



# IVINS CITY NEWS

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## Meeting Schedule

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

### Planning Commission

November 14, 2023

### City Council

November 2, 2023

November 16, 2023

### Arts Commission

November 7, 2023

## Blu Can Dates:

November 6  
November 20

## Dumpster Date:

November 4



## OPEN SPACE

ARTICLE BY CHRIS HART, MAYOR

In our most recent Talkabout our panel of experts helped us understand more clearly the various means of acquiring open space. In our city-wide survey taken a year ago, you our residents resoundingly affirmed that preserving open space and farm lands within the city is a high priority. Without question it would be one of the best means of retaining our rural atmosphere and the beauty of our natural environment. Since most property owners aren't willing to hand over their deeds as a gift to the city, the cost of acquiring open space is the biggest obstacle to obtaining it.



As it turns out there are those who have donated if not their land itself, conservation easements on their land prohibiting future development to keep it in its natural state. If you are a property owner who wishes to do that, please contact me. In almost all cases, however, the land or a conservation easement on the land must be purchased. It's too bad we didn't have a companion question on the survey that read; "How do you propose that we fund the acquisition of open space?" Elaine York representing The Nature Conservancy along with Steven Snow and our own Chris Blake with the Virgin River Land Preservation Association as presenters on the Talkabout panel echoed that point. It is only through acquiring, by gift or by purchase, either fee title ownership or conservation easements on those parcels that open space can be permanently preserved.

The encouraging news is that their organizations have accomplished all of those types of acquisitions many times over in the past. They are experienced fundraisers, grant writers and negotiators. I am hopeful that with their help we can identify parcels of land within Ivins' boundaries and to eventually acquire at least some of them. It is my intent with Council consent to launch an Open Space Task Force beginning next year that would include a representative from the City Council, the Planning Commission, the Sensitive Lands Committee and some of our residents with Chris Blake as its Chair.

Their first task will be to identify, prioritize and recommend to the Council parcels of land that we ought to buy or secure Conservation Easements upon. Once authorized their second task will be that through combinations of private donations, securing available grant monies and perhaps even recommending that the Council allocate budgeted funds for that purpose, some of these parcels or easements would be purchased. Typically in these types of transactions titles are transferred to a 501(c)3 entity rather than the city itself for permanent management of the property. In this case that would likely be the Virgin River Land Preservation Association soon to be known as the Virgin River Land Trust that for decades has assisted other communities in Washington and Kane Counties to succeed in their efforts.

I will keep you updated on this effort and invite applications for participation in the Open Space Task Force in an upcoming Newsletter.

Speaking of Task Forces, it is also my intent to revive our Affordable Housing Task Force that has been dormant for the last several months. I recently attended the Housing Action Coalition (HAC) Forum at the Dixie Center where I listened to a number of presenters talk about their creative ideas for improving housing affordability, ideas worthy of our consideration on a local level.

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New or updated Federal, State and private sector programs offer help to qualified homebuyers to successfully achieve home ownership. Clever ideas on making more affordable developments also more attractive and providing housing through self-help programs were also presented. There will be some challenging Council discussions ahead on how to meet the goals of our survey and legally comply with State requirements to provide more attainable housing for lower income families. You may hear words like modular-housing, smaller lots, reduced setbacks and variations on traditional zoning at least come up in those conversations. But it is my belief that with some creative thinking we can in our typically Ivins way do an extraordinary job of dealing with that difficult problem.

Historically that Task Force has been chaired by our Zoning Administrator Michael Haycock, but the Council will likely want to weigh in providing direction as to their makeup, research efforts and discussions. There will also be opportunities on this committee to serve your community, so watch for the invitation to apply that will likely piggyback with the Open Space Task Force request appearing in an upcoming newsletter. Thank you in advance for your interest in helping.



