

IVINS NEWS

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Blu Can Dates:

March 11, 2024
March 25, 2024

Dumpster Dates:

March 2, 2024
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Arts Commission (5:00 p.m.)

March 13, 2024

Meeting Schedule

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

Planning Commission

March 5, 2024
March 19, 2024

City Council

March 7, 2024
March 21, 2024



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CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE

CHRIS HART, MAYOR

Residential water use has historically used with sixty percent towards outdoor irrigation and forty percent towards indoor use. That has been changing in Ivins City and other communities in Washington County due to the adoption of restrictive landscape ordinances for new construction. The Water Conservancy District is also relying on the owners of existing homes to capitalize on their turf buy back and other rebate programs to improve their water use and further advance the District's conservation goals. Those programs have taken hold here already and large areas of turf grass have been voluntarily removed in the last two years. Funding for turf buy backs remains available to anyone who wishes to participate in the program.



In a recent "Utah Growing Water Smart" conference attended by several of our elected & appointed officials and staff, we invested three days in training and

developing a plan for Ivins City to further advance our water conservation efforts. Ivins City is already the leading community in the State when it comes to water conservation. We have received the Governor's Award for Excellence in that area twice to prove it. But there are still things that we can do both collectively and individually to advance that cause. The ten year plan that we created at the conference entitled "The Next 10%", meaning the next ten percent of achievable water conservation identifies several of those.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure or AMI is one of the first of those next steps. AMI allows a homeowner through a smartphone app to monitor water use. It provides the means of detecting a leak, a stuck valve or a tap left running very early to minimize the water loss. The data shows that the use of AMI metering reduces intentional water use by 6.6% plus another ten thousand gallons per year in reduced leakage or accidental loss for each hook up. It is an expensive system but it's currently

being heavily subsidized through both State and Federal Agencies. We have applied for a grant to cover the majority of the cost of that city wide system.

Transparent Billing is another change that we intend to make and it is far more economical to do. It involves upgrading the city's billing software to allow us to change the appearance of your monthly utility bill to show water use comparisons to your previous bills and to those of other similar properties around you. Once again the data shows that when armed with that information users across the country have reduced their water consumption.

We also learned at the conference that poorly designed and/or poorly installed residential irrigation systems are the largest single cause of overuse on the outside of a home. In nearly all cases residential irrigations systems are designed and installed by licensed landscape contractors, but because there are no enforced standards some do a better job than others. With the help of our conference facilitator, Professor Kelly Copp and her team from Utah State University Extension Services, we intend to develop a set of residential irrigation standards for Ivins City. To insure compliance, an irrigation system inspection and certification would be required before a Certificate of Occupancy could be issued on a new residence.

Sadly, new homebuyers have no idea if the irrigation system they just paid for is an efficient one or not until the first water bill arrives at which time corrections or changes to the system are unrealistically expensive to make. Having a set of residential irrigation system standards will inform landscape contractors what the expectations are for a residential irrigation system in Ivins and that they must be met. A scheduled system inspection to be performed by a qualified and certified inspector will be required in order to secure an Irrigation Certificate similar to those that are currently required certifying geotechnical and energy code compliance in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

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With the help of Kelly and her team Ivins City will serve as a pilot program for communities statewide for the purpose of developing and enforcing their own residential irrigation standards. Kelly and her team have also graciously offered to come to Ivins to meet with City Officials & Staff and any other interested parties on Wednesday, March 20th, at 3:00 pm at City Hall to talk about those standards. You're welcome to come. They will also provide the panel for our next Talkabout to be held that evening at 7:00 at Rocky Vista University. The Zoom address for that Talkabout is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85925946174> if you wish to join online. Kelly specializes in drought tolerant vegetation, particularly grasses, and conversion techniques that can be used to move from a high water use landscape to one that uses much less. I hope to see you there.

MARCH AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the March 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@ivinsutah.gov. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari D. Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or kjimenez@ivinsutah.gov.

Planning Commission, March 5, 2024

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2023-01 Goals and Strategies of the Moderate-Income Housing Plan, to switch Goal 6 to Goal 18.
- Discuss & consider approval of an Amended Preliminary Plan for Black Stone Subdivision, located at approximately Main Street and Hwy 91.
- Discuss & consider approval of a Partial Amended and Extended Preliminary Plan for "A" (Lot 1) of Circle Cliff Subdivision, located at approximately 320 North Main Street.
- Discuss & review Accessory Dwelling Units.

Planning Commission, March 19, 2024

(Nothing currently scheduled.)

City Council, March 7, 2024

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a proposed Zone Amendment from RMU (Resort Mixed Use) to RC (Resort Commercial) on approximately 4.813 acres located at approximately Guy Lane & Hwy 91.
- Discussion regarding proposed Public Safety budgets for FYE 2025.
- Discuss & consider Interlocal Agreement re: combined Fire/EMS services with Santa Clara.
- Continued discussion regarding updating the General Plan.

