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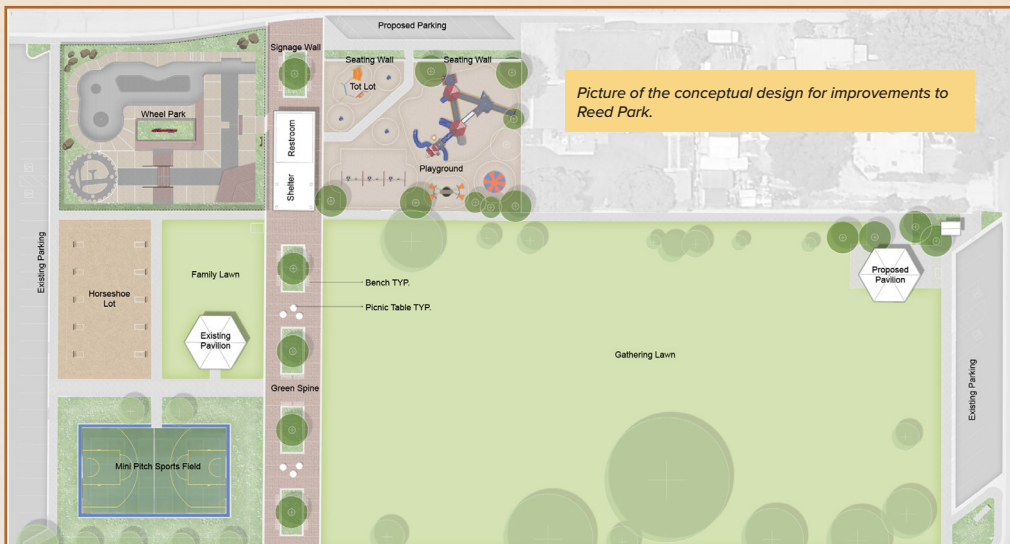
NEW PARKS IN FRUITA

Playgrounds, Dog Parks, Skate Parks, and More

When you think of Fruita Parks and Recreation, what comes to mind? Maybe the Fruita Community Center, swim lessons, or DinoMites Summer Camp? Whatever it may be, Parks and Recreation offers a wide range of programs and services. Let's take a closer look at the parks side of the system. When it comes to parks, you may think of slides, swings, and grassy fields. These outdoor amenities provide other opportunities for the community by being a place to gather, host special events, and more. This year, we are excited to share some new park additions for you to enjoy!

Reed Park Improvements


Later this year, renovations to Reed Park will take place. Reed Park was built in 1984 and is the heaviest-used park in Fruita aside from Little Salt Wash. The renovations will include replacement of the existing restroom and shelter structure, replacement of the playground, electrical upgrades for special events, the installation of a MiniPitch that will include basketball, soccer, and pickleball lines, and the addition of a new skate/wheel park which will be (CONT pg. 2)





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 Website | fruita.org

 Email | communications@fruita.org

 Phone | 858-3663

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 City Engagement Events | Check out the calendar on the back page for dates!

FRUITA CITY COUNCIL: If calling City Hall at 858-3663 does not answer your questions, please feel free to contact any of your City Council Members.



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located next to the playground. These renovations wouldn't be possible without funding from the US Soccer Foundation Grant, PlayCore CPRA Grant, and Great Outdoors Colorado. These improvements will bring the facility up to current standards and provide a high-quality experience in the downtown area.

Fruita Bark Park

This new amenity is for Fruita's four-legged friends! Fruita's first-ever dog park will be open for use this spring. The dog park is located on the south side of the Dinosaur Journey Museum. The park will consist of two areas, a small dog area and a large dog area. The space will also have water fountains for dogs and humans, trash cans, and dog bag dispensers. Based on the Parks, Health, Reaction, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan, a dog park was identified as an important project to add to Fruita's Parks and Recreation system.



Picture of Mayor Joel Kincaid cutting a celebratory "ribbon" for the grand opening of the Fruita Bike Park.

Fruita Bike Park Improvements

Last fall, the Fruita Bike Park located at 280 Clements Way went under major renovations adding 21 new metal/wood jump features for beginners to advanced riders, a pump track, kid features, and a skills area. Grab your bike and enjoy this newly renovated park as the weather gets warmer!

New Playground at Prospector Park

This past February, city crews finished the installation of a new playground at Prospector Park located at 725 Galena Drive. The playground features two new swings, two slides, an overhead climber, a climbing wall, musical instruments, a spinner, balance pods, and other climbing structures. The playground is a Play On Playground that has been designated as a project of excellence.

