

IVINS CITY NEWS

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Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.
Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

Planning Commission

February 1, 2022
February 15, 2022

City Council

February 3, 2022
February 17, 2022

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February 14, 28

Dumpster Date:

February 5



UTOPIA?

Article by: Chris Hart, Mayor

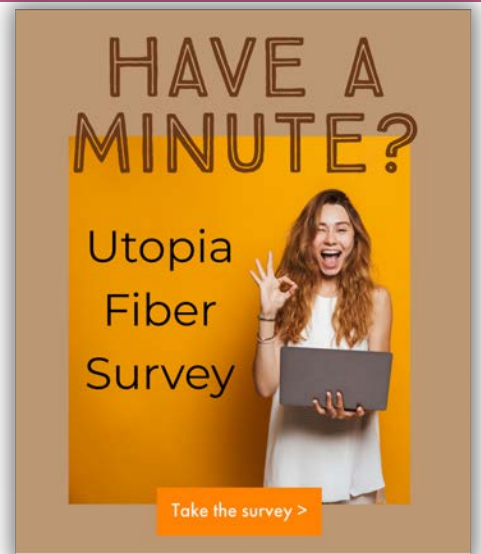
Last month Santa Clara signed a contract with UTOPIA FIBER to build a fiber-optic network in their city and provide a fiber-optic ultra-high speed connection to every home and business in their community. UTOPIA is not an Internet Service Provider (ISP), rather it is an infrastructure company created through an inter-local agreement among several northern Utah cities over twenty years ago to bring fiber-optic service to their residents. It had a rough beginning and was embroiled in controversy for a time but has emerged as the preferred option to an ever increasing number of cities across the State.

Companies like TDS and Century Link are Internet Service Providers that own and exclusively use their own networks. The cost of fiber-optic infrastructure has made it impossible for them to install fiber across the entirety of their many service areas. The result is that most residents of our County have not had high speed options available to them. To their credit these companies have been systematically investing in upgrading their systems by installing fiber-optic lines to what they call “nodes” or hub locations near clusters of homes, and used in combination with other new technologies they have improved the performance of their conventional cable systems. Thus internet speeds have improved over the last few years for most of their customers, and they have explained to us that they plan to continue to advance fiber-optic cable ever closer to and eventually connect directly to every home and business they serve. The time frame for that to be completed is unknown to us.

UTOPIA FIBER on the other hand contracts with cities to install a complete fiber-optic network with direct fiber connections to every home and business with a guaranteed minimum of one gigabyte upload and download speeds with options to go much higher where needed. It essentially creates a “pipeline” through which any number of Internet Service Providers can move information. Thus in areas where UTOPIA exists, residents can select among several ISPs choosing the one that best fits their needs and budget.

One of the intriguing aspects of their program to us as a city is that they provide the requisite bonding to build the system thus relieving their contracted cities from having to increase their own debt thus leaving their bonding capacities intact. In return each city must commit that a certain percentage of their residents will sign up for their service or the city must guarantee to pay the shortfall. In our case we think that would be around forty percent, so there is some risk that we would fall short, but it’s been rare in their history that cities have had to subsidize that service and if so only for brief periods.

UTOPIA FIBER recovers their costs through monthly subscriber fees taking roughly half of the billing amount to pay for their infrastructure with the other half going to the various ISPs that use their system. In other areas that service has been cheaper than or at least competitive with existing services.



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I've been contacted by several of you asking if we could piggyback with Santa Clara to bring UTOPIA to Ivins. The fact is that we have been in discussions with Santa Clara, St. George and UTOPIA FIBER for over a year now exploring that very possibility.

Here's the issue. As the existing ISPs have improved their service more of their local customers have become satisfied with their internet speeds and if they were to follow through with their promises those speeds would continue to improve. The dilemma that we face as a city is that if more than fifty percent of our residents are satisfied with the service they have and unwilling to sign up with UTOPIA it would become a financial burden on the city that we don't have room in the budget to cover.

So ultimately the success of this venture lies in your hands. If the idea of faster speeds and multiple ISPs being available to you sooner is appealing to enough of you I believe the city would be inclined to go that direction. If the interest level is insufficient then likely it would not. We conducted a survey two years ago asking you if you were satisfied with your current level of internet service. Very few responded but the majority of you were not. We are currently conducting a similar survey and your participation in it will likely determine if we move ahead with a UTOPIA FIBER contract. We must be assured that we will achieve the required forty percent level of participation or it will be unfeasible for the city to commit to the project. I strongly urge you to take the survey and encourage other residents to do the same. There is a link to the survey with instructions attached to this newsletter (Page 2 graphic) and it is also available on the Ivins City website.

