



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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Tuesday's Joint Housing Authority and City Council Meeting – 5:30 PM

Prior to the regular City Council meeting, the night will begin with a joint Housing Authority and City Council Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will start with a public hearing on the proposed 2023 Housing Authority Budget. After that and the consent agenda, the developer for the Fruita Mews project will provide a presentation to the Fruita Housing Authority and City Council on the two proposals on the development. Following the presentation, the Housing Authority and City Council will convene to a joint Executive Session to discuss the proposals. The two bodies will then reconvene and to consider any actions on the proposals.

Tuesday's City Council Meeting – 7:30 PM

The regular City Council meeting on Tuesday night will begin at 7:30 p.m. instead of the normal 7 p.m. start time. The meeting will begin with a proclamation, followed by consideration of items on the consent agenda, and will end with council reports and actions.

Thursday Night Concert Series Line Up

The Thursday Night Concert Series line up is now finalized, and we are ready for the summer season! The season will begin on Thursday, June 8 and will run every Thursday until August 10. Concerts are free and begin at 7:30 pm in the Fruita Civic Center Park.

THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY



Thursdays June 8 - August 10
7:30pm | FREE entertainment
Civic Center Park | 325 E. Aspen
Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating
*schedule subject to change

6/8	The Drunken Hearts <i>(Americana)</i>
6/15	Wave 11 <i>(R&B/Reggae/Funk)</i>
6/22	Goodman Band <i>(Blues/Rock)</i>
6/29	Centennial Band <i>(American Classics)</i>
7/6	Nik Parr & The Selfless Lovers <i>(Rock n' Roll)</i>
7/13	Hooks & The Huckleberries <i>(Country Rock/Soul)</i>
7/20	Alastair Greene Band <i>(Blues Rock)</i>
7/27	Dave Jordan & The NIA <i>(Swampy Funk Rock)</i>
8/3	Gunny Grand String Band <i>(Bluegrass)</i>
8/10	Frank Bregar Orchestra <i>(Big Band)</i>

Mike the Headless Chicken Schedule

We are also getting ready for this year's Mike the Headless Chicken Festival! Happening June 2-3, check out the schedule online at miketheheadlesschicken.org or with the image below. This year's theme is focused around Fruita history.



FRIDAY, JUNE 2

4:00pm-9:00pm | Mike Fest Open: Games, Merchandise, Vendors
 6:00pm | Kid Caravan (Indie/folk rock)
 7:30pm | The Oxymorons (90's and beyond)

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

7:00am-10:00am | Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on the Circle
 9:00am | Mike 5k Run/Walk Start
 9:00am-9:00pm | Mike Fest Open: Games, Merchandise, Vendors
 9:00am-3:00pm | Wheels West Colorado Exhibition-Car Show
 12:30pm | Suds Brothers Brewery Wing and Peep Eating Contest
 2:00pm | Joey Rowland & Gerry Goodman (Country/Rock/Blues)
 4:00pm | Tucker Rose (Country)
 5:30pm | Gunny Grand String Band (Bluegrass)
 7:30pm | Augie Meyers & Los Texmaniacs (Tejano/Blues Rock)



ArborWorks Schedule for Next Week

Xcel Energy, working with ArborWorks, a utility line clearance company, began trimming trees in Fruita in mid-February. They will be trimming all trees, both private and public, if the tree is a hazard for powerlines. The team will continue tree trimming services in Fruita next week. Below you can find area maps of where the team will be working.

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:** How many gallons of wastewater is treated every day at Fruita's Wastewater Treatment Facility?
- **Answer:** One million gallons of wastewater is treated every day! As a reminder, one gallon of water is equal to 8.34 pounds. The City of Fruita manages 85 miles of sewer line with eight sewer lift stations.

General Updates

- **Mobile Mesa County Newsletter.** The March 2023 edition of the Mobile Mesa County newsletter is now available. [Read the newsletter online.](#) It includes articles on the New Saturday Hours in April for Grand Valley Transit, Free Ride Days during April, upcoming events, and more.

