

FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY RIDGERUNNER NEWS

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GENERAL PLAN GUIDES CITY'S FUTURE

AFTER A YEAR OF COMMUNITY INPUT, UPDATED PLAN TAKES SHAPE

Fruit Heights, with its ideal location and friendly, quiet reputation, has made the city a very attractive and desirable place to live. As such, the city has experienced a great deal of growth and change in recent years, and now approaches a “build-out” condition. Although the existing General Plan has been a useful tool through much of this period, it has become outdated and requires an update to clarify a vision and goals for guiding the next chapter of the City’s growth and development.

Updating the General Plan provides residents the opportunity to take a look at the community, determine what works or requires improvement, and to peer into the future and plan for anticipated changes. The General Plan typically has a life of five to ten years, although it establishes a future vision for twenty years or more.

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

COMMUNITY VISION

The General Plan is a vision for the future, and provides a framework for growth.



GOALS & POLICIES

The General Plan includes goals & policies to help guide future decisions.

LAND USE ROAD MAP

The General Plan outlines allowable uses for unplanned & undeveloped areas.



TOP 5 TOPICS CHOSEN BY RESIDENTS

- 1 Preservation of Open Space
- 2 More Commercial Use
- 3 Traffic & Road Safety
- 4 Park & Trail Improvements
- 5 City Beautification

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

To best meet the needs of the community, residents were involved throughout the process of updating the General Plan. A public meeting was held on Nov. 18, 2021, followed by an online engagement period which utilized interactive maps and questionnaires.

Another public meeting was held on March 16, 2022. The input received from each meeting was wide-ranging, identifying several topics important to residents.

PUBLIC INVITED TO REVIEW PLAN AT OPEN HOUSE

Compiling input from residents, using existing plans and best practices, the Planning Team has completed the final draft of the updated General Plan. Residents are encouraged to drop in at City Hall to view the exhibit and submit comments during business hours Feb. 14-16, from 8 am-4:30 pm, or attend the open house event on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5-7 pm. The Planning Team will be available at the Open House to answer questions.

OPEN HOUSE February 16, 5-7 pm City Hall

Residents are invited to review a final draft of the new General Plan and ask questions of the planning team.

Prior to the Open House, residents may view documents at City Hall Feb. 14 - 16, 8 am - 4:30 pm, or at <https://www.fruitheightscity.com/218/General-Plan>

FRUIT HEIGHTS YOUTH INVITED TO CAPITOL

Members of the Fruit Heights Youth City Council participated in "Local Officials Day" at the Utah State Capitol. As the 2023 legislative session kicked off, our youth leaders took part in mock committees, debated a bill, worked to design a city, heard from Governor and First Lady Cox, and had lunch with state legislators and City officials.



FIBER COMING TO FRUIT HEIGHTS

Connex is a locally owned company installing a fiber infrastructure in northern Utah. Connex is ready to begin the installation of fiber in Fruit Heights; starting in the southwest corner of the city in a few weeks.

In the coming months, residents should expect Connex crews to be working within the public utility

easements which are located in front yards, park strips and city roads.

This will take several months to complete. The City asks for your cooperation as Connex crews move through the city. Questions may be directed to Connex at 801-686-2468 or online at www.connexbroadband.com.

PROJECTS AROUND THE CITY

City Hall: A flood at City Hall, due to a failed part in a public drinking fountain located upstairs, has caused the closure to parts of the building. Administrative employees are working remotely when necessary, and all basement rentals have been cancelled. However, all work continues and the Council Chambers were not damaged. Council meetings will continue as scheduled. Residents may still call 801-546-0861, and they may still use the drop box located outside the building.

Mountain Road: If you've driven the north end of Mountain Road, you know it has seen better days. Weber Basin Water Conservancy District replaced a culinary water line that runs under Mountain Road. This was NOT a City project. As many residents experienced, it took Weber Basin much longer to complete this project than was anticipated, and they ran out of time to complete the repair work to the road. As of now, due to weather and temperature issues, Weber Basin can not give us an exact date for the final patch work, other than to say it will occur this spring.

U.S. 89 Projects: As winter conditions allow, UDOT crews will work to complete sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, curb and gutter, driveways and other side-street items as materials, equipment and crews are available. This work will extend through the spring. UDOT is working to address these items neighborhood by neighborhood. If you have specific questions about UDOT projects, contact UDOT at 888-752-8789.

Green Road to Nicholls Road: The west frontage road connection between Laurelwood Drive/Green Road and Nicholls Road has been postponed until paving can occur in the spring. Crews will continue to work on sidewalk, curb and gutter installation, placing road base and preparing to pave when conditions improve.

Quail Ridge Drive & Cherry Lane: Utility and road work are complete. Repair work to landscaping will occur in the spring.

ITEMS TO NOTE

YCC EASTER EGG HUNT:

Join us Saturday, April 8, 2023, at City Hall. More details soon.

SPRING CLEANUP April 7-17:

Fruit Heights provides free vouchers to dump green waste at the Layton Landfill. Residents may pick up vouchers starting April 6.

PRESIDENTS' DAY: City Hall will be closed Monday, February 20.

WINTER PARKING: Winter parking runs November 1 - April 1. No parking on streets overnight (12 am - 8 am), or during snowfall.

GREEN WASTE CAN: Green waste service returns April 1. Green cans may be used as a garbage can through March.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS: Remain locked for the season.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Fruit Heights City Hall
801-546-0861
Davis County Sheriff's Office
801-451-4150
Robinson Waste Collection Services
801-825-3800

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