

IVINS CITY NEWS

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Meeting Schedule

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

Planning Commission

May 3, 2022
May 17, 2022 (nothing
scheduled)

City Council

May 5, 2022
May 19, 2022

Arts Commission

May 11, 2022

Blu Can Dates:

May 9, 2022
May 23, 2022

Dumpster Dates:

May 7, 2022
May 21, 2022



AWARD WINNING

Article by: Chris Hart, Mayor

I received an email a few weeks ago from the International Concrete Association (ICA) congratulating me on Ivins City winning their 2021 regional award for the most creative use of concrete tilt up wall panels on our replacement City Hall to be awarded at a banquet in Salt Lake City on April 29th at the Little America Hotel. I thought “well that sounds pretty cool,” so I contacted Nathan Leavitt from VCBO Architecture and Gene Madsen from Hughes General Contractors with the news. They were both very pleased and informed me that it actually was a big deal in the construction world and that they would be attending the banquet with me to receive the award.

For those who don’t know, our new City Hall was built using concrete tilt up wall panels as a cost saving measure, but the architects designed each panel to look like several stacked horizontal sections of different sizes, colors and textures. The Hughes’ construction team figured out how to achieve the look they were after by segmenting each panel and sand blasting the individual sections to a greater or lesser degree yielding what we now see as the façade of our building. I thought the outcome was terrific and apparently their professional peers agree.



Shortly after I received that email Benny Sorensen our Parks and Recreation Director nonchalantly announced in a City Council Meeting that Ivins City had just won two prestigious awards from the Utah Parks and Recreation Association (UPRA), the first for Best Facility in 2022 for Fire Lake Park at Ivins Reservoir and the second for Best Program in 2022 for Bingo in the Park that Sarah Nash our Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator created and has run successfully and safely through the entire COVID crisis. These are both well-deserved awards that highlight excellence on the part of our Parks and Recreation Department in providing fun and safe recreational facilities and programs for us to enjoy here.

If there was an award for the most fun single event in the State that would have to go to Benny and Sarah again for our annual Easter Egg Hunt (that they have renamed the Easter Egg Scramble because there’s no hunting involved.) My sons that live in Washington and hundreds of other visitors bring their families each year to join with our Ivins families for this event. After the countdown from ten to zero at precisely 9:00 AM the kids swarm three separate soccer fields each hosting a designated age group and within forty five seconds ten thousand plastic eggs are gathered in and it’s over. Following the kids scramble a few left over boxes of eggs are spread out in the center field and the adult scramble takes place. It may actually be more fun to watch than the kids scramble. Mostly adult men push each other aside to scoop arms full of eggs into their shirts. I hope the kids weren’t watching. SCI Police Sergeant Nick Hallman videoed the kids event from above using the Department’s aerial drone. His video will soon be available on YouTube for all of us to see.



This year shortly before the scramble was to begin an anonymous resident approached Sarah with ten ten-dollar bills that he asked her to hide in some of the kids eggs. Our City Royalty accomplished the task just before the event began and ten lucky children went home ten dollars richer. Among them was my grandson Lincoln who as his family was driving home opened an egg to discover one of them which he held up from the back seat proudly announcing that he got a ten dollar bill but “it’s okay, there was candy in the egg also.” Thank you to the generous resident who donated those bills to make the event extra special for a few lucky kids.

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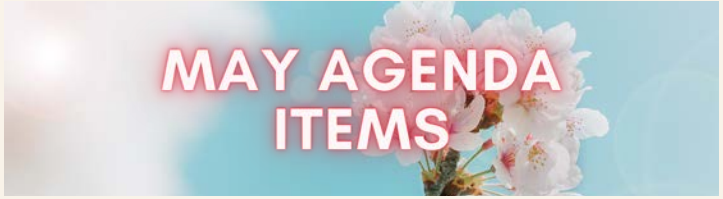
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Speaking of our Ivins Royalty we held our Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant 2022 on April 9th at Snow Canyon High School under the direction of Jennifer



Horne with the help of her daughter Callie, a former Miss Ivins herself, Abby Despain our 2021 Miss Ivins with her Royalty, and Brittany Hollinshead, a former Mrs. Ivins & Mrs. Utah who represented Utah in the Mrs. America pageant in Las Vegas a few years ago. Eight beautiful, smart and talented young ladies competed for the crown and in the end Bella Waggoner won the title of Miss Ivins 2022. Her First Attendant is Keirra Campbell, her Second Attendant is Avery Nickle and Miss Congeniality is Piper Doty. All of the contestants were so talented I don't know how the judges made their decisions but we congratulate our new 2022 Ivins Royalty. The winner will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship, her two Attendants will each receive \$500.00 scholarships and Miss Congeniality a \$250.00 scholarship. They've been put to work already helping out at the Easter Egg Scramble and at the County Fair.