I have also invited Jarett Waite from the Santa Clara City Council to give a presentation to our City Council on Thursday, February 17th at our regular City Council Meeting. He was the prime mover in leading Santa Clara to make the decision they did and has developed a thorough understanding of the advantages and risks in making such a move. His presentation will not be open to public comment or questions but the Council will be able to do both so you're welcome to email yours to one of us.

Over the years internet service has become a required service for cities to provide much like water, power and streets. This would constitute a major change in how that service would be provided in the future. No one will be required to sign up with UTOPIA FIBER, and TDS, Century Link and other current providers will no doubt continue to compete for your business.

But if you want to have this option available you must let us know by taking the survey. Thank you.



The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the February Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website www.ivins.com a few days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the Planning Commission, please call or email Sharon Allen at 435-628-0606 or sallen@ivins.com. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or kjimenez@ivins.com.

Planning Commission February 1, 2022

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation for zoning text amendment regarding solar, ground-mounted solar and allowable uses.
- Public hearing, discussion and consideration of zoning text amendment regarding LRV for accents and trim.
- Discuss Land Use Map, Zoning Map and General Plan amendments.

Planning Commission February 15, 2022

- Continued discussion of Land Use Map, Zoning Map and General Plan amendments.

City Council February 3, 2022

- Interview candidates to fill a mid-term vacancy on the City Council and discuss and consider a Resolution appointing a City Council Member to fill the mid-term vacancy.
- Discuss & consider funding Wreaths Across America in Ivins.
- Discuss & consider citizen request – 7 suggestions to encourage more public involvement and transparency.
- Discuss and consider approval of Development Agreement for Unity Village Subdivision.
- Continued discussion and consideration of public access utility easement agreement.
- Discuss & consider approval of Development Agreement for Serenity Estates Subdivision.
- Discussion regarding 5-year budget plan and priorities for FYE 2023.

City Council February 17, 2022

- Public hearing / Resolution to appoint an individual to the Washington County Solid Waste District Board to fill a vacancy.
- Possible public hearing, discussion and consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation regarding text amendments to allow ground-mounted solar as an allowed use.
- Possible public hearing, discussion and consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation regarding LRV for accents and trim.

School Updates



Vista School

SO MANY EXCITING EVENTS HAPPENED IN JANUARY!!

A Robotics First Lego League team from Vista School qualified to go to State competition in March!

A 12 student Honor Choir traveled to Salt Lake City to perform with other junior high school students at a statewide choral event held at Abravanel Hall.

22 teams from around the state, including high school teams, gathered at Vista School for a VEX Robotics Tournament.

Performances of Vista's Willy Wonka musical begin in March. Come see an amazing show! Tickets available at www.vistautah.com.

Vista recently concluded Kindness Week, emphasizing the importance of this character trait. Every day is filled with learning, music, technology, and much more!



Red Mountain Elementary School

Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

February is a great time in education! We enjoyed a nice break and are now busy and back to work. This month our students will create and share entries for our Evening of the Arts. The theme is "I Will Change the World By"

Our 5th grade students will begin their participation in the Young Doctors' Club with Rocky Vista University this month. We appreciate the opportunity for learning and this collaboration with RVU.

In January our Lego League team, the Rockin' Robos, competed at Dixie State University and received the "Rising All Star" award. They qualified to attend the state championships in March.

Upcoming events:

February 3: PTO Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.

February 18: Teacher Preparation Day (No school for students)

February 21: Presidents' Day (No School)

February 22-24: SEPs and Parent Engagement - School will dismiss at 12:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation



Yoga

Yoga classes at the UNITY park recreation room have been postponed to follow social distancing guidelines. Yoga class will still continue online at the same class times:

Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m.

Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

Please contact the Parks and Rec Dept at 435-634-7719 or instructor Kim Nally directly to join the zoom class. Join Kim's class through Zoom on your computer or smart phone at <https://zoom.us/j/5087374645>. Donations accepted.

Baseball Registration

2022 Ivins T-Ball (ages 5&6) and Rookie (coach pitch - ages 7&8) registration opens March 1, 2022 online at www.ivins.com and in person at City Hall! More information at ivins.com.

The Red Mountain 55k, 30k and Dirty Hurty Half Marathon Trail Run

Date: March 5, 2022

Time: 6:30 a.m.