Learn more about these projects at fruita.org.

GEARING UP FOR IRRIGATION



Irrigation water is typically turned on around the first of April and crews will be working to get the City's irrigation systems up and running as soon as possible. To assist in the startup of irrigation season, residents are reminded to make sure ditches are cleaned and valves (that were used to drain pumps and irrigation systems for winter) are closed prior to April 1st.

Please keep in mind that most newer subdivisions are not connected to the City's irrigation system and are supplied water through their Homeowners Association. Residents are encouraged to make sure they know who to contact with questions about their irrigation systems, especially in an emergency situation.

The figure below provides some guidance on who to contact. Residents are encouraged to conserve water by following an alternating watering schedule. Even house number water Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday. Off house numbers water Wednesday, Friday, and/or Sunday.

SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT



**SATURDAY, APRIL 29
8 AM - 2 PM**

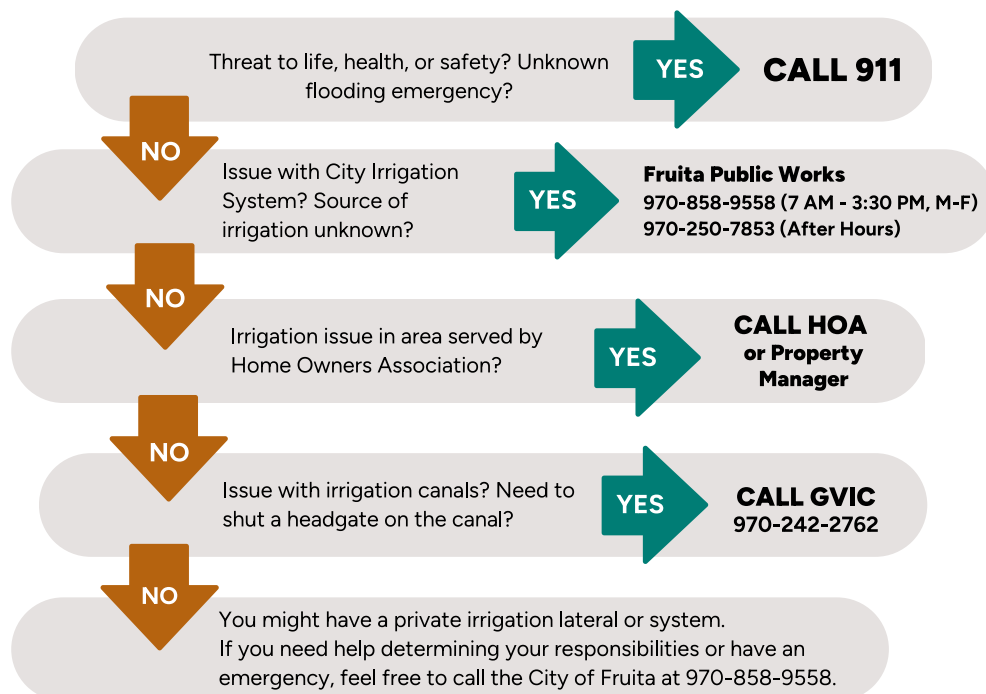
Drop off items you want to dispose of for ***FREE!**

Drop off Location:
**900 Keifer Ave.
Fruita, CO 81521**

The following items will not be collected: Aerosol cans, air conditioners, air/gas cylinders, ammunition, antifreeze, asbestos materials, asphalt rubble, batteries, auto batteries, concrete rubble, electronics, engines/motors, fluorescent lights, freezers, freon, fuel tanks, gasoline/grease/oil, hazardous waste, insecticides, items longer than 6', large drums, liquids of any kind, major appliances, medical waste, microwaves, paint/stain, pesticides, refrigerators, road flares, shingles, spa/pool chemicals, tires.

*Mattresses and box springs can be dropped off for \$18 each. Cash or check accepted.

WHO TO CALL WITH IRRIGATION ISSUES?





Fruita Planning and Development Department. Pictured from left to right: Dan Caris, Planning and Development Director; Henry Hemphill, City Planner; Matt Carson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Jennifer Wooten, Electrical Inspector; Mike Mossburg, Senior Combination Building Inspector/Plans Examiner; Kelli McLean, Planning Technician; John Anderson, Chief Building Official.

MEET THE NEW FRUITA BUILDING INSPECTIONS TEAM

New this year, the City of Fruita brought building services in-house to create a one-stop process for all development in the City limits of Fruita rather than contracting these services with Mesa County. This transition of services concentrates Fruita's efforts while bringing services closer to the individuals and businesses the City of Fruita serves.

