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Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.

Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

Planning Commission

April 2, 2024 April 16, 2024

City Council

April 4, 2024 April 18, 2024

Arts Commission (5:00 p.m.)

April 10, 2024

Blu Can Dates:

April 8, 2024 April 22, 2024

Dumpster Date:

April 13, 2024

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KEEPING US SAFE

CHRIS HART, MAYOR

The primary responsibility of the City is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Public Safety consumes the majority of our annual budget and rightly so. Our Police Officers, Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics are the front line of defense against threats to anyone in our community so it is crucial that those departments are adequately staffed with committed, well trained and well equipped personnel. We're fortunate that is the case with both the Santa Clara/Ivins (SCI) Police Department managed by Ivins City and Santa Clara/Ivins (SCI) Fire and EMS Services managed by the City of Santa Clara.

There are national recommended standards for everything having to do with public safety. These recommendations are rarely fully met by any jurisdiction, however, due to the cost of providing the level of service they prescribe. For example, to meet the federal standard of one police officer per thousand residents we would be required to increase our force by half again and drastically increase our budget as a result. Conditions in our two communities simply do not warrant that number of officers to achieve the high level of service we're accustomed to so we consciously do not follow that standard. The same is true for staffing and equipment standards for fire and EMS services. But because there is always more that can be done to bolster either department, we two cities have been compelled to define and agree upon what constitutes acceptable levels of service based on our annual call volumes and their types to hold costs at a level we can afford.

Market forces have driven salaries and equipment costs up considerably over the last few years leaving ours and other cities scrambling to effectively provide these services.

Add to that increased training requirements, mandated equipment upgrades and needed facility improvements and we have a situation that is very difficult to manage. Unlike other city services where fees are raised to compensate for increasing costs, public safety services for the most part are not billed. They are funded primarily through the general fund. When needs in those areas exceed budget capacities cities are left with the unsavory options of either increasing taxes or reducing services in other areas.

Both Ivins and Santa Clara have been wrestling with these problems over the last few budget cycles and are facing them once again in current budget discussions. Cooperatively we have landed on tentative level of service agreements and have budget numbers in hand reflecting them that appear to be manageable. But the Inter-local Agreements that bind us together have been called into question by both sides so a specialized study will be commissioned this year to provide added substance to our future discussions concerning them. For the time being we will continue under the existing agreements in the hopes that our differences of opinion can be reconciled.

We are hosting a Talkabout on Public Safety that will take place on Wednesday evening, April 24th beginning at 7:00 PM, once again at Rocky Vista University. The panel will include Fire Chief Andrew Parker, Police Chief Bob Flowers, and members of their staff. This forum will provide an opportunity to learn where we stand with our current levels of service and to ask questions. If you are unable to attend you may participate via Zoom by using the invitation web address https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89056016329.

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Another area of Public Safety that we continue to develop is Emergency Preparedness. David Williams currently Chairs that important Committee and with his dedicated members, have initiated for the first time since COVID a series of Preparedness Seminars that take place on the second Thursday of each month. Already the topics of gardening and storage of food and water have been exceptionally well covered by interesting and highly qualified presenters. The next one will address Fire Prevention and Earthquake Readiness. It will begin at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Thursday, April 11th. Everyone is invited to attend, but like the Talkabouts our Preparedness Seminars are being recorded and will be available on our City website.

And as a final note, the annual statewide Great Shakeout takes place on Thursday, April 18th. In conjunction with that exercise we will conduct our yearly "Go to the Box" drill. At 6:00 PM everyone is invited to go the nearest Disaster Hub Box to check out the contents and receive training about its use through literature that will be placed in each Box for that purpose. I hope that all of you will look for and take note of the Hub Box nearest to you and schedule that 6:00 hour to walk over to it, open it up, look over its contents, follow the written instructions and read information sheet that's been provided. Thanks in advance for helping us continue to improve this system.

APRIL AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the April Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website www.ivinsutah.gov 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.com.

Planning Commission, April 2, 2024

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of a proposed amendment on additional Subdivision Ordinance Amendments.
- Discuss and consider approval of The Arava Preliminary Plan, located at approximately 200 North and 500 East.
- Discuss & review Accessory Dwelling Units.

Planning Commission, April 16, 2024

• (Nothing currently scheduled.)