I'm personally grateful and I think I speak for all our residents in thanking Benny, Sarah, Joseph Rawlinson our Parks Supervisor and Arborist and the entire Parks and Recreation staff for the marvelous job they do keeping our parks and other city landscapes looking so good and our many recreational programs working so well. We're lucky to have them.



The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the May 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 sallene@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 May 3, 2022

- Discuss and consider recommendation of Preliminary Plan for Desert Cove Subdivision, located at approximately 200 North and 600 West.
- Discuss and consider recommendation of Preliminary Plan for Vista Subdivision, located at approximately 145 West and 100 South.
- Discuss and consider approval of Final Plat for Indigo Trails, Phase 2-C, located at approximately Wild Indigo Way.
- Public Hearing on proposed city-wide Land Use Map, Zoning Map & General Plan amendments as discussed in recent Planning Commission meetings and Open Houses.

Planning Commission May 17, 2022

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

City Council May 5, 2022

- Public Hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed amendments to the Non-Residential Table of Uses (Table 33-2).
- Discuss and consider tentatively adopting the Tentative Budgets to complete FYE 2022 and for FYE 2023.

City Council May 19, 2022

- Public hearing, discussion and consideration of the Tentative Budgets to complete FYE 2022 and for FYE 2023, including budgets for the following funds: General Fund; Debt Service Fund; Special Revenue Funds (Public Safety, Streets & Parks); Capital Projects Fund; Water Fund; Sewer Fund; Storm Drain Fund; and Municipal Building Authority Fund.
- Discuss and consider approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation on a Preliminary Plan for Desert Cove Subdivision, located at approximately 200 North and 600 West.
- Discuss and consider approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation on a Preliminary Plan for Vista Subdivision, located at approximately 145 West and 100 South.
- Possible continued discussion regarding exterior building color (LRV).
- Possible presentation and discussion of Planning Commission's recommendations on proposed city-wide Land Use Map, Zoning Map & General Plan amendments.



IRONMAN COMPETITION RULES OF THE ROAD

Ironman is upon us, and with that means increased cycling activity in Ivins, with both local and visiting athletes training for the race. In addition, we have two new local businesses that rent e-bikes, so you have no doubt noticed an increase in e-bike traffic as well. This would be a good time to refresh everyone's knowledge of Utah cycling laws.

- A bicycle is considered a motor vehicle in the State of Utah. As such, they can legally be on the road. Cyclists, it is also your responsibility to be visible, and follow the rules of the road.
- Motorists are required to follow the "3-foot law," that is, give a cyclist at least three feet when passing.
- It's always preferable to see cyclists using designated bike lanes and are encouraged to do so. However, at times the lane may contain debris or another obstacle that would create a hazard, and the cyclist may have to avoid the bike lane altogether. Motorists should be understanding of this.
- It is legal for a cyclist to take the "full lane" if conditions along the side of a ride are hazardous, or if the cyclist is passing parked cars to avoid being "doored."
- It is now legal in Utah for a cyclist to "roll through" a stop sign if there is no traffic. Otherwise, cyclists must stop at stop signs and proceed as they would driving a vehicle.
- It is also now legal in Utah for a cyclist to stop at a red light, and then proceed through it if there is no traffic. Otherwise, cyclists must wait for a green light before proceeding.

Let's all be a little more courteous, put safety first and have fun out there.

