



# FRUITA COLORADO

## Weekly Info Update



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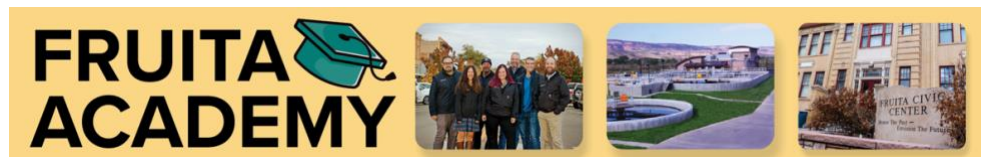
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### Fruita Academy

There's still time to sign up for this year's Fruita Academy! The academy is a four-week free class for interested community members to learn in-person about the function of local government. Participants will hear directly from Fruita leaders, receive hands-on learning, and tours of some of the City of Fruita's largest facilities. Classes begin July 13 and will take place on Thursdays from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. through August 3. Learn more at [fruita.org/academy](http://fruita.org/academy).



### City Council Ice Cream Social

Enjoy a FREE cup of ice cream and meet your local City Council during our Thursday Night Concert Series at Civic Center Park. Ice Cream will be served at 7:30 pm. The concert also begins at 7:30 pm. Bring a chair and blanket and join us for music and community connections!



## Chip Sealing to Begin in July

The city will begin the chip sealing project in coordination with Mesa County in July. The community can expect a few minor traffic inconveniences. For example, minor amounts of dust, loose gravel, and one-way traffic during the operation. We recommend traveling at a reduced speed until all the loose gravel has been removed from the roadway. City maintenance crews will sweep excess gravel off the road in one to two working days. In approximately one week the road will again have the texture of a paved road.

## Fiber Construction Update (Continued)

Next Week (Week of June 26, 2023), Clearnetworx/Deeply Digital, an internet service provider, will be constructing along Pine Street, Cotton Woods, Grace Park, Canterbury Park, and Aspen Village. 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:** Why does the city chipseal roadways?
- **Answer:** Chip sealing is a process of spreading oil over a paved road and then covering the oil with a thin layer of small gravel. Chip sealing is a cost-effective maintenance treatment that slows the aging process of paved roads. A chip seal extends pavement life and reduces the frequency paved roads are resurfaced.

## General Updates

- **Tuesday's City Council Workshop Canceled.** As a reminder, with the Colorado Municipal League's annual conference next week, our June workshop was canceled.
- **Engagement Event with Fruita Police Department.** Thank you to all Police Officers who took the time on Wednesday to engage with local residents at Base Camp Provisions. It is always great to see community members meeting with Fruita Police to learn about operations and ask questions about the department. Join us next month to learn about Fruita's lifestyle in the Mulberry Plaza on July 18 at 9 am.
- **Local Hospital Community Meetings.** I was able to attend Community Hospital's community update with Council member Miller and the Saint Mary's Hospital community meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Breman this week learning about their healthcare efforts. Additionally, the community and each of you are invited to a Healthcare Symposium on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration and information on the event can be found here: <https://www.gjsentinel.com/innovation/>
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- **GVT Community Survey.** Grand Valley Transit (GVT) is conducting a survey of Mesa County residents to learn about familiarity with public transit services and how public transit can

improve. If you are interested in taking the survey, it can be found at this link: [GVT Community Survey](#). The survey is scheduled to close on June 30, 2023.

- **Monthly Waste Management Report.** In May, Fruita residents recycled 57 tons of bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Year to date, Fruita has recycled 267 tons of materials. Great job! The full report from Waste Management can be found below.
- **Discover Fruita Podcast.** The most recent episode of Discover Fruita is now available online at [bit.ly/discoverfruita](http://bit.ly/discoverfruita). In this episode, we talk with the Lower Valley Fire District's Fire Marshal, Travis Holder, and Paramedic Ben Linzey. They share how residents can prepare for a fire, help reduce the risk of fires, information on the district, and a new medical service they are rolling out next month.
- **2024 Budget Preparation.** The budget preparation for next year continued this week with two meetings. Our Capital Projects committee met and reviewed 2023 projects and the status of those, reviewed the projects and goals identified in the Strategic Plan for next year, and discussed other potential projects for next year. Additionally, our Leadership Team reviewed the Budget Calendar and upcoming deadlines. The budget calendar will be shared with the City Council at an upcoming meeting and outlines the process through adoption.

## Engineering

- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** Site Wise, the contractor doing the permanent Xcel distribution gas main installation across the bridge, completed the installation of the gas main and connected the new pipeline to the existing distribution gas main. All trenches were backfilled and the site prepared for the next phase of the construction process. Site Wise demobilized from the site on Friday. GA Western will return to the site next week to complete the permanent irrigation main installation. The work on the irrigation main will require an outage of irrigation service to those residents on the main south of the bridge. All affected parties have been notified of this outage, which is expected to extend from Monday morning through Friday. The Engineering Department would like to remind the public that the bridge remains closed to all modes of transportation including vehicular, bicycles, and pedestrians. Public safety is a primary priority and hazardous conditions remain and will continue to change in location and severity in the construction zone.