City Council, April 4, 2024

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-06 vacating a public utility easement within Serenity Estates, approximately 600 South Main.
- Discuss & consider Resolutions appointing a Planning Commission member, a City Attorney and a Parks & Recreation Director.
- Continued discussion regarding Public Safety budgets for FYE 2025.
- Continued discussion regarding updating the General Plan.

City Council, April 18, 2024

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-07 Amending Moderate Income Housing Plan.
- Continued discussion regarding updating the General Plan.



SCHOOL UPDATES

Red Mountain Elementary

Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

Some of our 5th grade students are enjoying the opportunity to participate in the Young Doctors Club at Rocky Vista University. They are able to learn about a variety of medical topics and specialties from the students there.

This month our students will participate in our Jog-a-thon fundraiser.

If you have a child entering kindergarten at our school next year we would like to invite you to our Kindergarten orientation meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. We will share information about kindergarten and provide your child with a packet of resources.

Vista School

Justin Blasko, Principal

Many district school students gathered at Vista for an exciting two-day Honor Orchestra event, led by Jason Bonham, Principal Violist with the Las Vegas Philharmonic.

Congratulations to our Vista Vikings VEX IQ Robotics team! They will be competing at VEX IQ Worlds in Dallas, Texas for their third consecutive year.

2nd grade students were thrilled to be invited to an egg hunt at the Southern Utah Veterans Home and were able to visit with many of the Veterans there.

6th-9th grade students were able to rotate among a number of presenters for a Career Fair, learning about different careers they may consider and prepare for as they think about their futures.

Several of Vista's 9th grade poets enjoyed Zion National Park for a day and were inspired to write poetry about our county's superb landscape.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

City Hall Animal Services Building/Zoning Justice Court Parks & Recreation Police Dispatch SCI Public Safety Santa Clara Public Works

435-628-0606 435-634-1049 435-634-9753 435-634-5728 435-634-7719 435-634-5730

435-652-1122 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.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)

PARKS & RECREATION

We are so excited to have won an award from the Utah Parks and Recreation Association for Conservation and Sustainability for our newest section of the Ivins City Cemetery, Section 5! This new section has no grass, but instead beautiful desert landscaping to help conserve water for our community!

UPCOMING/CURRENT REGISTRATIONS

Baseball Registration

2024 Ivins T-Ball (ages 5&6) and Rookie (coach pitch – ages 7&8) Registration will close on April 12th, 2024. Age for each division is determined by the child's age on July 1st. For example: If your child turns 5 before July 1st they are old enough to play T-ball. If a child turns 7 before July 1st, they must play Rookie.

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



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.

Youth Summer Tennis Camp

A fun and organized tennis camp that offers youth the opportunity to explore skills and fundamentals of tennis in a nonjudgmental, positive environment. Come join us! Taught by local tennis pro Stephanie Judd.

Dates: Monday June 3 – Thursday June 6 Little Ace: 8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. (for ages 5-9) Big Ace: 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (for ages 10-13) Advanced: 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (for ages 14+)

Location: UNITY Park Tennis Courts

Fees: \$65/participant. Register online at ivins.recdesk.com

GOLF SCHOOL To view class schedules and learn more, visit GolfInstituteofAmerica.com For questions, call Arnie Billingsley Golf School Director 916-412-8606 PRESENTED BY SPONSORED BY WIND CITY BROADLE OF MITH APPROVED VENDOR WITH Pacture Selecthealthory AND BUSS LIVE APPROVED VENDOR WITH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - 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.!

Bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on, if you like. Please do not bring

your pets.

Prizes and GRAND prizes from Kayenta Center for the Arts, Tuacahn, Xetava Gardens, TaggNGo, Feel Love, Arctic Circle, MoBettahs, Chickfil-a, Costa Vida, Dairy Queen and MORE!

Concert in the Park

Mark your calendars! We're looking forward to holding another fun night listening to some amazing local talent, Lainee Stevens and Gary Ford and the Hubcaps!

Date: Friday, May 10th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ivins City Heritage Park





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. The locations include the following:



- 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.