5/14
2022

Neighborhood JustServe Project

Come Help Us Make Travel Hygiene Kits for Ukrainian Refugees

Collect the following items and bring them with you on May 14 from 10 am to Noon and we will assemble them into ziplock bags:
Shampoo, Deoderant, Bar of soap, Washcloth, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb!
(Items must be new)



Place:
Church at 625 East Center Street in Ivins

Time:
10 am to 12 Noon

When:
Saturday, May 14, 2022

Also needed:
Feminine pads & Baby Diapers

Lifting Hands International
St. George, Utah
5/14 2022





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

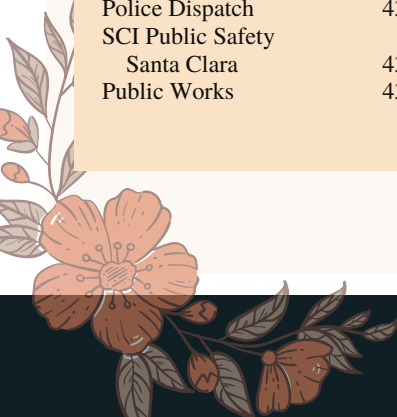
Utility Payment Drop Box
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

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.wcswo.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)



"BE REPAIRED"

By: Volunteer Emergency Preparedness Committee

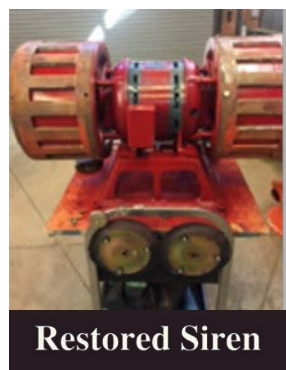
Many years ago (before SUVs were popular) my brother spent a couple of years working on the Navajo reservation. Roads were rough visiting the remote hogans, so he drove an International Harvester Scout, an off-road vehicle newly created as a competitor to the Jeep. With breakdowns common the Scout motto soon became "Be Repaired".

Preparing for the test of the Ivins City disaster response system last fall, we found out that the siren on top of the firehouse was not working, in fact no one had ever remembered hearing it work. We substituted fire engine sirens for the test, but few people heard them. It was decided to see if we could get the siren working. In stepped Wilson Jimenez, Ivins City fleet mechanic and general handyman.

The process was like restoring a vintage automobile. After removing the bird's nests accumulated over the years, Wilson cleaned up the siren by removing the rust and realigning the siren parts. He determined that the motor built in the 1920s was burned out and that rewinding the motor would be much less expensive than buying a new siren. So after rewinding, the siren was ready to go.



Bird's nest in siren



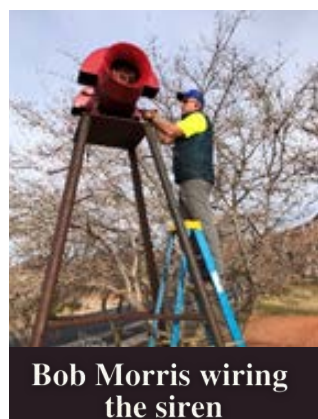
Restored Siren

The motor driving the siren was a 3-phase, 240 V motor, but the building was only wired for single-phase power - no wonder the motor burned out. It was obvious that a licensed electrician would be needed. Bob Morris of Red Mountain Electric stepped in, volunteering his time and expertise to solve the electrical problems. Rather than bringing in 3-phase power from the power company, Bob recommended a single-to-three-phase Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), which would 1) convert the 1-phase power of the building to 3-phase power needed by the motor, 2) provide sufficient current to run the motor, and 3) modify the frequency from 0 Hz to the 60 Hz needed for the motor, giving the siren a "ramp-up" and "ramp down" effect characteristic of sirens.

The system had to be rewired to make sure it was up to code. A key switch was added to turn the siren on and off as well as a safety disconnect switch. The VFD had to be programmed for the specific application of the siren. After several tests, the siren is ready for future system tests. It may not be loud enough to be heard from every location in the city, but it is much better than what we have had in the past.



VFD



Bob Morris wiring the siren

I learned a lesson from this experience. Sometimes we have purchased equipment that could be useful in case of emergencies but after several years they may not be functional. It would be wise to test what we have available and repair what needs to be repaired so we can depend on it when needed. I will always remember the Scout motto - BE REPAIRED!





School Updates

Red Mountain Elementary

Kindergarten and new student registration is now open. Registration needs to be done online. You can access it from our website rmes.washk12.org or the district website washk12.org. Once the registration is complete you will need to bring an original birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency (utility bill, rental or mortgage bill, etc.) to the school. You can come in any time Monday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We will be holding a kindergarten open house on May 20th at 9:15 a.m. This is for all incoming kindergarten students and their parents.