**ARTICLE BY: SANTA CLARA IVINS PUBLIC SAFETY**

TODAY, MANY PEOPLE GET CALLS FROM NUMBERS THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING THESE CALLS HAVE MANY DIFFERENT MOTIVES. THEY COULD BE TRYING TO GET MONEY, PERSONAL INFORMATION, OR EVEN INFORMATION ON YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS. EVEN IF THE PHONE NUMBER APPEARS FROM THE AREA, A SCAMMER COULD BE CALLING FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET FAKE PHONE NUMBERS TO MATCH THE AREA CODES OF WHERE THE SCAMMER MAY BE CALLING. THE "DO NOT CALL" REGISTRY IS ONE GOOD WAY TO HELP PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHONE SCAMS. YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ON THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WEBSITE (DONOTCALL.GOV) AND REPORT UNWANTED CALLS ON THE WEBSITE. REMEMBER THAT SCAMS ARE NOT ONLY THROUGH A PHONE CALL BUT CAN COME THROUGH AS A TEXT MESSAGE. TREAT THIS NO DIFFERENTLY THAN AN ONLINE SCAM. DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS SENT TO YOU, DO NOT PROVIDE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION, AND BE SURE TO DELETE THE TEXT. ALSO, LOOK AT THE TIME THE TEXT MESSAGE WAS SENT. SOME OF THE MORE RECENT TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS HAVE BEEN SENT AROUND TWO OR THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. IF YOU ARE EVER LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM SCAMS, CONTACT THE SANTA CLARA-IVINS POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (435) 652-1122 OR [POLICE@IVINS.COM](mailto:POLICE@IVINS.COM).

## NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the November 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](http://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](mailto:sallen@ivins.com). If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari D. Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or [kjimenez@ivins.com](mailto:kjimenez@ivins.com).

**Planning Commission, October 31, 2023**  
(NO MEETING – HALLOWEEN)

**Planning Commission, November 14, 2023**

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed Sensitive Lands Zoning text amendment & map amendment.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed Subdivision Text amendments regarding Subdivision application and review Process.

**City Council, November 2, 2023**

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a land use amendment from HDR (high density residential) and LDR (low density residential) to CR (commercial resort) and a zoning amendment from RA-5 (residential agricultural, minimum lot size 5 acres) and RE-15 (residential estates, minimum lot size 15,000 sq. ft.) to RC (resort commercial) on approximately 31.107 acres locate at approximately Kwavasa Drive and Kayenta Parkway.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a zoning amendment from RA-5 (residential agricultural, minimum lot size 5 acres) to RE-37 (residential estates, minimum lot size 37,000 sq. ft.) on approximately 98.11 acres located at approximately north of Kaleva and Kwavasa.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration on Ivins City proposed Water Conservation Plan.
- Discuss & consider approval of Ordinance No. 2023-21 amending regulations for landscaping and water conservation for developing land in Ivins City.
- Discuss & consider approval of a Preliminary Plan for Movara Fitness Resort Spa Suite expansion located at approximately 290 West Fitness Way.
- Discuss & consider updating RAP application for the Arts, use of remaining \$6,000 in RAP funds and future resolution to set aside fixed amount of RAP to fund the Arts Corridor.
- Discuss & consider approval of a renewal of the City Manager employment contract.

**City Council, November 16, 2023**

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a land use amendment from HDR (high density residential) and LDR (low density residential) to CR (commercial resort) and a zoning amendment from RA-5 (residential agricultural, minimum lot size 5 acres) and RE-15 (residential estates, minimum lot size 15,000 sq. ft.) to RC (resort commercial) on approximately 31.107 acres locate at approximately Kwavasa Drive and Kayenta Parkway.
- Possible Public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed Sensitive Lands Zoning text amendment & map amendment.



# SCHOOL UPDATES

**Red Mountain Elementary**  
Jennifer Leavitt, Principal



ACADEMICS • ARTS • TECHNOLOGY

Justin Blasko, Principal

Vista School students were honored to participate in the Huntsman World Senior Games, performing at both the Opening Ceremonies and Hall of Fame Gala.

MathCounts students competed in math challenges against several district middle schools. 8th grade students hiked the Anasazi Trail and learned about petroglyphs from an archaeologist. Hogle Zoo came to visit, bringing live animals as they taught our 2nd grade students.

Performers from the summer season of Tuacahn Center for the Arts musicals came to Vista to sing, answer questions, and teach choreography to our students!

