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Meeting Schedule

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

Planning Commission

July 16, 2024

City Council

July 18, 2024

Arts Commission (5:00 p.m.)

July 10, 2024 (CANCELLED)

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Dumpster Date: July 20



GETTING AROUND TOWN

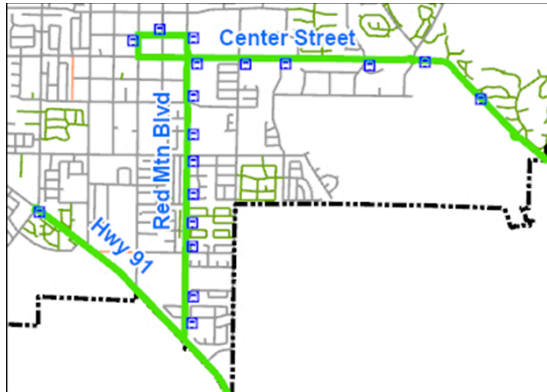
BY CHRIS HART, MAYOR



Ivins was the first city to contract with St. George to bring Suntran bus service to our town. That was nearly ten years ago. The route was limited and the cycle times were long, but it has been

proven to be an important means of transportation for a number of our residents. Suntran provided access to their places of work, the University, the Technical College, medical services and shopping for individuals who did not have or were unable to drive a car. That limited service has continued unchanged till now. I'm pleased to announce that the cycle time has recently been cut in half from eighty minutes to forty, and the route has been modified to include a stop at 400 West on Highway 91 in the heart of our multi-family developments. The leg that provided service to Tuacahn has been eliminated due to lack of use but a stop will be added at Black Desert when they open.

In addition to the upgrade in service, Suntran has recently contracted with Washington City to expand service into their community providing access to additional places of work and shopping centers. Suntran has also expanded service within St. George over that ten year period and is poised to introduce a major new service to Springdale and Zion National Park that will add stops in Hurricane, LaVerkin, Virgin and Springdale. This route has been a long time in the making with start-up funding being provided by UDOT to acquire four new busses and build a new maintenance facility. The expectation is that this new route will provide commuter service for the substantial workforce whose jobs require that they travel to those areas every day and that it will be widely used by tourists traveling from their hotels in St. George to the park.



Public transportation is heavily subsidized by the Federal Government and frankly would not be possible to provide without that help. Busses cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each and bus service is rarely self-sustaining through fares alone. The City of St. George has been more than generous in allowing us to participate in their Suntran service. Once again it would not have been possible for us to offer bus service in Ivins without their help. We are contractually obligated to pay for that service which we fund through a transportation component of our local sales tax but I'm certain that they absorb some of the administrative

and other costs. Local ridership has historically been modest but it will likely grow with the added convenience of more accessible and more frequent stops.

Ivins drivers have noticed a number of improvements to our local roads of late. The Highway 91 phase one project is complete and the City Council recently budgeted for the medians and setbacks to be landscaped. Design work is nearing completion for the second phase of that project that will rebuild Highway 91 all the way to Fire Lake Park and the reservation. Construction on that project should commence early next year.

Significant maintenance and re-striping projects have also been recently completed that included Center Street, Puerto Drive, a portion of 200 East and various other side streets. It certainly spruced up the appearance of the city for the upcoming PGA event but more importantly it has extended the useful life and improved safety on these streets. A great deal of credit goes to Chuck Gillette, Tom Jorgensen and Shiloh Pentz from our Public Works department for establishing and adhering to a maintenance schedule that will save the city millions of dollars long term that would otherwise be spent on the replacement of neglected roads.

The major push is now underway to acquire funding that would allow us to move forward with portions of the Western Corridor now known as the Hamblin Parkway from

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Snow Canyon Parkway at Black Desert to Highway 91 near 100 East and from there to Gap Canyon Drive in St. George that drops into the Tonaquint area to provide a more direct and an important alternate route for traffic flowing to Black Desert and the upcoming Retreat at Snow Canyon from the airport diverting it away from Bluff Street and Snow Canyon Parkway.