Engineering

- **North Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza Update.** Electrical, natural gas and irrigation service lines were installed and inspected, the remaining shade sail and light posts were installed, and more concrete was placed this week. Weather permitting, we are planning on completing the remaining decorative concrete and curbing next week. The east edge of the project remains open to pedestrians but please remember to use caution when walking near the project area. We thank you for your patience during the construction.
- **Pine Street Bridge Update.** GA Western calibrated the concrete deck machine and cleaned the bridge deck and forms of debris. The concrete placement for the bridge deck is scheduled for April 3, 2023 if weather permits. Ben Dowd Construction, completed the storm drain and irrigation drain line on the northeast side of the bridge.

Marketing and Promotion

- **Fruita + Palisade Marketing Partnership Awarded OREC Grant.** The marketing partnership between the City of Fruita and the Town Palisade has been awarded a \$36,000 grant from the Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (“OREC”) for the production, printing, and distribution of a Gravel Adventure Guide for the Grand Valley. The Guide will feature 10-12 routes for Gravel Bikers throughout the valley, local history, attractions, and cultural heritage elements. These guides have been very successful in other Colorado communities (other examples can be found on the [Gravel Adventure website](#)) and will be distributed at local businesses throughout Mesa County, the state, and in Utah. [View the full press release from the OREC.](#)

Parks and Recreation

- **Summer Activity Guide Now Available.** The [2023 Summer Activity Guide is now available for viewing online.](#) Check out the programs, activities, and special events happening to help you plan your summer!
- **Fruita Community Center Concessions.** The concessions at the FCC have sold more than \$3,660 worth of product since its opening two months ago. Overall, retail sales and concessions have totaled over \$6,000 for the 2023 year.
- **DinoMites registration is almost full!** Wednesday evening, we had our Back to Summer Fair with program and summer camp registration. Summer camp only has a few spots remaining for childcare for ages 5-10 years. If you would like register, please reach out to Miranda Carrithers at mcarrithers@fruita.org.
- **Easter Egg Scramble Full!** Our annual backyard Easter Egg Scramble is at full capacity for both time slots on Wednesday, April 5.

Planning & Development

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

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Cider Mill Estates Final Plan (Under Review) (960 Stone Mountain Drive) (47 Lots)
- Dana Minor Subdivision (Approved) (317 Pine Street) (3 Lots)
- 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)
- Rose Creek Final Plat (Under Review) (K Road) (130 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:

- 111 S. Mesa Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (111 S. Mesa St)
- 204 S. Mulberry Street Site Design Review (Under Construction) (204 S. Mulberry St)
- North Mulberry Street Conceptual Street Design (Approved/Under Construction)
- 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 Construction) (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)

Public Works

- **Preparing for Spring Runoff.** Public Works, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and the Police Department met to discuss spring runoff concerns and to identify areas in the city that may be impacted by high water and discussed preparedness and response activities.
- **Colorado River Basin.** In a recent article by Jerd Smith, Editor of Fresh Water News, the outlook for the seven-state Colorado River Basin has improved dramatically as well, with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, in its March 15 report, showing that Lake Powell is likely to see some 10.44 million acre-feet of new water supply by the end of September, or inflows at 109% average. Still the drought-strapped Colorado River system will see little storage recovery this year, according to Reclamation, which is forecasting that Lake Powell will see storage at just 32% of capacity by the end of the year. It had dropped to just 23% of capacity last year, prompting ongoing

emergency releases from Utah's Flaming Gorge Reservoir to help keep the system from crashing.

- **Disposable Wipes.** Colorado lawmakers joined six other states this month in agreeing to label widely used disposable wipes, warning consumers that they should not be flushed. With the backing of bipartisan sponsors, including democratic Sen. Dylan Roberts, as well as republican Sen. Perry Will, the bill received final approval in the house this month and is awaiting signature by Gov. Polis. The bill, SB23-150, is welcome news to water and sanitation districts in the state, who have had to find ways to combat the clogs that the wipes create in sanitation systems.
- **Congratulations Mike!** Mike Bramlett in the Streets Division recently passed his Collection II exam. Congratulations Mike!!