To register and for more information go to <http://www.redmountain50k.com>



2022 Hog and Jog 5k Fun Run

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2022

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Come out to the 8th Annual Hog and Jog Family Fun Run and join in the Festivities. With music on the course and Hog and Jog Selfie Stations, you'll be able to celebrate and run at the same time! We are excited to announce that Tan's Treats will once again be our Charity for 2022! Register at <http://www.hogandjog5k.com/>

The Geology of White Pocket, Paria Plateau, Arizona Geology Lecture

Date: Wednesday March 30, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ivins City Hall (85 N Main)



White Pocket, Arizona, which resides on the Paria Plateau is the ultimate outdoor classroom where one can study our beloved Navajo Sandstone which comprises most of the rock exposures within Snow Canyon State Park, Zion National Park and beyond. The Navajo Sandstone was deposited in a vast regional desert which implies that the climate during Navajo time was mostly arid. However, it appears that the White Pocket area was a bit different. This is due to a combination of 1.) differences in local climate conditions and 2.) earthquake activity from regional tectonic forces. The combination of these two factors created a landscape not seen anywhere else in the Navajo Sandstone to this magnitude. Come and be amazed by this beautiful landscape and obtain some insights into the geologic methods utilized to synthesize observations into a cohesive interpretation which can explain why this area is so unique.

Register at ivins.recdesk.com (no fee) to attend in person. If you'd like to watch without attending in person, find the YouTube link under ivins.recdesk.com under News or Programs.

Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. after the Hog & Jog 5k Location: UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field.

All participants must provide their own Easter Basket. The divisions for this year will be:

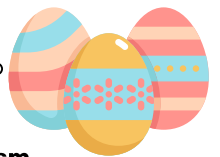
Division 1 - 4 years old and under

Children in Division 1 must have the ability to walk and pick up eggs without assistance from parents; however, one parent may be in the hunting area with their child to give guidance and direction.

Division 2 - Ages 5, 6, 7 and 8

Division 3 - Ages 9, 10, 11 and 12

No parents will be allowed to help in Divisions 2 and 3!



Graffiti/Vandalism

We have been experiencing an increase in graffiti over the past month or two. Please, if you see any graffiti or other vandalism, report it to the Ivins Parks & Recreation Department or directly to Ivins Santa Clara Police.

Public Works

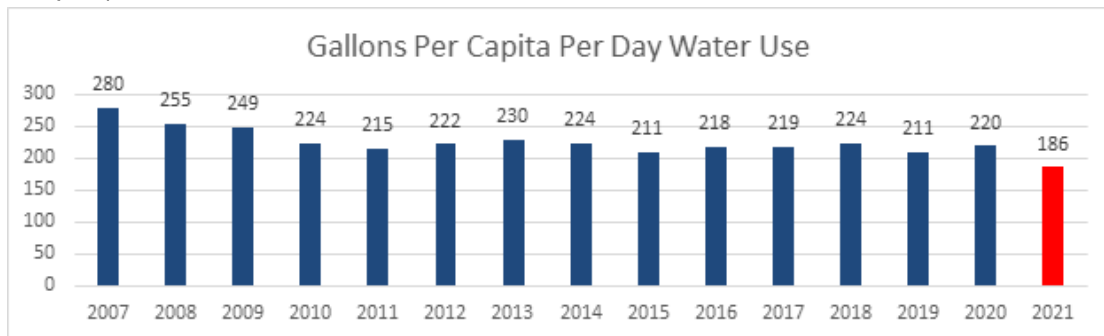
Ivins Water Usage

Submitted by Charles Gillette P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

Over the past decade, Ivins City has been developing a reputation for water conservation. Ivins City has always had some of the lowest water usages as compared to our nearby cities. Back in 2018, the City Council completed the five-year update to the Water Conservation plan. Even after achieving a 25% reduction in water usage in period from 2000 to 2017 and meeting the Governor’s goal, the Council decided to set a new goal to reduce water usage by another 10% over the next 10 years. The specific goal was reduce water usage from the 2017 figure of 219 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) to 197 gpcd by 2027.

At the time that the goal was made, the leadership in the Governor’s office thought that this was a great stretch goal. They commended us for the reaching the 25% reduction goal and setting the new aggressive goal by awarding Ivins City the 2019 Water Efficiency Award.

Since 2018, it was not clear if the City was making any progress as the usage rates didn’t seem to be moving much. We now how have results for 2021 and the total usage was 186 gpcd. It represents a significant drop in water usage as the City has never come close to such low usage in the past. If we can just continue this water usage pattern moving forward, it represents that we have exceeded the goal made in 2018 by 5 percent!