The controversial Northern Corridor remains bogged down in litigation and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process recently mandated by the BLM. Alternative routes to the one proposed across the National Conservation Area are currently being considered. This essential east-west regional route will likely remain unresolved for some time given the potential impacts to St. George that some other proposed routes would bring about. In the meantime we inch forward towards a time when the transportation system through St. George will become overwhelmed and wait times at traffic signals will be multiplied I'm proud of the transportation system we have in Ivins. Our roads are well maintained and handle our traffic flows well except for a couple of daily hick-ups near Vista School. However, there are areas of remaining concern. Drivers' failure to slow down and yield as they enter our roundabouts continues to be a major safety issue.

If voluntary compliance to the traffic safety rules persists in proving to be insufficient the city will be forced to take more drastic measures like installing speed tables at the crosswalk entrances to our roundabouts to protect pedestrians and traffic within the circle from careless drivers. Speeding has long been a problem on Puerto Drive where a major traffic calming re-striping project was just completed to offer safer passage for children walking to nearby Vista School and the residents along that street. It remains a problem in many other areas of the city as well prompting us to always be looking at various measures to reduce it. Flashing speed monitors are routinely placed on problem roadways and speeding citations are regularly written, but so far they have not solved the problem. Ultimately that will be up to us as drivers to fix.

JULY AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the July 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.

Planning Commission, July 16, 2024

- Discuss and consider approval of Sage Villas Phase 2 Preliminary Plan, located at approximately Guy Lane and Fitness Way.
- Discuss Chapter 11 and 12 regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Lot coverage.
- Discuss Resort Commercial and Resort Mixed Use.

City Council, July 18, 2024

- Public Hearing, discussion & consideration of updated salary ranges and increases for elected officials, statutory officials & department heads per statute.
- Discuss & consider approval of purchase of two vehicles for Public Safety per budget.
- Discuss sewer master plan.
- Discuss five year capital projects plan.
- Continued discussion regarding updating the General Plan.



HERITAGE DAYS 2024



IGNITE YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

Friday September 6th
Saturday September 7th
Ivins City Heritage Park
100N 100W Ivins, UT

PARADE • PIE BAKING CONTEST • LIVE LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT • VENDORS
CHILDREN'S GAMES • MINI MISS PAGEANT • PONY RIDES • FAMILY GAMES
CRAFTS • ART EXHIBIT • CLIMB WALL • SPONSORS • BINGO
INFLATABLES • OLD FASHIONED GAMES • COYOTE TALES STORYTELLING

Learn more and sign up to get involved at
ivinsutah.gov/heritage-days

SCHOOL UPDATE

Vista Charter School - Dr. Justin Blasko (Principal)

Vista School has won Best of Southern Utah in the charter school category for the 6th year in a row! What an accomplishment for this fantastic K-9th school that focuses on academics, arts, and technology!

Dr. Blasko, Vista School's principal, was recognized by the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, in their Circle of Excellence, as Rookie of the Year. Though he has decades of educational leadership experience, he just completed his first year at Vista. Congratulations, Dr. Blasko!

Vista's Advanced Choir AND Advanced Orchestra both took first place in the state in the middle school category at Northern Utah's Music in the Parks competition.

Vista students traveled to Texas to compete in the VEX Robotics World Championships. One of Vista's teams made it to the top eight!

Vista School is a public charter school with no tuition cost. With school ending for the summer, Vista offers a variety of fun and educational summer classes! Learn more and register at <https://www.vistautah.com/after-school-programs>.



PUBLIC WORKS

DRINKING WATER – CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

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

Every year, the Safe Drinking Water Act, requires us to share our water sampling data with our water consumers. The good news is that Ivins City water again exceeds all water quality standards set by the EPA. You should have or will soon see the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for the Ivins City Water System in your mailbox. It is also available on our website. Over 80 potential contaminants were sampled in the at the source and in the distribution system. The sampling detected 23 potential contaminants, of which, none were over the maximum contaminant limits (MCLs).





REGISTER ONLINE AT
IVINS.RECDESK.COM
OR IN PERSON AT
CITY HALL!

PARKS & RECREATION

BY SARAH NASH

Upcoming / Current Registrations

FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION - FOR AGES 6 TO 12

Registration will open May 20th through August 9th for our youth flag football leagues! You can register online at ivins.recdesk.com or in person at City Hall (85 N Main St).

