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Meeting Schedule

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

Planning Commission

December 3, 2024
December 17, 2024

City Council

December 5, 2024
December 19, 2024

Arts Commission (5:00 p.m.)

December 11, 2024

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Dumpster Date: December 14



GIVE IT UP FOR THE GIVERS

ARTICLE BY: CHRIS HART, MAYOR

At a recent City Council Meeting Mike Cook, representing the Defenders of Greater Ivins (DOGI), presented a \$40,105.44 check to Ivins City, money they'd collected over the previous few weeks to support Law Enforcement's K9 program on the heels of the arrival of our new canine officer Rosko. Earlier that same day another local resident, Geoffrey Schmidt, handed a \$15,000.00 check to Chief Jaron Studley from the Schmidt Foundation to purchase among other things radios and a computer for the K9 vehicle. These donations will go a long ways helping to fund that program and providing for other needs in our Police Department, and we are grateful for the generosity of all the contributors.



Ivins City has a rich history of supportive residents who've contributed time and money to help us function. In the early days it was the residents who built roads, installed water lines and set telephone poles because the city didn't have the resources to do it. Until recent years our Fire Department was primarily volunteer based with many residents sacrificing their time to receive training and respond to emergencies on a moment's notice. Those opportunities are limited now, but we still have many residents who's hearts are in that same place.

The Ivins Animal Shelter has depended on volunteers and volunteer organizations to succeed for many years. When the ordinance was passed making it one of the first "no-kill" shelters in Utah, Linda Elwell and a few other committed animal supporters organized the Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter (FIAS) support group to raise funds for and provide volunteer services to the shelter. Shortly thereafter Connie Butterfield and her associates launched Ivins No Kill Animal Supporters (INKAS) that to this day continues to provide for our shelter's needs. Volunteers can be found almost any day providing a variety of helpful functions at the shelter, and bags of dog & cat foods are donated regularly.

David Williams chairs our Emergency Preparedness Committee who, with his committee members, organizes our annual Great Shake Out Hub Box drill, promotes and coordinates our local CERT Team, works with our two way radio network of enthusiasts, sits in a booth for two days each year at our Heritage Days Celebration answering questions and provides monthly Emergency Preparedness Seminars on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 at City Hall that feature a variety of specialists as presenters. The next Seminar will be on January 9th on gardening followed by local Pharmacist Cliff Holt presenting a seminar on February 13th focused on being prepared with your needed medications. Two of our current Emergency Preparedness Committee members, Bill Ingols and Doug Little have served in their positions since it was created, and David's predecessor, Paul Wheeler, who passed away two years ago could not have been more invested and faithful in that role.

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We have several other active committees including our Sensitive Lands Committee, the Ivins City Arts Commission, the Affordable Housing Task Force and the Open Space Committee all comprised of willing volunteers anxious to improve our city and to help find solutions to our problems. I'm always amazed when I sit in on one of these committee meetings at the dedication, creativity and time devoted to research and outreach provided by its members. Judith Kapuscinski, Michele Adams and now Daphne Schroth serving as Chairs with their teams of talented members have made the Ivins City Arts Commission a powerful force in our community by advancing the arts and supporting local artists and arts organizations.

And I haven't even touched on the kindness and generosity shown by neighbors and friends throughout the community who support those around them who are in difficult situations or times of need. You good people are the heart and soul of our community. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or even Festivus, in this season of giving I extend our collective thanks and best wishes to all of you who try to make our community a special place to live.

DECEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the December 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, December 3, 2024

- Discuss the Hidden Springs RV conditional use permit.
- Discuss the Ivins City Annexation Plan.

Planning Commission, December 17, 2024

- Public hearing, discuss & consider amendments to the Conditional Use Permit for Hidden Springs RV Resort.
- Public hearing, discuss & consider amendments to Moderate Income Housing Plan.
- Public hearing, discuss & consider amendments to Class I Uses in the Zoning Ordinance.
- Possible public hearing, discuss & consider recommendation on Accessory Dwelling Units / Detached Structures.

City Council, December 5, 2024

- Report by Washington County Solid Waste District.
- SCI PD & Fire presentation of life saving award for officers and EMT's.
- Discuss Moderate Income Housing Plan/Report.

City Council, December 19, 2024

- Presentation by Intermountain Healthcare.
- Public hearing, discuss & consider amending the Conditional Use Permit for Hidden Springs RV Resort.
- Discuss & consider amendments Moderate Income Housing Plan.
- Discuss & consider amendments to the RV Resort ordinance.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Darcie Chamberlain, APRN,
Rocky Vista Health Center

A stroke is like a brain attack. It happens when blood stops flowing to a part of the brain. Knowing how to spot a stroke can help save a life! Remember the word "FAST" to recognize the signs.

- Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift down?
- Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- Time: If you see any of these signs, call 911 right away!

Getting help quickly is very important. The faster someone gets to the hospital, the better their chances are of getting better. Doctors can give special medicine to help stop the stroke if they act fast.

So, remember: be FAST, and if you see any signs of a stroke, call 911 immediately. You could save a life!



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



SCHOOL UPDATE

Red Mountain Elementary

Principal Jenny Leavitt

We are selling Dixie Direct books. You can come in and purchase one from our secretaries for \$40. Our school gets \$20 for every book sold. These funds are used for teacher supplies that are not covered through the district and for school and student activities and supplies. We appreciate those who have already come in to support our school.

This month we will host a STEAM night for students and their parents. Families will participate in science, technology, and art activities. We will also have a display of student art work and our school choir will perform.

Our wonderful custodian, Jeff Wittwer, will be retiring this month. Please join us for an open house on Friday, Dec. 6th, from 2:00 - 3:00 to honor him for the incredible job he has done for the past 23 years at Red Mountain Elementary.





PUBLIC SAFETY

Holiday Safety:

- Don't leave packages unattended for any length of time
- Track your orders and sign up for delivery alerts
- Use secure pick-up lockers
- Have a neighbor take in your packages
- Utilize home security cameras or doorbells
- Customize delivery by using USPS.com and your tracking number
- Use special services like Signature Confirmation or Registered Mail



Common Fraud Schemes:

Over the past month, there has been a rise in scams targeting residents. To help educate the community members and to prevent them from falling victim to these scams, below are common fraud schemes that have recently been reported. Recognizing the signs of scams is essential for protecting yourself.

- **Lottery Scams:** The victim has been told via mail, phone, or email they have won a large lottery jackpot. The victim is told if they want to receive the winnings, they must pay taxes or fees. You might be told paying thousands is worth receiving millions. Remember: If you didn't play, you probably didn't win.
- **Government Imposter Scams:** Imposter scams rank as the second-highest source of financial loss for older adults. In these scams, fraudsters impersonate authorities, such as police officers, court officials, medical personnel, or IRS agents, often creating a sense of panic to intimidate their victims. They will threaten the victim with charges or arrest if they do not make a payment. These scammers typically pressure victims into making payments through various methods, including cash, gift cards, Apple Pay, Bitcoin, other cryptocurrencies, or wire transfers (such as Western Union).
- **Tech Support Scams:** The scammer poses as a computer technician and claims that a virus or malware has been detected on your computer. The victim is typically contacted by phone, email, or text, to gain permission to access the device to "fix" the issue. If the scammer successfully gains access, the victim risks losing everything, including personal information.
- **Family Emergency Scams:** Scammers often impersonate a relative of the victim, claiming that there has been an emergency, such as an arrest or an accident. They may also pose as a police officer, attorney, or medical personnel involved with the "relative" affected by the incident. The scammer will insist that money is needed urgently to address the situation

Animal Control

DOG OF THE MONTH



Flourry is a five-year-old purebred German Shepherd with a fun personality. She enjoys doing her own thing but also loves to follow you around. Flourry has a particular fondness for playing with ice and appreciates a bit of affection now and then. She is potty trained and knows how to use the doggy door.

PET REMINDERS:

- Fire Lake and the Unity Park splash pad are off-limits to dogs. There are posted signs to remind you that dogs are not allowed in these areas.
- Dogs must always remain on a leash. Typically, during colder weather, fewer people visit the parks, but they still need to be leashed.
- Please remember to pick up after your dogs. Bags are available in multiple areas in case you forget to bring one.

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 December, water once per week. Some landscapes don't need any water if it's cold enough. Consider shutting off your system and winterizing.

Indoor Tip: When buying a dishwasher or clothes washer, look for one that is ENERGY STAR certified. They use less water too!

For more tips go to:
Slowtheflow.org



A Shared Responsibility

The Ivins sewer system does more than just make unpleasant things disappear—it plays a vital role in managing resources and protecting our environment. By following these simple guidelines, we can all contribute to a system that benefits the entire community.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our sewer system efficient and sustainable!

What Happens to Wastewater After it Leaves Your Home

When you flush a toilet or rinse something down the sink, you probably only care about one thing: making it disappear. But have you ever wondered what happens next? While it may seem simple, managing wastewater is a complex process that keeps our community clean and sustainable.

Ivins City's Sewer System

Did you know that Ivins City's sewer infrastructure includes 51 miles of sewer pipe, over 1,000 sewer manholes, and a sewer pumping station? These components work together to ensure that wastewater flows efficiently away from homes and businesses.



