



Fruita Planning and Development Department. Pictured from left to right: Dan Caris, Planning and Development Director; Henry Kempfhill, 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

Just 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 3 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.

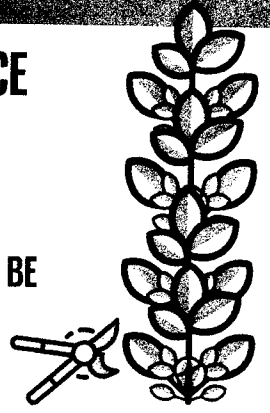
Jennifer Wooten, Fruita's Senior Electrical Inspector, is a licensed electrician with over 20 years of experience in the construction industry. She is a Fruita resident and is ready to serve the Fruita community.

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.