City Council, March 21, 2024

- Possible public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation to change one of the goals listed in Ivins City's Moderate Income Housing Plan.
- Continued discussion regarding updating the General Plan.



SCHOOL UPDATES

Red Mountain Elementary

Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

Our Lego League team the Rockin’ Robos were able to compete at the state competition in February. They enjoyed getting to know other teams and had their best run of the season.

New student registration for the 2024-2025 school year is OPEN. Please register your children for kindergarten as soon as possible so we can plan our staffing for the new year. You can do this by filling out the online registration form at washk12.org. Please complete this before contacting the school to complete the registration process. You will need a birth certificate and immunization records. Here are the required immunizations for students to begin kindergarten in August:

Polio- 4, MMR -2, Chickenpox -2, Hep A - 2, Hep B - 3, DPT - 5

Upcoming Events:

- March 5: PTO Meeting @ 9:15 a.m. and Utah Food Bank Distribution @ 3:30 p.m.
- March 11-15: Spring Break
- March 18: Teacher Prep Day
- March 29 and April 1: Easter Break

Vista School

Justin Blasko, Principal

Exciting things are happening every day in academics, technology and performing arts at Vista School!

Bring your family and friends to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat March 1-8 at Vista’s new state-of-the-art theatre. Low cost tickets available at www.vistautah.com.

New student enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open at www.vistautah.com.

Students traveled to Salt Lake City for Honor Choir and for a VEX Robotics tournament. Dance Company students traveled to Las Vegas for a weekend of professional workshops.

Show choir students will spend time at Disneyland this month, performing and attending a professional workshop.

6th - 9th grade students will participate in a Career Fair to learn more about opportunities they can continue to prepare for in high school and college.

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

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

By Benny Sorensen and Sarah Nash
Ivins Parks & Recreation Department

UPCOMING/CURRENT REGISTRATIONS

Baseball Registration

2024 Ivins T-Ball (ages 5&6) and Rookie (coach pitch – ages 7&8)
Registration opened March 1, 2024 online at ivins.recdesk.com and in person at City Hall!

Sound Meditation

Bring your curiosity and experience deep relaxation as you are bathed in the extraordinary and profound sounds of crystal singing bowls.

When: 3rd Sunday of each month from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: UNITY Park Rec Room

Fee: \$35/participant **If there are not at least 3 participants registered 1 hour before the beginning of class, class will be canceled.

Geology Lecture - The Geological History of Arches Nation Park and Surrounding Regions - Presenter Marc Deshowitz

Date: Wednesday, March 27th

Time: 7:00 p.m. at Ivins City Hall (85 N Main St)

Register at ivins.recdesk.com (no fee) to attend in person. Pre-registration is required. If you'd like to watch without attending in person, we will have a YouTube link available for viewing during and after the presentation.



Golf Classes

Register at

www.golfinstituteofamerica.com

Contact Arnie Billingsley - Golf Director at 916-412-8606 for questions/concerns.

To Register for classes/sports programs go to:
<https://ivins.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 6:30 a.m.

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

2024 Hog and Jog 5k Fun Run

Saturday, March 30, 2024, Time: 8:00 a.m.

Come out to the 10th Annual Hog and Jog Family Fun Run and join in the Festivities.

Register at www.hogandjog5k.com

2024 Easter Egg Scramble

Saturday, March 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m., after the Hog & Jog 5k at UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field.

Divisions:

1 - Age 4 and under

2 - Ages 5, 6, 7 and 8

3 - Ages 9, 10, 11 and 12

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



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5 registration fee



Bingo in the Park

It's not spring without Bingo in the Park!

Ivins City Park West Pavilion

When: Tuesdays/Thursdays April 2nd – April 25th

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Regular prize bingo from 5-5:30 p.m. and

special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45 p.m.!

If your business would like to donate prizes, please contact the Parks and Recreation Dept.



PUBLIC WORKS/CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Trail Gap Fill Project: This project is anticipated to begin in March or April, though a start date is not currently known. There are several gaps in the trail network in the city. This project is going to fill four of these gap locations.

1. Center Street (north side) – from Painted Hills Drive to the new portion of Palisades at Snow Canyon. Convert the existing 5' sidewalk to 10' paved asphalt trail.
2. Center Street (south side) – from 200 West to 300 West. Install new 10' paved asphalt trail where no sidewalk or trail currently exists.
3. Center Street (south side) – from 520 West to 600 West. Installing a chat path where no sidewalk or trail currently exists.
4. 600 West – from Center Street down to 100 South (west side) and from 300 South to Old Hwy 91 (east and west side). Installing a chat path where no sidewalk or trail currently exists.



Center Street Power Project: This project is not a city project, but a developer project in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Power. The project includes running new underground power facilities from 200 East along Center Street to Snow Canyon Drive. The conduit and boxes have been installed and the wire will likely be pulled through the conduit sometime in March. The wire installation will likely include some minor traffic disruptions.