One year of efficient water use probably doesn’t mean that we should hang up our hat and relax, but it should be nevertheless celebrated. Thank you for everyone that has treated water as precious as it is. Let’s continue to remain conscientious. Let’s continue to show that we can use this resource in a responsible manner.

Also, there are some more water conservation measures that the Council will continue to consider that should help us reduce water use even further.

WATER WISDOM

Help the City reach its goal to reduce water use by 10% from 2018 to 2028.

Outdoor Tip:
In February and March there is no need to water more than once per week.

Indoor Tip:
Use a plugged sink when washing dishes rather than let the water run down the drain.

This is important to our future!
 For more tips go to: Slowtheflow.org

EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Center for the Arts at Kayenta

February 1, 2022

POSTPONED to a future date: Voyager Lecture Series: DNA, Genetics & Family History, presented by Dr. Derrick S. Haslam

February 4th, 2022

POSTPONED to June 3, 2022 - Matt Flinner Trio Concert

February 18-19, 2022

POSTPONED to a future date: Classical Chamber Music with violinist Kurt Nikkanen, cellist Daniel Gaisford, violist Jason Bonham, cellist Jessika Soli and violinist Urs Rutishauser

February 26, 2022

Kayenta Arts Foundation THRILL OF ART Gala 6:00 p.m.

Ongoing Photography Art Exhibit, Light and Life, continues through February 23, 2022 at Center for the Arts lobby

For information and tickets: kayentaarts.com or 435-674-2787

Tuacahn Amphitheater Events

There are no productions or concerts in the month of February.

For information and tickets: tuacahn.org or 800-746-9882



MakeSpace is the the newest addition to the Kayenta Art Village and offers art classes and workshops in many visual art mediums including Oil Painting, Encaustics (painting with hot wax), Woodcut Printmaking, Drawing, Collage and more!

For those that are new to art, there are many options for beginners that are curious enough to give it a try. Seasoned artists will enjoy the opportunity to create in a collaborative environment and learn to work in alternative mediums from the best Artist Instructors.

To learn more about MakeSpace and to sign up for classes visit their website at: Makespacekayenta.com.

With very talented instructors and a gorgeous space, MakeSpace is designed to inspire creativity and build community.



SATURDAY

Saturday Market at Tuacahn

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Vendors, Arts & Crafts, and a Gift shop.

It is always free and always fun!

MARKET

Pet Corner

IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER

474 NORTH 200 WEST
 PHONE: 435-628-1049
 OPEN: TUESDAY - SATURDAY
 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

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SANTA CLARA - IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Hall	435-628-0606
Animal Services	435-634-1049
Building/Zoning	435-634-9753
Justice Court	435-634-5728
Parks & Recreation	435-634-7719
Police Dispatch	435-634-5730
SCI Public Safety	
Santa Clara	435-652-1122
Public Works	435-634-0689

Utility Payment Drop Box

55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

Post Office

Main Branch	
Santa Clara	435-628-2112
Satellite Post Office	
Ivins	435-628-1381

Washington County Landfill

325 N Landfill Road, Washington, UT
 Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<http://www.wcsw.org/>

Reuse Center

575 E Brigham Road, St. George, UT
 Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Tree branches and yard green waste (no palm leaves)



DIXIE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION EXPO

IS BACK IN PERSON

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 11AM - 7PM

DIXIE CONVENTION CENTER
 1835 S CONVENTION CENTER DR, ST. GEORGE, UT

Featured Exhibits Include:

- Mall Dr & 3000 E Widening Project (St. George City)
- 1450 S (St. George City) to Southern Pkwy SR-7 (Washington)
- 1450 South River Road to I-15 Extension (St. George City)
- UDOT Washington County Area Overview (UDOT)
- I-15 Capacity Upgrades (UDOT)
- SR 7 Exit 5 (St. George City)
- Long Range Transportation Planning
- SR 7 Exit 12 (Washington City)
- Old Hwy 91; 200 E. to Shiwits (Ivins)
- St. George Regional Airport (Master Plan)
- Zion Corridor Trail (Greater Zion)
- Active Transportation Projects (St. George City)
- Toquerville Bypass (Toquerville City)
- Hurricane City Masterplan and Active Transportation
- Zero Fatalities Truck Smart VR Interactive (UDOT)

"There's a lot of improvements and upgrades which will be needed to safely handle the anticipated annual growth of 3% in Washington County," said Cameron Cutler, Public Works Director for the City of St. George. "Now is the time to get involved. Stop by the Expo, share your thoughts and learn more."