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

- [Mesa County jobless rate edges up, but remains lower than last year.](#)
- [This Destination is One of Colorado's Best-kept Secrets and Has the World's Second Largest Concentration of Natural Arches.](#)
- [9 Best Small Towns to Retire in Colorado.](#)
- [Bookcliff Gardens joins the fight against Japanese Beetles.](#)
- [Grand Valley Career and Job Fair Boot Camp.](#)
- [Powderhorn extends longest ski season.](#)
- [Polis Administration Continues to Boost Colorado's Robust Outdoor Rec Workforce & Make Sure All Coloradans Can Access World-Class Outdoors: OREC Announces Colorado State Outdoor Recreation Grant Recipients.](#)
- [Fruita Vietnam Memorial hosts Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony.](#)
- [CDOT warns drivers about distracted driving; dangerous roads.](#)

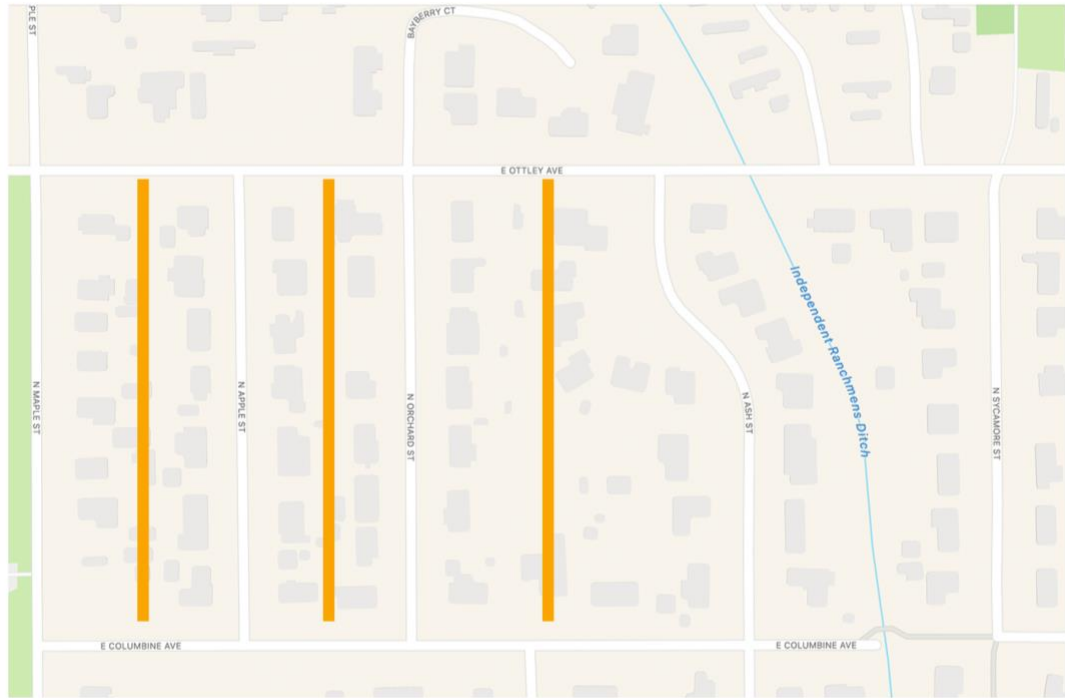
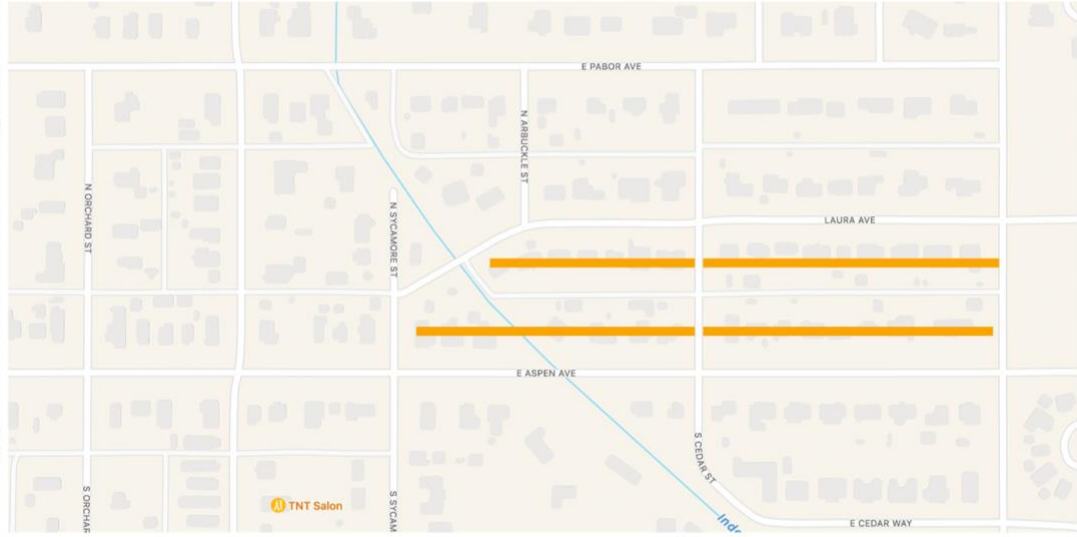
UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP for you)*