Pavement Maintenance Project: Ivins has a spring pavement maintenance project scheduled for the months of April through June. Generally, these projects don't have a significant impact on travel, but there may be some short delays. Most of the work takes place along the following streets and neighborhoods: Kwavasa, 200 East, 400 East, Puerto Drive, Snow Canyon Parkway, Indigo Trails, Mojave, Red Mountain Terrace, Discovery, and Canyon Cliff. If work is to be done on your local streets you will receive notice at minimum 72 hours in advance.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Washington County Landfill

Event: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Cost: Free (Wash. Co. Residents)

Date: April 13, 2024 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Location: Washington. Co. Landfill - 325 N Landfill Rd, Washington, UT

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Washington County Solid Waste District (WCSW) is hosting the first of two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for 2024 this April 13th. WCSW encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to remove this material conveniently from their homes. Residents may bring in their hazardous material to the Landfill to be disposed of properly or recycled. This is free of charge for any resident of Washington County.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Aerosol Cans
Medical Waste
Pesticides
Car Batteries
Oil
Propane
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Paint
Rechargeable Batteries
Fuel
Paint Thinners
Tires
Herbicides
Paint Supplies



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

Outdoor Tip: In April, don't water more than twice per week. Don't water at all after a rain event. Even better to use a smart timer that does all this for you. Rebates are available.

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

For more tips: Go to slowtheflow.org



IVINS ARTS COMMISSION UPDATE

Art-on-Loan Program

Congratulations to the following artists who have been selected to have their artwork displayed in Ivins from May 2024 – May 2025: Robert Corsetti, Elizabeth Fortney, Kathy Johnson, Ken Lima, Lance Ludlow and Lyman Whitaker. Meet the artists at the Community reception in Council Chambers on May 13, 2024, from 5pm – 7pm.

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.







Upcoming Events

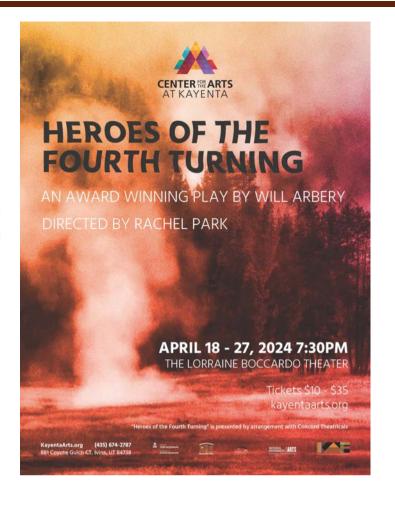
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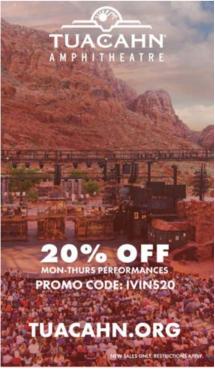
FREE TO THE PUBLIC **SATURDAYS** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. VENDORS, ARTS, CRAFTS,

> AND A GIFT SHOP. **WEATHER PERMITTING**

FOR MORE SHOW LISTINGS **VISIT WWW.TUACAHN.ORG**









Emergency Preparedness Seminar

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH 7:00 P.M.

IVINS CITY COUNCIL ROOM 85 N MAIN ST.



Presenter: Santa Clara-Ivins Fire and Rescue

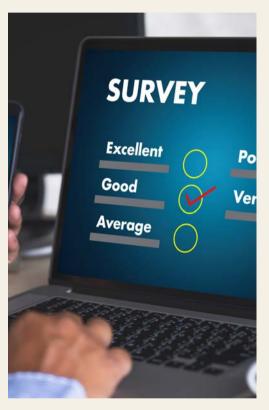
Members of SCI Fire and Rescue will provide information on fire

prevention and earthquake preparedness.

USU WELLBEING SURVEY



YOUR VOICE MATTERS: HOW'S LIFE IN IVINS





Ivins has joined USU's Utah Wellbeing Project to conduct a public wellbeing survey. The survey will report on residents' wellbeing and attitudes about community issues to promote sound planning and decision-making to support the overall quality of life in Ivins.

The interesting thing about this survey is it does not explicitly define well-being. It allows people to explain or interpret what well-being means to them. Using that information, we can really focus on the most important aspects of well-being in Ivins and try to address and promote those.

All residents age 18+ are encouraged to participate in this 10-minute survey. Please share this survey with friends and family. Thank you for supporting our community.

Click this link to access the survey: https://tinyurl.com/Ivins2024

You can learn more at www.usu.edu/utah-wellbeing-project, or contact Dr. Courtney Flint at courtney.flint@usu.edu for more information.