We will be hosting a summer code camp for students this year. If your child is interested in participating, have them pick up a registration form in the office.

The school district will provide summer lunches during the month of June at the back of the school. This is available to any families in our area.

Office staff will be limited during the summer. We will be checking messages and responding at least once a week.

Vista Charter School

Congratulations to Mrs. Ghidossi DeLuca, Vista's orchestra teacher, who won Educator of the Year from the St. George Masonic Lodge!

Dixie State University's show choir, Raging Red, visited Vista's show choir to workshop and share performances with one another.

Vista students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at Dixie State University's Code Camp Girl Power, a programming, design and entrepreneurship contest for girls.

Percussion, Band, and Orchestra students traveled to SUU to participate in their Middle School Music Festival.

Vocal Xpressions, a 6th and 7th grade choir, spent the day in Logandale, Nevada at the Fair, where they performed and enjoyed rides.

Art students participated in their own Chalk Painting Festival on Vista's school grounds, creating works of art with chalk.

Dancers of all ages presented their Spring Dance Concerts at the Tuacahn Center for the Arts' Hafen Theatre.

The community is invited to a free performance of the 9th-12th grade Youth Symphony of Southern Utah on Mon May 9 at Kayenta Center for the Arts.

May is filled with end-of-school-year activities and performances.

The last day of school is Thursday, May 26.



Public Safety

YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS AND CROSSWALKS

Recently the police department completed a special enforcement project involving driver's failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. In Utah there are approximately 10 codes involving pedestrian requirements and driving requirements when the two are involved.

During the project we discovered many drivers who were not keeping effective driver awareness or who did not understand their requirements. I have had personal experiences when walking in a roundabout or trying to cross a road with my bike where drivers simply ignored the yielding requirement. Experienced drivers were completely unaware I was trying to cross, or simply ignored the law. I also noted drivers rarely slowed down to a reasonable speed to complete the roundabout. Here are a few reminders:

If you are a pedestrian:

- a. A pedestrian may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. You cannot create a hazard by abruptly entering the path of a vehicle.
- b. Pedestrians are required to use the sidewalk if one is present. If no sidewalk is available, you must walk on the shoulder as far from the roadway as possible. If there is no shoulder you must walk on the left side facing traffic.
- c. You are required to obey all traffic signs and signals that apply to pedestrians.
- d. When crossing outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, you must yield to all vehicles on the roadway.

If you are a driver:

- e. The driver of a vehicle cannot operate a vehicle within 3 feet of a pedestrian.
- f. At a stop sign or yield sign, motorists must also yield to pedestrians in the adjacent crosswalks.
- g. Motorists must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk on the motorist's half of the roadway or if the pedestrian is fast approaching from the opposite half.
- h. At school crosswalks with lights flashing, motorists must come to a complete stop if anyone is in a crosswalk,
- i. Motorists are required to yield to all pedestrians and other traffic on a sidewalk.
- j. Stopping, standing, or parking vehicles on a sidewalk, safety zone, or crosswalk is prohibited.

This leaves the roundabouts! When a pedestrian is crossing, and they get to the center area, the approaching traffic must yield to the pedestrian. The key to this is entering the roundabout with a reduced speed and special attention to the pedestrian attempting to cross.



**LOVE YOUR PETS!!!!
LEAVE THEM HOME WHEN
RUNNING ERRANDS,
NOT IN A HOT CAR.** PIC•COLLAGE

IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER

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



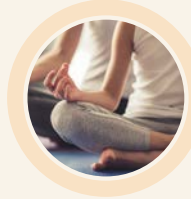


Parks and Recreation

ATTENTION

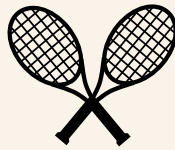
We have had a problem in the past few months with people going into the landscape buffers that we maintain and chopping trees completely down, butchering plants and trees or planting plants in the landscape buffer. We refer to these incidents as vandalism and we treat it the same as any other vandalism that happens in the city. We have a well-trained staff who know how to care for them, and we prefer that they be the ones deciding the fate of the plants we have responsibility for. Please, if you have a concern about plants or anything else in our parks or maintenance areas, please call our office and let us know.