Registration Fee: \$30

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, 2024

No teammate requests

Upcoming Events

FAMILY MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday evenings beginning August 2nd and continuing until August 23rd the Ivins City Park baseball field will again become an outdoor movie theater! We will be showing family features and it is free. Start time is approximately 8:30 p.m. (or when it is dark enough).

Please be kind and make sure everyone can enjoy the movie. If a family member does not want to watch the movie, please do not let them run around and disturb others who do. Please do not bring your pets with you to the movie.

- August 2nd – Monsters Inc
- August 9th – Secret Life of Pets
- August 16th – Frozen II
- August 23rd – Elemental



HERITAGE DAYS 2024

Heritage Days will be Friday, September 6th and Saturday September 7th at Ivins City Heritage Park (100N 100W).

Our theme this year is **Ignite Your Community Spirit!**

Sign up to join Heritage Days!

Registrations are open for:

- Art Exhibit
- Pie Baking Contest
- Sponsorships
- Vendor Booths
- Parade
- Volunteers

PUBLIC SAFETY

MEET

Our New Officers



Officer Blundell

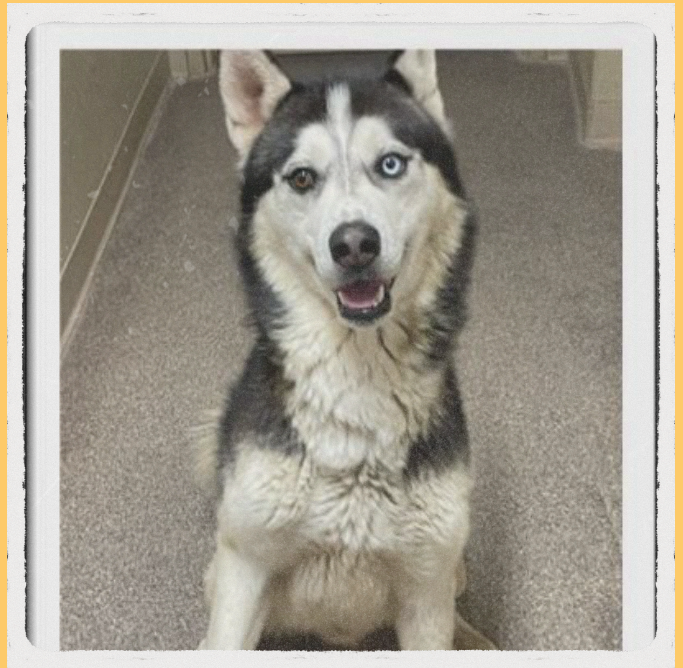
Officer Blundell was raised in Florida and recently moved to Southern Utah a couple of years ago. When asked why he wanted to become a cop, he said, "To be a part of something bigger than just himself and help the members of this community in the best way I thought I could by serving and protecting them."



Officer Brown

Officer Brown lived in Northern Utah and moved to Southern Utah as a youth. He has always enjoyed helping people, and when he was young, he decided he wanted to be a police officer. When asked what his favorite training he has received in his POST class is, he said, "Defensive tactics because he gets physical and uses everyday things."

Animal Control



PET OF THE MONTH:

Blade has been patiently waiting for his forever home. He has been at the Shelter since April 2024. He is great with female dogs and loves attention. He likes to go on walks and play outside in the water. Please call the Santa Clara-Ivins Shelter to schedule an appointment to meet him and his friends.

NEW RATES

As expenses continue to rise, unfortunately it is necessary for an adjustment to utility rates. The following table shows the previous rates compared to the new rates for sanitary sewer and storm drain utilities:

	Previous Rate	New Rate starting 7/1/24
Residential Sewer Rate	\$30.63	\$31.41
Residential Storm Drain Rate	\$14.05	\$14.75

Next the water rates are increasing as well. Ivins City water rates consist of a base rate paid by all accounts regardless of usage to pay for the fixed costs of the City and then a water usage rate that is based on a charge for each 1000 gallons used.