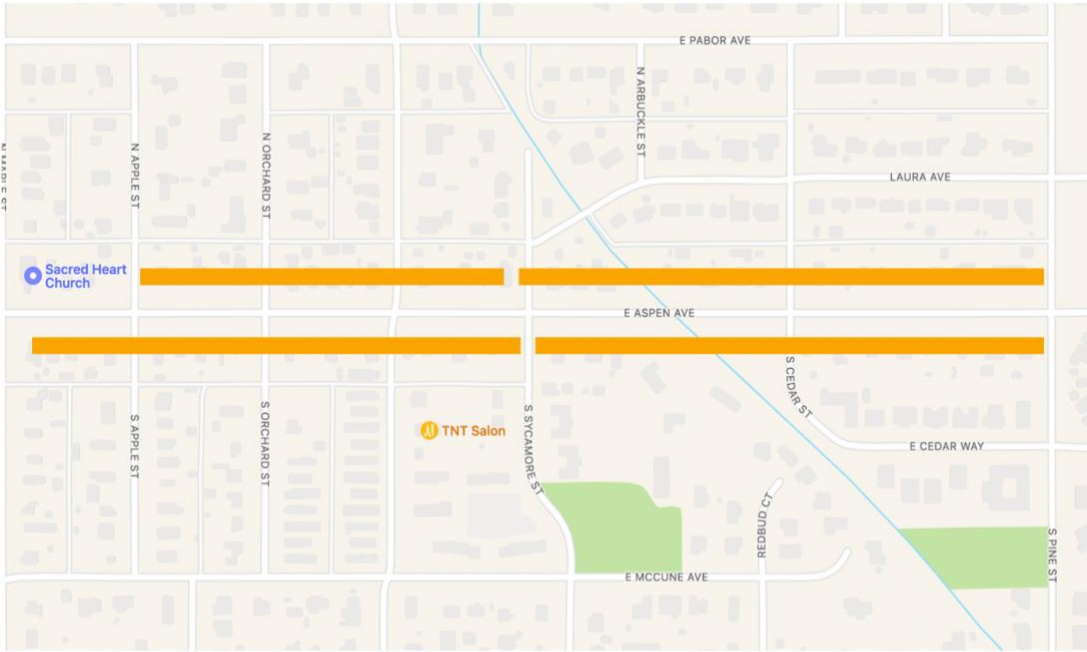
- **April 7, 2023** – Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament, Adobe Creek Golf Course, 9:00 am.
- **April 15, 2023** – Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Fruita Community Center, 5:00pm – 10:00 pm
- **April 14-16, 2023** – Desert RATS Trail Running Festival, Kokopelli Trailhead, Open Venue
- **April 27, 2023** – Western Colorado Economic Summit, presented by Grand Junction Economic Partnership.
- April 28, 2023 – Fruita Fourth Fridays, FARM 160 S. Park Square, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **April 29, 2023** – Spring Clean Up, City Shops, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **May 5-6, 2023** – 18 Hours of Fruita, Highline Lake State Park, Open Venue
- **May 5-6, 2023** – Adventure Fest, 18 Road Trailhead, Open Venue
- **May 12-14, 2023** – Fruita Fat Tire Festival, Downtown Fruita and 18 Road Trailhead, Open Venue
- **May 14, 2023** – Co2uT, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue
- **June 2-3, 2023** - Mike the Headless Chicken Festival, Downtown Fruita, Open Venue
- **June 8, 2023** - Thursday Night Concert Series - The Drunken Hearts (Americana), Civic Center Park, 7:30 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

ArborWorks Tree Trimming Schedule Week of April 3 –7 , 2023







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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.