deliveries are expected the week of September 5th, contractors and sub-contractors will begin mobilizing the week of September 11th and the biofilter equipment should be delivered the week of September 11th. Project construction is scheduled to begin the week of September 18th.
- **Fiber Buildout.** Public Works staff have been working with the company laying fiber throughout the community to address issues in subdivisions and answer questions from our residents. If you have any questions regarding the fiber construction or services, please call Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital at 970-240-6600.
- **Congratulations Joe!** Public Works long term employee Joe Quest retired effective September 1st. Joe was the Streets Crew Leader and was responsible for training the Streets Crew and managing daily responsibilities. Joe will be missed but we wish him a happy retirement. Thank you, Joe!!

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

- [Fruita, Palisade Lead Colorado's 'Western Slope' Art Scene.](#)
- [GVT routes back, but ended early on Friday night.](#)
- [Fruita Council decides not to sell Enoch's lake.](#)
- [Labor day safety tips when on the road.](#)
- [Fruita City Council halts Enochs Lake sale.](#)

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

- **September 9, 2023** – Tour of the Moon, Colorado National Monument, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **September 13** – Heart of Fruita Sculpture Exhibition, celebrate the sculptors of the very first Heart of Fruita at 6pm at FARM Fruita (160 S Park Square).
- **September 13, 2023** – Community Hospital VIP Grand Opening Adventure Academy, 2373 Adventure Lane, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., RSVP Required
- **September 15, 2023** – Movie Night at Civic Center Park, Movie will Start at Sunset.

- **September 22 – 23, 2023** – Fruita Fall Festival, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue.
- **October 6, 2023** – Movie Night at Civic Center Park, Movie will Start at Sunset.

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.