*Thanks - Parks & Rec. Dept.
435-628-7719*



Zoom Yoga

Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.
Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
Please contact the Parks and Rec Dept at 435-634-7719 or instructor Kim Nally to 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.



Youth Summer Tennis Camp

A fun and organized tennis camp that offers youth and adults the opportunity to explore skills and fundamentals of tennis in a nonjudgmental, positive environment. Come join us! Taught by local tennis pro Stephanie Judd.
Monday June 6 - Thursday, June 9
Little Ace: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. (for ages 5-8)
Big Ace: 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. (for ages 9-12)
Advanced: 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (for ages 13+)
UNITY Park Tennis Courts
\$50/participant. Register online at ivins.recdesk.com

Flag Football Registration - For ages 6 to 12

Registration will be open May 20 through August 12 for our youth flag football leagues! You can register online at ivins.com or in person at City Hall (85 N Main St).
Registration Fee: \$26
Season begins mid-September - Games will be played on weekday evenings
The age divisions for this league will be as follows:
Ages - 6 to 8 Coed (Mondays & Wednesdays)
Ages - 9 to 12 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Ages determined as of October 31, 2022



Sports Survey

We're seeing the interest in starting some new sports leagues for new age groups! Fill out our survey to let us know what you'd want to join!
<https://forms.gle/vxwRnCVSo942Djvx6>

IVINS CITY
CONCERT IN THE PARK
Friday May 13th 2022
7pm
Ivins City Heritage Park
(50 N 50 W)
FREE
Come listen to some amazing local acoustic duos!

GENE AND DANNY
GENE GIBSON AND DANNY STARK

THE CAL ZEPHYR PROJECT
ALLEN STANLEY AND KELLY PENTICO

DIRE DIRT
STEVE STEWART AND STEVEN DEAN



Public Works



UPCOMING STREET SEALING PROJECTS

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

Ivins City is looking forward to the the 2022 Spring Street Sealing Projects. This work is scheduled to be completed during the month of May and June. You may have noticed City public works crews applying a rubberized mastic seal to street cracks over the several of months. This is usually done in preparation of a surface reseal and resurfacing. Our plan is to apply three asphalt sealing technologies. We have contracted to complete following treatments:

Holbrook Asphalt has been contracted to apply a high density mineral bond, a proprietary product also known as HA5, over 580,000 square feet of asphalt. This spray on asphalt seal locks out moisture and prevents oxidation from the sun. The following roads are included:

- 855 S (from 200 E to 400 E) and connecting roadways
- Lees Circle and 675 S Circle
- Quail Cove Subdivision
- Kwavasa Drive from 450 N to Dry Wash
- Cameo Park Subdivision
- Various new subdivisions constructed in the past year or two.

American Pavement Preservation has been contracted to apply a slurry seal over 600,000 square feet of asphalt. Slurry seal is an application of oil and sand slurry mix that is poured out over the asphalt to form a quarter inch thick layer of new asphalt to help heal cracks and extend the life of pavements. The following roads are included:

- Red Rock Subdivision
- 400 East from 600 South to Pioneer Parkway
- 600 South from 200 E to Main St
- 175 E and 150 E from 400 S to 600 S
- 400 S from 100 W to Puerto Drive
- 170 W, 120 W of Shadow Canyon Subdivision
- 400 W from 200 N to 300 N

Finally, Ivins City is going to be installing an overaly of new asphalt on 800 South from 400 E to 100 E. The City has already been smoothing out some of the dips in the roadway with skin patches of asphalt. The overlay will cover the entire surface. If you live on one of the impacted streets, you will be sent a notification at least 24 hours before the road shutdown.

Ivins City has been investing money in making sure that we have good roads that will last as long as possible before needing reconstruction. Studies have shown that every dollar spent to keep roads maintained will save ten dollars of possible reconstruction. These annual projects will help the City's roads stay in good shape into the future.

Please visit www.ivins.com for maps and schedules more up to date.



Pavement Maintenance: This years' pavement maintenance projects are scheduled for April and May. The City will also be restriping the majority of Center Street. Anticipate minor delays and detours.