St. George Waste Water Treatment Plant in Bloomington

From there, the wastewater begins a 15-mile journey through Santa Clara and St. George, eventually reaching the St. George Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bloomington, near the Virgin River

From Wastewater to a Valuable Resource

At the treatment plant, biological processes remove waste from the water, preparing it for reuse. This treated water becomes part of an irrigation system that can even transport it back to Ivins Reservoir if needed. In a desert environment like ours, where water is a precious commodity, this reuse is both innovative and essential.

Plans are also underway to enhance this system with the construction of additional reservoirs in the County including one in Ivins, further maximizing the potential of treated wastewater for irrigation and other non-potable uses.

How You Can Help

To keep our sewer system running smoothly, here are a few important guidelines:

Keep These Items Out of the Sewer:

Disposing of inappropriate items can lead to clogs and costly repairs. Items that should always go in the trash, not the sewer, include:

- Diaper wipes (even if labeled "flushable")
- Paper towels
- Cigarette butts
- Condoms
- Sanitary napkins and tampons
- Diapers
- Cotton swabs
- Rags
- Dental floss
- Food scraps
- Grease, fats, or oils



Dispose of Hazardous Substances Properly:

Hazardous waste, chemicals, paint, and prescription drugs should never go down the drain—or in the trash. These materials require special disposal to avoid damaging the treatment system or the environment. Visit our website for details on safe disposal methods.



PARKS & RECREATION

BY MARC CHRISTENSEN & SARAH NASH

A message from the Parks & Recreation Director

As the holiday season approaches, there's nothing quite like the joy of coming together as a community to celebrate. This December, Ivins City Parks and Recreation is excited to host some of our favorite holiday traditions, and we hope you'll join us!

Start the season with Santa in the Park and the Christmas Light Parade on Thursday, December 5th. Decorate your vehicle, grab your loved ones, and join us for an evening of festive fun. From hot chocolate and s'mores, to meeting Santa and the Grinch, it's an event you won't want to miss! Looking to stay active this season? Mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run on Saturday, December 21st. This beloved tradition is a great way to enjoy the crisp winter air and stay healthy during the holidays.

At Ivins Parks and Recreation, we believe these events bring more than just fun—they build community, create memories, and remind us of the joy of the season. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

From all of us at Ivins City Parks and Recreation, happy holidays and thank you for making our community so special!

Upcoming /Current Registrations

Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant

The 2025 Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant will be Saturday January 18th at 7pm at Snow Canyon High School.

Open to Ivins residents young women ages 14-17. Registration is open online at ivins.recdesk.com under Parks and Recreation/Programs.

Sign up soon so you can join the pageant workshops! Contact Jennifer at missivinspageant@gmail.com for more information.



December Holiday Stretch

Feel the Positive Energy and Release Stress

Come celebrate with us the week of **December 16-19** and enjoy a gentle holiday, mindfulness movement class including stretching, relaxation, holiday music, and some light breathwork and meditation. Come for one or more days!

Dates: Monday, 12/16 and Wednesday, 12/18 (**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, 12/17 and Thursday, 12/19 (**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

Where: Unity Park Recreation Room, between baseball fields and soccer/grass field.

Please arrive 5-7 minutes before class to get settled in.

What to Bring: A yoga mat, and water. Dress comfortably and in layers to adjust for temperatures.

Registration/Cost: No cost or registration is needed. First come first serve. If so inclined, a small offering is welcome.

Ages: 18 years+ - Bring a friend! This will be a slow-paced movement session and the instructor can guide with modifications, as needed.

Instructor: Shauna Fisher - 340 hours of yoga certifications with eight+ years of teaching at various venues.

Questions: Please contact Shauna at shaunafisher1@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



IVINS CITY
CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE
&
Santa in the Park

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH
6-7PM
IVINS CITY HERITAGE PARK
100N 100W

FREE!

6pm - Christmas Light Parade
6-7pm - Hot chocolate and s'mores,
kids craft, Christmas music and
meet and take a picture with Santa and
his green friend the Grinch!

Join the fun!
Pull out the holiday lights and add them to your vehicle!
Contact Parks&Rec if you want to enter the parade:
435-634-7719
snash@ivinsutah.gov

Santa in the Park and Christmas

Light Parade

Date: Thursday, December 5th

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ivins City Heritage Park
Christmas Light Parade, hot chocolate and s'mores,
kids craft, Christmas music and OF COURSE meet and
take a picture with Santa and his green friend the
Grinch!

Join the fun! Pull out the holiday lights and add them
to your vehicle! Contact Parks and Recreation at
435-634-7719 or snash@ivinsutah.gov if you would like
to join the parade!

Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run

Mark your calendars! The 13th Annual Run Run
Reindeer 5k will be Saturday, December 21, 2024 at
9:00 a.m. at Ivins City Heritage Park. To register and
learn more, visit runrunreindeer.com.