### **Parks and Recreation**

- **Adult 55+ Potlucks Full in June.** The last two potluck lunches of country fried steak and shrimp have been full with 70 participants. This is a beloved offering from our senior department and is often completely full every other week.
- **Summer Swim Lessons and Gators Swim Team are in full swing.** Our current session of swim lessons and gators swim team are almost completely full! Spaces are still available for the July 11 session of swim lessons. [Learn more about swim lessons.](#)
- **3rd of July Fireworks in Fruita.** Enjoy the City of Fruita Fireworks on July 3rd, presented by Canvas Credit Union! The show can be seen from almost anywhere in Fruita and starts at dusk on July 3.
  - Fireworks are launched at Snooks Bottom Open Space but there will be no viewing at that location. Snooks Bottom Open Space will be closed to the public for the entire day of July 3. The City of Fruita would like to remind residents to refrain from using personal fireworks as they are a fire hazard and can be disruptive.

### **Planning & Development**

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit: <https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

#### **Major/ Minor Subdivisions:**

- 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)
- Adele's Acres Subdivision (Under Review) (1024 19 Road) (48 Lots)
- Kismet Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (460 N. Mesa St) (3 Lots)

#### **Site Design Review/ Other Applications:**



- 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)
- Berg Annexation & Rezone (Under Review) (1806 J 3/10 Road)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Site Design Review (Under Review) (417 E Ottley Ave)
- 616 E. Grand Avenue Conditional Use Permit (Under Review) (616 E. Grand Avenue)
- 1824 J 2/10 Road Annexation and Rezone (Under Review) (1824 J 2/10 Road)
- A Storage Place Site Design Review and Minor Subdivision (Under Review) (1960 & 1966 Hwy 6 & 50)

### Police Department

- **Discovery Kids Learning Center Car Wash.** This week, Officers helped at the community car wash at Discover Kids Learning Center in Fruita.



### Public Works

- **Congratulations Dylan!** Congratulations to Dylan Bain for successfully completing his Wastewater D Operator exam. Dylan is an employee at the City's Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Good Job Dylan.
- **Biosolids – Fertilizer.** What might be exciting for Fruita residents is knowing that the Biosolids that are created at the wastewater plant can be used as a low-grade fertilizer or soil amendment on lawns and flower gardens, instead of being disposed of in the landfill. Nutrient-rich biosolids have been carefully treated and monitored to meet all heavy metal, pathogen reduction, and

vector attraction requirements of the health department. As a rate payer in the City of Fruita, the Biosolids product is offered at no charge. Interested residents are encouraged to call or stop by the Wastewater Reclamation Facility during normal business hours to find out more. Commercial Users: Biosolids/Fertilizer, from the Wastewater Reclamation Facility, is available at a rate of \$20.00 per yard. Please contact the Wastewater Reclamation Facility during normal business hours. [Wastewater Reclamation Facility 970-858-4081](tel:970-858-4081).

- **Supplemental Budget.** The City Council approved amending the 2023 budget with supplemental appropriations of funds for emergency equipment repair at the WWRF in the amount of \$225,000 to replace the bearing assemblies of the Landox mixers in the oxidation ditch.
- **Utility Locates.** Utility staff completed 85 utility locates this week.
- **Equipment Demo.** Public Works staff demoed equipment this week that grinds off old thermal plastics and paint used in parking lots, streets, etc. The test area was the north parking lot of the Civic Center. Crews are preparing to strip the parking lot with the installation of the new EV Chargers.

**Before grinding**



**After grinding**



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

- [Not so fast! Winter as Powderhorn's bike season on hold.](#)

- [Grand Valley Transit looking for feedback on bus system.](#)
- [CDPHE investigating Cyclospora outbreak on the Western Slope.](#)
- [Unique water attraction in Western Colorado perfect for summer fun.](#)
- [Fire breaks out near Colorado/Utah border.](#)
- [Mesa County sales tax collections slip for May, but still up for 2023.](#)
- [Local health care group share in state work grants.](#)
- [Three join the Colorado West Land Trust board.](#)
- [County updating its wildfire protection plan.](#)

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

- **June 23, 2023** – Fruita Fourth Fridays, FARM (160 S. Park Square), 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **June 25 – 28, 2023** - CML Annual Conference
- **June 27, 2023** – Rim Rock Rodeo at Rim Rock Adventures, 7:00 p.m.
- **June 28, 2023** – FACC State of the Community, Absolute Prestige Venue, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **June 29, 2023** – Thursday Night Concert Series – Centennial Band, Civic Center Park, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 29, 2023** – City Council Ice Cream Social, Civic Center Park, 7:30 p.m.
- **July 3, 2023** - Fruita 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Fireworks, Fruita, Show starts at sunset
- **July 11, 2023** -Rim Rock Rodeo at Rim Rock Adventures, 7:00 p.m.
- **July 18, 2023** – City Engagement Event – Quality of Place, Mulberry Plaza, 9:00 a.m.
- **July 18, 2023** – Rim Rock Rodeo at Rim Rock Adventures, 7:00 p.m.
- **July 28, 2023** – Fruita Fourth Fridays – FARM (160 S. Park Square), 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **August 12, 2023** – One Riverfront Concert Series, James M. Robb State Park, 6:00 p.m.
- **August 12, 2023** – Cops and Cars Show, Little Salt Walsh Park, 7 a.m. - 2 p.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)



CITY OF FRUITA

## MAY 2023 RECYCLING BENEFITS

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

This month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:

### 704 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 11,963,900 sheets of printing and copy paper!

### 130 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 165 people!

### 111,355 kWh of Electricity

Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 10 homes!

### Avoided 125 Metric Tons (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 26 passenger vehicles!

### 240,282 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,203 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, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.

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





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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.