Crack Seal Project: This project started in early February but due to weather conditions will likely not be completed until early March. Portions of the following streets will receive application of crack seal: Snow Canyon Parkway, Center Street, 200 East, Snow Canyon Drive, 400 East, and several local neighborhood streets. Anticipate minor traffic disruptions.

WATER WISDOM

Irrigation Tip: In March, try to keep watering at once per week, if it warms up fast you may need twice per week. Consider signing up for rebates to remove grass.

Indoor Tip: Make sure you use high efficiency appliances.

This is important to our future!
For more tips go to: www.ivins.com or www.Slowtheflow.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Storm Drain Planning

By Ivins City Public Works

Storm drain facilities are necessary to our way of life in Ivins City. Without them, major storms would cause roads to wash out, property to be damaged, and potentially even lives could be endangered. The Ivins drainage system consists of 39 plus miles of pipelines, 1,700 manholes and inlets, and over 50 detention basins. Our largest drain pipe is in Main Street where we have a pipeline that is 6 feet in diameter that whisks storm water away from the neighborhoods to the Graveyard Wash.

Ivins City right now is working to adopt an update to the Storm Drain Master Plan. A draft of the update was presented to City Council in February and the City Council will discuss the various components of the plan in March. Eventually the City Council will hold a public hearing and consider adopting the plan. When we update the plan, we look at the several different components of the drainage system.

We start by analyzing criteria that will be used to analyze the system. The City has previously established that the underground drainage pipelines are designed to handle storms with once in ten-year frequency on average. When we have larger storms, these are intended to be contained in the street gutter system. Our goal is that larger storms up to a once 100-year frequency (average) be contained within the gutters of our streets with the intent to minimize property damage. Beyond the 100-year flood, we hope to preserve safety and life.

We then apply these criteria to the existing system and identify the locations of deficiencies. This leads to a proposed capital improvement plan. We also look at the way that growth impacts the storm drain system and make sure that growth pays for its share of the required improvements. The City collects impact fees for each home that is constructed each year to help fund these projects along with the storm drain utility fees that are collected with the utility bills each month from all residences and businesses. Determining the right amount to be charged for these fees is a major task included in this planning project.



If you are interested in this process, consider reviewing the plans and documents that are presented to the City Council, listening to the discussions, and even participating in the upcoming public hearing.

Explore the Arts in Ivins

IVINS ARTS COMMISSION UPDATE

Ivins City Arts Commission applications:

If you have broad experience in art/arts management and have an interest in serving on the 7-member Arts Commission, please complete the online application. Applications are kept and referred to if an opening on the commission arises. Should a term expire, and a vacancy needs to be filled, the Mayor and City Council appoint new Arts Commissioners for a two-year term.

<https://form.jotform.com/233146909515055>

Ivins City Artist Registry:

Artists living and working in Ivins City are encouraged to join the Ivins City Artist Registry. Register online and upload a photo of your artwork at www.ivinsartscommission.com.

Integrated Aesthetics:

The Breadth and Depth of Visual Media

Come support our local Make Space Artists featured in an exhibition at the St George Art Museum

Opening Reception: March 9th from 5 - 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit runs March 9 - May 21

COYOTE T★A★L★E★S

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in an extraordinary night of storytelling February 9th at The Center for the Arts at Kayenta. The evening began with a delightful story told by Ivins resident Lois Andrews. Her tale started with a chance meeting with a charming cowboy while in line at the liquor store. She continued her tale, skillfully weaving in the reality of divorce and the awkwardness of online dating. There was something remarkable in her swagger on stage, alone at the mic, telling a room full of strangers her story. It was pure magic.

NEXT EVENT:

May 10, 2024

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**CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT KAYENTA**

Upcoming Events

Mar 1 FILM
DOCUTAH presents:
Art for Everybody
Thomas Kinkadee's landscapes made him the most collected and despised painter ever. After his death, his family discovers a vault of unseen paintings that reveal a complex artist whose life and work embody our divided America.

Mar 2 CLASSICAL MUSIC
Soiree Musicale:
The Art of Fugue
Chamber music featuring top musicians from the Western United States.

Mar 8 MUSIC
Martha Scanlan & Jon Neufeld
Jon's brilliant innovative guitar playing weaves effortlessly around Martha's timeless songwriting as an award winning folk duo.

Mar 22-24 DANCE
DaEun Jung NORRI
Experience Korean folk opera, original electronic beats, irregular folk rhythms as these dancers reinterpret and transform classical Korean dance.

Mar 26 Voyager Lecture Series
The Hidden World Beneath the Antarctic Ice Sheet
Discover the secrets of the largest block of ice on Earth that covers more than 5.4 million square miles and contains over 68% of all the fresh water in the world.

Mar 30 MUSIC
St. George Jazz: Love & Fusion
The St. George Jazz All-Stars present a blend of love songs from the Great American Song Book paired with contemporary jazz offerings.

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881 Coyote Gulch CT, Ivins, UT 84738



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