At the Utah Shakespeare competition, Vista School's Dance Company took first place in ensemble in their division! SAINT, Vista's new high school pre-professional classical and contemporary ballet company took first place in trio and in ensemble in their division!

Go to [www.vistautah.com](http://www.vistautah.com) to purchase tickets to The Nutcracker, with performances November 30th through December 4th. A fun family tradition!



October was a busy month of learning at Red Mountain Elementary. Students and staff are doing an amazing job! We appreciate the continued support we receive from parents and the community.

On November 10th at 9:15 a.m. our local Veterans will lead us in a flag ceremony to honor Veterans Day. The community and all veterans are welcome to attend.

Some of our upper grade students are preparing to participate in our school and district storytelling festival. They have been working hard to learn and retell some of their favorite stories.

Upcoming events:

November 7: Picture Retakes

November 10: Term #1 Ends

November 10: Veterans' Day Flag Ceremony at 9:15 a.m.

November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break

November 27: Teacher Prep Day - No School for students



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 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

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| 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.wcsww.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)

# PARKS & RECREATION

To Register; go to [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) - Parks & Recreation tab

## Current/Upcoming Program Registrations

**Geology Lecture: The Geological History of Arches National Park and Surrounding Areas - HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Look for more information regarding a Spring lecture in upcoming newsletters.**

### 2024 Youth Basketball

Registration begins in October  
1st & 2nd Grade Division (co-ed) Thursday Evenings  
3rd & 4th Grade Division (co-ed) Tuesday Evenings  
5th & 6th Grade Division (drafted)  
Registration begins – October 1  
Registration ends – November 11  
Play begins in January at Lava Ridge Intermediate School  
We will not be taking teammate requests. Siblings will be placed on the same team.

### Sound Meditation

Bring your curiosity and experience deep relaxation as you are bathed in the extraordinary and profound sounds of crystal singing bowls. Darcie Miller and Mary Hogan, both highly trained practitioners, will create waves of tone and vibration providing an immersive meditation.

When: 1st Friday of each month from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
and 3rd Sunday of each month from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Location: UNITY Park Recreation Room  
Fee: \$35/participant  
\*\*If there are not at least 3 participants registered 1 hour before the beginning of class, class will be canceled.



## Upcoming Events

### Bingo in the Park

Come join us for some Bingo fun!  
Ivins City Heritage Park East Pavilions  
Tuesdays/Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
October 24th to November 16th  
Regular prize Bingo from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45 p.m.!  
Please do not bring your pets.  
Free! No pre-registration required



**HUGE thank you to Costa Vida, Chick-fil-a, TaggNGo, Dairy Queen, MoBettahs, Arctic Circle, Digby's, Harmons, Xetava Gardens, Megaplex, Red Mountain Resort and Kayenta Arts for donating bingo prizes and grand prizes!**

**GOLF SCHOOL**

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Sign up today for:  
**BEGINNING/ NOVICE 5**  
Tues-Thurs  
Oct24 - Nov9  
10:30AM-11:30AM  
Approved vendor for the Select Health Golf Benefit program!

**GOLFINSTITUTEOFAMERICA.COM**  
For questions, call Arnie Billingsley  
Golf School Director  
916-412-8606

## Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

The program this year will be held on December 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Ivins City Cemetery.

If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a wreath, please visit the Wreaths Across America website or contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175217/Overview/?relatedId=158357>

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

TOM JORGENSEN - ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - ADMINISTRATION

**Highway 91 Project:** The Highway 91 project is nearing completion. Once the project is complete the trails will be open for public use, but until then please stay off the trails.

There are a couple sections of trail between Kwavasa and Fire Lake Park that the trail will not be paved with asphalt. The City intends to improve these sections as part of the second phase of construction, which is anticipated to begin toward the middle of 2024.