CenturyLink Fiber Upgrades: CenturyLink is working throughout Ivins during the month of May to increase the fiber network in the City. The impacts should be fairly minor, but there are a couple locations where they will be working in the roadways and will cause some minor delays.

WATER WISDOM

Help the City reach its goal to reduce water use by 10% over the next 10 years.

Outdoor Tip: Don't water more than three times per week in May.

Watering between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. is not allowed.

Indoor Tip: Take short showers instead of baths. Fix water leaks!

This is important to our future!

For more tips go to: ivins.com or Slowtheflow.org



Explore the Arts in Ivins

Upcoming Events

Center for the Arts at Kayenta

Please check with venue directly for any cancellations or postponements.

ART EXHIBIT "FANTASY, IMAGINATION & DREAMS: 2D AND 3D OPEN"

Dates: May 4 - June 1, 2022
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

RIRIE WOODBURY DANCE COMPANY

Dates: May 6 - 7, 2022
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 - \$30

FREE - YOUTH SYMPHONY OF SOUTHERN UTAH CONCERT

Date: May 9, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
FREE

FESTIVAL OF THE AMERICAS

Dates: May 13 - 15, 2022
Time: Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

5 DAY ARTISIT WORKSHOP WITH ANITA LEHMANN

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
Dates: May 16 - 20, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.
Tuition: \$500

MERCURY: PLANET OF FIRE AND ICE

Date: May 17, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$15

AN ARTIST'S ADVINTURE THROUGH THE HILL TOWNS OF ITALY

Date: May 19, 2022
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$15

BACH'S MASTERWORKS CLASSICAL CONCERT WITH DR. KA WAI YU & URS RUTISHAUSER

Date: May 21, 2022
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuacahn Amphitheater Events

Please check with venue directly for any cancellations or postponements.

WONDERLAND PREVIEW:

Dates: May 13, 14, 24, and 25
Time: 8:45 p.m.
Tickets start at \$30

MARY POPPINS PREVIEW

Dates: May 20, 21, 23 and 25
Time: 8:45 p.m.
Tickets start at \$30

WONDERLAND

Dates: May 28 and 31
Time: 8:45 p.m.
Tickets start at \$49

MARY POPPINS

Dates: May 27 and 30
Time: 8:45 p.m.
Tickets start at \$49

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



COYOTE T•A•L•E•S

Coyote Tales has become a much anticipated part of the community arts culture and the most recent event, held April 30th at Ivins City Park, did not disappoint. Nine storytellers captivated the audience with lively, funny, and touching narratives based on the theme, Silver Linings.

Saturday's event was a welcome start to our 2022 storytelling season. Many thanks to Sara Nash and Ivins City Parks and Recreation who transformed the park into a theater. Story lovers were able to enjoy the diverse and varied group of tellers fearlessly sharing some of their lives' most meaningful events outdoors under the stars while picnicking and basking in Red Mountain's beauty.

The evening began with a pre-show BYOP (bring your own picnic) and bluegrass music provided by Joe and Paula Ferario of Stillhouse Road. Once the stories began, the audience was transfixed by each teller's unique and authentic performance. Local tellers were joined on stage by visiting storytellers, Jesse Parent, Todd Petersen, and Jeffrey Owens. It was local author and storyteller, Lyman Hafen's second appearance on our stage, and he masterfully demonstrated why he is one of southern Utah's favorite sons. His telling was everything a good story should be, honest, poignant and touching. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Brady Udall was unable to share his tale. Mr. Udall has promised to take the stage at a future event as soon as he is able.

The evening's stories brought together a diverse audience made up of individuals from a broad cross section of Ivins' residents. We were as one as we listened to each teller's unique voice. Coyote Tales hopes that each event will foster community spirit through the telling of these well-crafted stories. Our stage is a no-pressure arena to celebrate our diversity, our community and our experiences. By sharing our stories, Coyote Tales believes we – as a community - become more connected and involved.

Coyote Tales is planning a June event (exact date TBD) and we are delighted to say that we will be on stage on Saturday the weekend of The Ivins City Heritage Days Festival. We have some amazing tellers lined up, but there is room on the stage for you too.

For more information on Coyote Tales, to hear audio of previous events or to see future dates and themes for upcoming events, please check out our website <https://coyotetalesstories.com/>