From building permits, plan reviews, inspections, and Fruita's building codes, contractors and individuals can now work directly with staff here in Fruita through the entire building process. Having these services in Fruita allows for a more personal approach to customer service, faster turn around times for inspections, and maintains costs for applicants applying for permits. The community can be assured they will receive customer service in a timely and courteous manner that is consistent, transparent and unbiased. To manage these new services, the City's Planning and Development Department grew with two full time employees and one part-time employee.

John Anderson, Fruita's New Chief Building Official, provides over 30 years of experience in the industry and was previously the Building Official for the City of Delta. He has extensive experience working in larger jurisdictions and holds 13 ICC certifications including the Certified Building Official (CBO) certification. ICC certifications are an endorsement from the International Code Council showing an individual is qualified to inspect construction and buildings.

Mike Mossburg, Fruita's new Senior Combination Building Inspector/Plans Examiner, is a customer service-oriented code professional with over 30 years of experience in construction and building department services. He also is ICC certified in several trade disciplines including combination building inspector and commercial plans examiner.

Jennifer Wooten, Fruita's Senior Electrical Inspector, is a licensed electrician with over 20 years of experience in the construction industry. She is a Fruita resident and is ready to serve the Fruita community.

Matt Carson, Fruita's Neighborhood Services Coordinator, will also help with the Building Inspection Division. Matt started with the City of Fruita in the fall of 2022 and brings over 30 years of municipal experience. Matt retired from the City of Grand Junction as the former Administrative Battalion Chief for the Grand Junction Fire Department. Neighborhood Services, previously known as Code Enforcement, focuses on community education and coordination to decrease the number of code violations in the City of Fruita.

Stop by the Fruita Civic Center (325 E. Aspen Ave.) to meet the team or join them at an upcoming training or mixer event.

ANNUAL NOTICE TO ALL FRUITA RESIDENTS

PROPERTIES ARE TO BE MAINTAINED FREE OF WEEDS



Please help maintain our beautiful small-town atmosphere by removing weeds and trimming trees and brush. Residents and owners are responsible for keeping their property free of weeds and trees.

Here are a few helpful guidelines to ensure your property (residential and/or business) is following the City of Fruita's code:



Cut all weeds that are 12 inches in height or higher to the ground and remove them for your property.



Remove all weeds on your property starting at the curb of the sidewalk/street.



If your property is in junction with an alley way, please clear weeds starting at the center point of the alley.

Keep in mind:

- If you spray any weeds with herbicide, all dead vegetation must be removed.
- Keep irrigation ditches and easements free of weeds and debris.
- All weeds and brush must be properly disposed of by bagging, bundling, placing in trashcans or hauling to the Mesa County Compost Facility.

Please reference the City of Fruita's code for more details by visiting bit.ly/fruitaweednotice.

For additional information, questions, or to report an issue contact the Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 970-858-0763.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

4/5	Easter Egg Scramble	4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
4/7	FCC Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament	1:00 p.m.	Adobe Golf Course
4/22	Lower Valley Professional Firefighters Cornhole Tournament	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Fruita Civic Center Park
4/14-4/16	Desert Rats Trail Running Festival	Open Venue	Various Trails Around Fruita
4/18	Beer or Rootbeer with the City Manager, City Engagement Series	5:00 p.m.	Copper Club Brewing Company
4/29	Fishing is Fun	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Snooks Bottom Open Space
5/5-5/6	18 Hours of Fruita	Open Venue	Highline Lake State Park
5/6-5/7	Adventure Fest	Open Venue	18 Road Trailhead
5/6	Girls on the Run 5K	10:00 a.m.	Fruita Community Center
5/11-5/14	Fruita Fat Tire Festival	Open Venue	Downtown Fruita & 18 Road Trailhead
5/14	CO2UT	Open Venue	Downtown Fruita
5/19	Coffee & Chat - Fruita's Quality of Place, City Engagement Series	8:00 a.m.	Bestslope Coffee Company
6/2-6/3	Mike the Headless Chicken Festival	Open Venue	Downtown Fruita
6/8-8/10	Thursday Night Concert Series	7:30 p.m.	Fruita Civic Center Park
7/18	Fruita's Lifestyle - City Engagement Series	9:00 a.m.	N. Mulberry Street Outdoor Plaza

For more information, or if you don't see the event you were looking for:

City of Fruita, fruita.org/calendar, 970-858-0360

Fruita Tourism, gofruita.com

Fruita Chamber of Commerce, fruitachamber.org, 970-858-3894