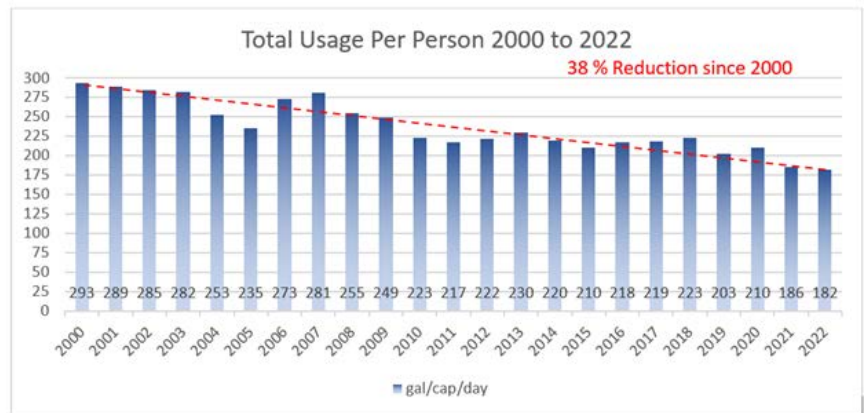
**Pressure Irrigation Pipeline Project:** A couple sections of pipelines will be installed along sections of Kwavasa (600 West) between Center Street and Old Hwy 91. An additional pipeline will be installed along 400 West between 200 South and 400 South. The portion along 600 West has been completed and the section along 400 West will likely be completed within the next couple weeks. Expect only mild disruption along 400 West from this point forward.

## Water Conservation Award and Water Conservation Planning

Big kudos go to Ivins City residents for your superb efforts on reducing water usage. Last month, Governor Spencer Cox handed Mayor Chris Hart as representing Ivins City the 2023 Water Conservation Award. This is the second time Ivins City has received an award for water conservation. A similar award was given by the governor’s office in 2018.



Five years ago Ivins City set a stretch goal to reduce water usage as measured by gallons per capita per day (gpcd) by an additional ten percent over the next ten years. Here we are in the present and Ivins residents have reduced usage by 18 percent from 223 gpcd in 2018 to 182 gpcd in 2022 and the 2023 data is looking even better to make a new low in usage. Thank you to all of you who are conscientious water users who have removed unused grass and installed efficient landscapes. The chart speaks for itself. Water conservation is working.



Ivins City right now is getting ready to adopt a new five-year water conservation plan. The City Council has indicated it wants to continue the current trend and set another goal to reduce water usage by one percent per year. A copy of the new proposed plan is available at [ivins.com](http://ivins.com).

### WATER WISDOM

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

**Outdoor Tip:** Adjust your irrigation timers as it cools. In November, water once per week.

**Indoor Tip:** When handwashing dishes, never let the water run continuously. Wash in a partially filled sink, then spot rinse.

**This is important to our future! For more tips go to: [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) or [www.Slowtheflow.org](http://www.Slowtheflow.org).**

# Explore the Arts in Ivins

## Art on Loan

Artists, this program has been moved to the first quarter of 2024. Once funding has been secured, we will schedule a call to enter. In the meantime, please be sure to register on the Arts Commission website to be sure that you are notified for all future calls.

## RAP Grant Applications

2024 Grant application forms will be available on the Ivins City Arts Commission website by November 3rd. The 2024 RAP grant applications and 2023 evaluations are to be delivered to Ivins City Hall no later than Friday, December 29th by 5pm.

## Out of the Desert

A three-year project to raise funds to create a vibrant visual and physical environment along Center Street from Black Desert Resort to Kayenta Arts Village, filled with colorful art, sculpture and performance. For more information: <https://kayentaarts.org/arts-corridor-project/>

## IVINS ARTS COMMISSION UPDATE

### *Ivins City Arts Corridor*

You may have seen mentions about the “Out of the Desert” project, an expansive multi-year arts project that will create a vibrant Arts Corridor across Ivins City. Through this project, we will center the arts, culture, heritage, and natural environment in city planning as Ivins City continues to flourish as a place to “live artfully.”

Kayenta Arts Foundation is proud to be the primary partner for this ambitious project. The initial phase of the Arts Corridor will begin at Kayenta Art Village and will stretch along Center Street all the way to Black Desert Resort. The project will include an open call to local and regional artists for new commissions of public art throughout the city.

