



♥ BE WELL BE FRUITA

As a community, we have made incredible progress against COVID-19. “Be Well, Be Fruita” is an effort to continue this progress, to support and keep our businesses open, to assist our schools with safe, outdoor learning spaces, and to strive to keep our families, friends, and neighbors safe, now and in the future. The “Be Well, Be Fruita” campaign and efforts are funded through coronavirus relief funds. More information can be found at fruita.org/bewell.

The City of Fruita is spending these funds on four areas of eligible expenses: **(1)** operational expenses, **(2)** education assistance **(3)** community assistance expenses and **(4)** economic recovery.

- **Operations** - Expenses to keep staff and community members safe such as increased safety precautions, personal protective equipment, extensive cleaning, hosting remote meetings, and telecommuting. We're prepared should another outbreak occur.
- **Education** - The City is working with the school district to create outdoor

classrooms and socially distanced learning opportunities at Fruita schools.

- **Community** - Providing timely and accurate communication to our community, Fruita businesses and guests. Working with non-profit partners to provide resources for those in need.
- **Economic** - To help Fruita businesses, the City is creating outdoor spaces for customers of downtown and southside businesses.

And remember, each of us can continue to build upon this progress by following these five simple steps:

1. Maintain a bike's distance apart
2. Accessorize with a mask
3. Keep it clean and wash your hands frequently
4. If you are not feeling well, take the COVID-19 test. The drive-through test is fast and easy!
5. Stay at home if you are not feeling well 🏠

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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Downtown Outdoor Seating Areas Now Open

For the past several weeks, the City of Fruita has been constructing seating areas in downtown Fruita. We created these areas to provide residents and guests a safe, socially distanced way to enjoy food, drink and our local businesses. The spaces are located on N. Mulberry Street and N. Peach Street from Aspen Avenue to the alley. The spaces are open to everyone and are located next to two large parking lots. More information on these spaces and FAQs can be found at fruita.org/bewell.



Mulberry Street



Peach Street

Rules for Outdoor Dining Spaces:

Hours of Operation: 7am – 10pm

DO'S:

- Be Considerate of Others and Have Fun
- Leave Your Furry Friends Outside of the Space
- Drink Responsibly and Don't Drive if Drinking
- Ride Your Bike – It's the Fruita Way!
- Space Out – to Stop the Spread, Not in Your Head
- Clean up After Yourself – No One Likes a Mess
- Shop Local as in, Shop Fruita!
- Spread Cheer, Not Germs

DONT'S

- Bring Glass – It'll Break and Cause a Mess
- Smoke
- Bring Booze – Unless it's from One of Our Local Businesses that Sells it TO GO
- Drink Alcohol Anywhere Else but in the Fenced Area 🚫

Building Better Trails Together — Mesa County Awarded Trails Maintenance Grant



Last fall, the City of Fruita partnered with COPMOBA, the Bureau of Land Management, Over the Edge Fruita, the Hot Tomato, the Western Colorado Conservation Corps and other partners (collectively, the "Fruita Trails Initiative") to fund a trails maintenance crew for six weeks. Over those six weeks, crews completed work at the Kokopelli Trail System and the North Fruita Desert (18 Road) repairing trails, fixing drainage, building rock structures and revegetating braided trails systems. The maintenance

was focused on trail resiliency and rideability on many of our popular trails. It was a great success.

Based upon these successes, we are excited to announce that Mesa County was recently awarded a Resilient Communities Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado, which will fund another trails maintenance crew in the Grand Valley through 2022! We are pleased to see this program receive the resources to support its growth. 🙌



Fruita Community Center Update

The Fruita Community Center remains open and ready for you to use.

Since re-opening in May after a 6-week closure due to COVID-19, the Fruita Community Center (FCC) has provided a safe and clean environment for exercise. With the help of the Mesa County Health Department (MCPH), we re-opened with a strict policy on cleaning and disinfecting, which we have been and will continue to follow. We also implemented a reservation system to regulate the amount of patrons who are in the FCC at any one time. Now that the State of Colorado and MCPH have eased their guidelines, we no longer require the use of the reservation system with the exception of the swimming pool lap lanes and water aerobics. In addition, we are excited that MCPH has eased the guidelines for wearing masks while exercising indoors. While we still ask that you wear a mask while entering, exiting and circulating in and around the FCC, you may take your mask off to exercise once you are at your workout station. Please continue

to be courteous to your fellow FCC patrons and follow these new guidelines. In other news:

- Pickle ball is back! Monday - Thursday 6am to 11am - please bring your own paddle.
- Fitness classes are in full swing and we even added a couple new classes! Check out our fitness schedule at <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/current-fitness-schedule>.
- It has taken some time, but the indoor pool was replastered and looks like a brand-new pool! It is ready for people to swim in it - in all of its glory!
- The FCC has plenty of space to hold socially distant meetings and birthday parties. Please call the front desk for availability, prices, and COVID restrictions at 970-858-0360.

The FCC is open:

Monday through Friday 5:30am to 7:00pm

Saturdays 8:00am to 5:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm to 5:00pm

We in Parks and Recreation are so grateful for the opportunity to serve all of Fruita. If you haven't made your way back to the FCC, we invite you to come see us and make use of your recreation facility. Our prices for memberships continue to be low and flexible. We truly miss seeing all our patrons and can't wait until you see the changes we've made to keep you safe! Check out our website at <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/fruita-community-center>.

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?
FIND THE CITY OF FRUITA ON
FACEBOOK!**



General Information –

www.facebook.com/cityoffruita

Parks and Recreation –

www.facebook.com/fruitaparksandrec 🌐

Fruita Parks and Recreation Newsletters Now Available



Every two weeks, the Fruita Parks and Recreation Department publishes an e-newsletter! In this newsletter, you will find all current information from the friendly folks at the Parks Department as well as program and recreation offerings. To view the newsletter, visit [fruita.org/parksrec/page/newsletters](https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/newsletters). 🌐

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FRUITA

June 20-Oct. 31, 2020	Fruita Farmers Market, every Saturday (except October 3, 2020)	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Reed Park
October 24, 2020	Truck N Treat	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Fruita City Shops
October 30, 2020	Trick or Treat Street	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Downtown/Southside Fruita
December 12, 2020	Holiday Arts & Craft Fair*	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center
December 16, 2020	Cookies 'N' Claus*	6:00 p.m.	Fruita Community Center

*These events may be cancelled. Please visit fruita.org/parksrec for up-to-date information

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