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center

Ivins City has an inter-local agreement with the City
of St. George that allows Ivins residents to use the
Sand Hollow Aquatic Center for the resident rate.
This is a great facility that offers year-round water
fun and fitness. There is a leisure pool for fun and a
lap pool for fitness, they offer swimming lessons and
a variety of special events throughout the year.
Sand Hollow Aquatic Center is a wonderful facility
and we encourage you to take advantage of the
opportunity to use it! 1144 Lava Flow Drive, St.
George - 627-4585

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RECREATION - PUBLIC WORKS,
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MORE UPDATES AND EXCITEMENT!**



GOLF SCHOOL

To view class schedules
and learn more, visit
GolfInstituteofAmerica.com

For questions, call Arnie Billingsley
Golf School Director
916-412-8606

PGA

PRESENTED BY: IVINS CITY
SPONSORED BY: BALANCE OUTSTRECH

GOLF SCHOOL HOSTED BY:
THE GOLF INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
BIGSHOTS
CORNER BOOK

APPROVED VENDOR WITH:
aetna selecthealth.org Five & Well



EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS



2024 RAP Applications Now Available

Ivinscityartscommission.com
The Ivins City Arts Commission is now accepting funding applications from Ivins City art organizations. The application

deadline is Friday, December 27th at 5:00 p.m. If previously funded, a copy of the 2024-24 Final RAP Grant Report is due along with the application. Applications are available at Ivinscityartscommission.com.

2025 Call for Artists

Ivins City is seeking original two-dimensional art pieces for designated public space areas with the City of Ivins, Uth. The Ivins City Art on Loan program is open to all artists who live in Ivins, have studio/workspace in Ivins or have their artwork for sale in Ivins City, Utah. Applications close February 28, 2025. No entry fee. Questions or to apply visit Ivinsartscommission.com.

Ivins City Artist Registry

Welcome to "Living Artfully in Ivins" Artists living and working in Ivins City are encouraged to join the Ivins City Artist Registry, participate in the Art on Loan Program and exhibit their work at the annual Heritage Days Art Exhibit. Register online and upload a photo of your artwork at www.Ivinsartscommission.com.



**BE A
PART OF
THE ART
It's a
WRAP**



Applications and information available for community groups, non-profits, HOA's or individuals to sponsor a utility box along the Ivins City Arts Corridor available online, Ivinsartscommission.com

WEBSITE:

<https://www.Ivinsartscommission.com>

EMAIL:

Ivinsartscommission@Ivinsutah.gov

Featured ARTIST **Of the Month**

Lyman Whitaker "Double Spinner Gyro-Max" & "Twister Oval Extra Hugh" Wind Sculptures



Lyman dedicates his work to the wind and weather. He hopes above all that his sculptures will inspire love for our earth's thin, moving layer of air -it warms us, gives us breath, sustains our being. View the Wind Sculptures on Old Highway 91 and Kwavasa Drive, Ivins, Utah



EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS



CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT KAYENTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

kayentaarts.org

435-674-2787

BOXOFFICE@KAYENTAARTS.COM



DECEMBER 2024

Tickets Available at
KayentaArts.org



Christmas Cellobration!
Cello Society of Southern Utah



FIRST FRIDAYS
Jazz Music, Boutique Vendors, & Food!



Soirée Musicale
Christmas Baroque



VOYAGER LECTURE SERIES
First Peoples and Ancestral Puebloan Culture



TWINKLING
TINSEL
TALENT SHOW
PRELIMINARIES:
December 11, 13, & 14, 7:30pm
GRAND FINALE:
December 18, 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS IN THE CANYON

Come celebrate Christmas at Tuacahn this holiday season! With over 250,000 twinkling lights, a live nativity show, train rides on The Tuacahn Express, an open fire, and a visit with Santa Claus, you don't want to miss Tuacahn's Christmas in the Canyon event!

There is no admission charge to visit Tuacahn and enjoy Christmas in the Canyon. Tuacahn's Cafe will be open for dinner and treats!

It's Tuacahn's way of saying "thank you" to the community for its support and to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.
<https://www.tuacahn.org/concert/christmas-in-the-canyon/>



A CHRISTMAS CAROL, THE MUSICAL

Ebenezer Scrooge despises Christmas and believes that personal wealth is much more valuable than the friendship, happiness, and comfort of those around him. However, this year, he is forced to come face to face with his selfish ways when he's confronted by three ghosts on Christmas Eve: the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Future. Broadway heavy hitters, Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens, breathe fantastic new life into the classic tale of A Christmas Carol with dazzling staging, moving storytelling, and a cheerful holiday music score.

<https://www.tuacahn.org/show/a-christmas-carol/>



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FOR EVENT DETAILS VISIT:
TUACAHN.ORG



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SATURDAYS
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.