Residential Water Customer Rates – Previous and New

	Base Rate	Usage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)			
		0 to 7,000 gallons	7,001 to 15,000 gallons	15,001 to 30,000 gallons	More than 30,000 gallons
Previous Rates	\$20.60	\$2.74	\$3.78	\$4.65	\$5.88
New Rates	\$21.57	\$2.97	\$4.13	\$5.08	\$6.31
% Increase	4.7%	7.9%	9.2%	9.2%	8.1%

Similar increases have also been made for commercial accounts. Please see ivinsutah.gov for the details.

You will notice that our rates are tiered to help encourage water conservation as we all know that water conservation is a must for our area. Residents that are conservation minded can save a lot of money. See this example of 5 customer profiles and determine which one is closest to you:

	Customer #1	Customer #2	Customer #3	Customer #4	Customer #5
Profile	10th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile
Winter Monthly Usage	2,000 gal/mo	3,000 gal/mo	4,000 gal/mo	5,000 gal/mo	8,000 gal/mo
Max Summer Monthly Usage	5,000 gal/mo	8,000 gal/mo	13,000 gal/mo	22,000 gal/mo	33,000 gal/mo
Total Annual Usage	38,000 gal/yr	60,000 gal/yr	96,000 gal/yr	147,000 gal/yr	218,000 gal/yr
Annual Water Costs (new rates)	\$372 /yr	\$439 /yr	\$573 /yr	\$795 /yr	\$1,132 /yr

*Note the costs above do not include Sewer, Garbage, Recycling, and Storm Drain Monthly Fees (\$803/yr).

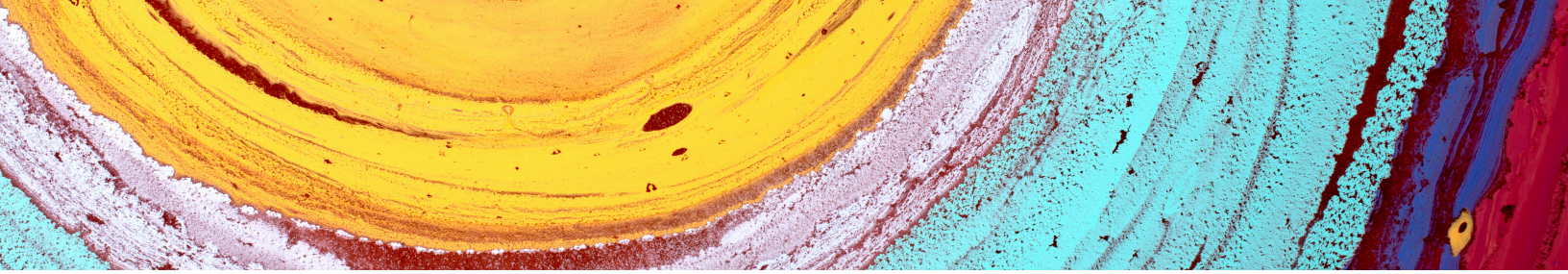
As a reminder, there are excess water surcharge fees charged by the Washington County Water Conservancy District for any home constructed before 2023 that uses more than 36,000 gallons in a month at rate of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons used above 36,000 gallons.

For homes constructed in 2023 and beyond there is an excess water use surcharge of \$10 per 1,000 gallons for usage beyond limits set by season. The limits are as follows:

- 8,000 gallons per month in Winter (December, January and February)
- 15,000 gallons per month in Spring (March and April)
- 20,000 gallons per month in Summer (May, June, July, August, and September)
- 15,000 gallons per month in Fall (October and November)

As You can see a conservation minded customer (10th percentile) pays one third of what a high-water usage customer (90th percentile) pays. Please consider some ways to save on water such as:

- Make sure you are using water smart low flow appliances and fixtures
- Take showers instead of baths and take quick showers.
- This last tip is a big one: remove ornamental grasses from parts of the yard that are not frequently used. Grass uses so much water in our hot desert climate. This is the one conservation technique that probably saves the most water and the Washington County Water Conservancy District is willing to pay you a rebate of \$2 per square foot to remove your grass. Go to wcwcd.gov/conservation/rebates for additional information or call 435-673-3617.



EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

WEBSITE:

<https://www.ivinsartscommission.com>

EMAIL:

ivinsartscommission@ivinsutah.gov

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.