Miranda Wright, Executive Director of the Center for the Arts at Kayenta, submitted a proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) on behalf of the Ivins City Arts Commission and Kayenta Arts Foundation in August, and our fingers are crossed for a \$150,000 arts grant to launch the development of the Arts Corridor. The NEA values cross-sector collaborations between arts non-profits and cities across the country, making this partnership ideal!

The NEA’s Our Town program is highly competitive nationally. Regardless of the outcome of the grant (although our hopes are high!), the Ivins City Arts Commission and Kayenta Arts Foundation are both committed to creating public art and enhancing the quality of life for Ivins. We can’t wait to meet on the other side of our neighborhood walls in our blossoming artistic community.

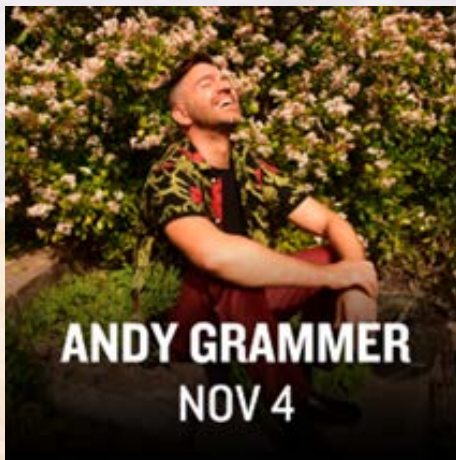
It isn’t too late to pledge your support to the Arts Corridor. Tax-deductible donations are received by Kayenta Arts Foundation and are held in a restricted account for the arts corridor. Donations and pledges can be made at [kayentaarts.org/arts-corridor-project/](https://kayentaarts.org/arts-corridor-project/)



# Explore the Arts in Irvine



For Tickets call the Box Office: 800-746-9882  
For event details visit: TUACAHN.ORG



**TUACAHN MARKET**  
SATURDAYS  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

VENDORS, ARTS, CRAFTS, AND A GIFT SHOP.

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

# COYOTE TALES

## Coyote Tales has a great story for you.

Storytelling – in all its forms – is a powerful bond that connects and unites us as individuals and communities. Through the sharing of stories, our differences matter less and our individuality is celebrated more.

**Listen now.** If you were unable to make it to the Heritage Days Festival show, you can still hear all the tales! Please check out our audio archives on the Coyote Tales website, <https://coyotetalesstories.com/story-archives/>.

# CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Joe Rainey - NIINETA

## Joe Rainey - NIINETA

October 28, 2023  
at 7:30pm

\$35 Adult Admission  
\$10 Students

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## Opening Reception: Found Objects

November 1-December 27, 2023

FREE ADMISSION

KAYENTAARTS.ORG



Found Objects



What the Constitution Means to Me

## What the Constitution Means to Me

by Heidi Schreck

November 9-18, 2023  
7:30pm

\$35 Adult Admission  
\$20 Local Artists  
\$10 Students

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# Ivins Veterans Memorial Fundraiser Golf Tournament



**Saturday, November 11th Veterans Day 9:00am (shotgun start)  
Sunbrook Golf Course 2366 W. Sunbrook Drive**

**Entry Fee \$125 per player; \$500 per team (4 players)**

- Includes lunch
- 4 Player Scramble
- Every player receives a golfer goodie bag
- Prizes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams
- Players without a full team will be combined to create a 4 person team

### Additional Contests:

- Closest to the pin, longest drive, Inner Circle Double, Pink Lady
- Raffle - prizes donated by local merchants including golf equipment, store merchandise, gift cards, and much more!
- Silent Auction for sports and authentic NFL merchandise
- 50/50 Raffle

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### Entry Form:

Team Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Player(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. George Exchange Club Foundation  
Send entry form and check to Ivins Veterans Memorial P.O. Box 222 Santa Clara, UT 84738

***This tournament is a fundraiser to honor Veterans by building a Memorial at the Ivins City Cemetery. All proceeds go toward the monument (veteransmemorialivinscemetery.com)***

Tournament Day/Event check-in/registration (8:00 am) subject to availability-Limit 144 players. Questions? Steve 702-575-3557