Ivins City Arts Commission Applications

If you have broad experience in art/arts management and have an interest in serving on a seven-person Arts Commission, please complete the online application. No need to be an artist to apply! Applications are stored and referred to if an opening on the commission arises. Should a term expire or a vacancy needs to be filled the Mayor and the City Council appoint new Arts Commissioners for a two-year term.

Ivins City Arts Commission applications are available online at <https://form.jotform.com/233146909515055>.

Featured ARTIST



Robert Corsetti



"TORTOISE AND PRICKLY PEAR PRESERVES"
ACRYLIC ON CANVAS
ON DISPLAY IN IVINS CITY HALL



SAVE THE DATE

**COYOTE
T*A*L*E*S**

NEXT EVENT:

September 7, 2024

THEME:

FIRST

The evening begins with a BYOP (bring your own picnic) pre-party with great Stillhouse Road Bluegrass music where potential storytellers put their name in the hat with the hope of being chosen to share their tale on stage. Kayenta Homes and Properties will be hosting the upscale water trough providing FREE beverages and cookies for story lovers. Everyone is welcome!

Pre-party starts at 7:00. Stories start at sundown.

THIS EVENT IS FREE!
Ivins Heritage Park

Prepare a 5-minute story about your maiden voyage into uncharted territory. Tell us about your first standing ovation, miserable failure, kiss, crisis of conscience, job, pet, trip overseas, grandchild or fistfight. Do you have a story about a grand opening, birth order, wild initiations or a milestone reached? Do tell.



EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS



CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT KAYENTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

kayentaarts.org

435-674-2787

BOXOFFICE@KAYENTAARTS.COM



Scan for Film Trailers!

CineSizzle! '24 INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Escape the sizzling summer heat in July by attending a curated film series featuring some of the most compelling independent films recently released.

For trailers to the movies and to purchase tickets go to KayentaArts.org

Week 1



Week 2



Week 3



Join us for a social hour before the film! Doors open an hour before each screening, giving you plenty of time to mingle, catch up with friends, and enjoy refreshments. Arrive early, grab a drink, and get ready for an unforgettable night!



FOR TICKETS CALL THE
BOX OFFICE: 800-746-9882
FOR EVENT DETAILS VISIT:
TUACAHN.ORG



Free to the Public

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PREVIEWS UP TO 45% OFF

JERSEY BOYS

The story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons



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JULY 13, 15, 17



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Ivins Volunteer Program

“Ivins Inspired”

Announcing the launch of the Ivins Volunteer Program– “Ivins Inspired”! Join us in shaping our vibrant community through volunteerism. Every contribution counts, whether you have an hour or a weekend to spare. Your involvement makes a difference in making Ivins even greater.

We invite you to play an active role in our community's future. Whether you're passionate about parks, local events, or public services, there's a place for you in the Ivins Volunteer Program. Already volunteering? We need you in the database too! Please fill out our form to help match your skills with organizations that need you. Filling out the form doesn't commit you to any of these organizations or roles, but it does help us connect you with opportunities and it gives volunteer groups/organizations a way to find you and reach out.

Thanks to everyone who has completed the form! We are so impressed with the talent, skills, and resources in our community that are being volunteered!

Our heartfelt thanks to the local businesses that have been so generous and supportive of our volunteers! Due to their generosity, we're launching a second round with five available prizes from Black Desert Resort, Xetava Gardens Cafe, Zia Pottery Studio, Orange Peel, Feel Love Coffee, Tuacahn, and Hutch Studios. Fill out the volunteer form by Friday, July 19th for a chance to win!

Beyond prizes, volunteering fosters connections and creates positive change. Specify your availability, interests, and skills on our form to get started. Together we can build a brighter future for Ivins.



REGISTER AND LEARN MORE AT [HTTPS://IVINSUTAH.GOV/VOLUNTEER-PROGRAM/](https://ivinsutah.gov/volunteer-program/).

EMAIL VOLUNTEER@IVINSUTAH.GOV FOR QUESTIONS.

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ONE VOLUNTEER AT A TIME!

[IVINS INSPIRED VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM](#)