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Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.

Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

Planning Commission

January 14, 2025

City Council

January 16, 2025 (Work Meeting - 4:00 p.m.)

January 16, 2025 (Regular Meeting)

Arts Commission (5:00 p.m.)

January 8, 2025 -(Work Meeting - 4:00 p.m.)

January 8, 2025 (Regular Meeting)

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Dumpster Date: January 11



HAPPENING NEW YEAR

ARTICLE BY: CHRIS HART, MAYOR

As 2025 takes center stage, it looks like there will be a lot happening in Ivins. Judging by the number of developments underway across the city and the number of applications that are forthcoming, it appears that we will be growing at a rapid pace this year. That presents its own set of challenges to the city, but our Engineering, Public Works and Building & Zoning Departments have somehow managed to keep pace and remain committed to providing timely service to the development community. There is so much that goes on in the background that most of us don't see all the behind-the-counter work that smooths out the process. Our Technical Review Committee (TRC) meets every week bringing together our City Staff, representatives from the various utility companies, and developers to work through issues facing their proposed developments. Onsite inspections and conversations are often scheduled with that same focus, and considerable effort is put into the technical and legal work required for the City Council to take action. Hats off to our fine staff of committed public servants who accomplish that important work.

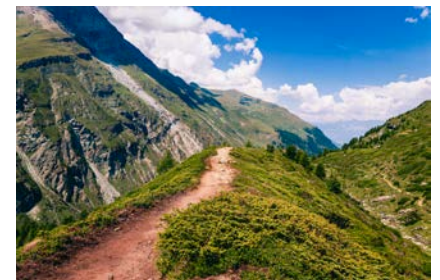
There always seems to be a road or two under construction in Ivins, and that will be the case again this year. Our reconstruction of Old Highway 91 will culminate in 2025 with the final section from Kwavasa Drive at 600 West to the Reservation boundary scheduled to begin construction in February. Growth along that section of highway has been less intense than the east side, so the new section will remain only two lanes with no median, periodic turn lanes, wide shoulders, and bike lanes, to vastly improve safety along that stretch. The multi-purpose trail that was mostly completed last year will be finished as well providing paved access to Fire Lake Park for a variety of modes of active transportation.



Another major road project likely to commence in 2025 will be the construction of a third roundabout on Snow Canyon Parkway, this time at the intersection of Hamblin Parkway AKA the Western Corridor at the east end of Black Desert. It will be another large diameter, slightly offset two lane circle with a spacious landscaped center island to be used to display public art. Both of these upcoming projects are on high volume roadways and will require caution and patience as we drive through them while they're under construction.

Speaking of Black Desert, after a highly successful PGA Fed-Ex Cup event held this past October, BD welcomes the LPGA in early May with plans to make this a special tour event for the ladies. I'll leave the details to the promoters to talk about, but suffice it to say that the greatest female golfers in the world will likely leave the event very pleased with the way they were treated here. The men will return for the second PGA Black Desert Open in October when lessons learned from the first one will further improve the experience for them. I'm told that by the developer that the Golf and Family Villages currently under construction will be completed by then offering considerably more lodging accommodations than were available last year.

The exciting acquisition of an eighty acre parcel of BLM land south of Highway 91 between 100 West and 600 West should close in 2025 after five years of negotiations and environmental studies under the Federal Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Program. This awesome piece of property is slated to be developed into a nearly thirty acre park bearing the name Arrowhead Trail Park referencing the historic trail that crosses the property once used by early travelers. Part of Old Highway 91 follows that same trail route covering miles of the old tracks, but the ruts are still evident in this new park area.



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This property will also become home to a Public Works Yard that will replace the existing one above the Ivins Cemetery that has served us well but is undersized for our future needs. Vacating that existing yard will provide our Parks and Recreation Department with a central facility for the first time that will greatly enhance their operations. And lastly, a second cemetery will be located on the east end of the newly acquired property. We are rapidly running out of cemetery plots and have only limited expansion area at the current site so we'll see the first sections of the new cemetery developed within the next few years.

First there will need to be an access road built to the site extending from Fitness Way behind the Pendleton property to the new parcel, and utilities need to be brought to the site before any serious development can occur. I'd like to thank Chuck Gillette, Tom Jorgensen, Shiloh Pentz and their team for their efforts to make this purchase possible, and also thanks to our new Parks and Recreation Director Marc Christensen who secured a \$400,000.00 State grant to cover nearly half the cost of the property purchase. It will take a long time to develop this significant addition to the city, but the facilities and amenities that will eventually be built there will be impactful when completed.

2025 will bring exciting new concerts and shows to Tuacahn and the Center for the Arts at Kayenta. The Emergency Preparedness Committee has scheduled a series of prep seminars every second Thursday through June at City Hall beginning with Gardening this month that will be well worth attending and Heritage Days in September will be bigger and better than ever. You'll also want to watch for events at Rocky Vista University, Vista School and Red Mountain Elementary. We're fortunate to have another year to enjoy in this special place we call home. Let's make the most of it.

JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the January 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, January 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

- Discuss the Ivins City Annexation Plan.

City Council- Work Meeting, January 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

- Discussion regarding the 5-Year Plan and FY26 Budget Priorities.

City Council, January 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of amendments to Chapter 14 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Class I Use Permits.
- Year-end report by Ivins City Arts Commission
- Discuss & consider Arts Commission's recommendations for distribution of 2024 RAP Tax arts funds.
- Discuss & consider renewing auditing services with Larson & Company.
- Discuss & consider speed bump/table at horse roundabout in front of The Reserve subdivision.
- Continued discussion & consideration of whether Ivins City should help with costs for upgraded rock facing on Ivins City Reservoir.
- Continued discussion regarding landscape / irrigation standards for new construction.

Mind over Matter:

Lifestyle Changes to Slow Dementia

By Student Doctor Jeff
Goodwin, Rocky Vista Health
Center

Dementia is a progressive decline in conscious cognitive activities important for daily life. These mental/intellectual activities include the ability to think, reason, and remember. Many different diseases or conditions can cause dementia, but the one that accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases is Alzheimer's Disease.

The risk for Alzheimer's and other dementia increases if you are over 65, have parents or siblings with the illness, have a history of traumatic brain injury or multiple head injuries, and have poorly controlled diabetes or high blood pressure. In the U.S., Black and Hispanic individuals are also more likely to develop Alzheimer's or other dementia types. The first most common sign people notice is a new difficulty in remembering things they recently learned.

If dementia is a concern, research shows that getting treatment and making certain lifestyle changes early in the course of the disease is the best way to slow symptomatic progression and increase your quality of life while living with dementia. These lifestyle changes are also the same changes people without dementia can make to improve brain health and reduce their risk of developing dementia later in life, regardless of age!

These include:

- Exercising at moderate intensity for 30 minutes at least 3 times a week,
- Challenging your brain by learning new skills,
- Enriching social connections,
- Eating a diet rich in B vitamins and low in fats/sugars,
- Managing your blood pressure and intake of blood sugars,
- Quitting smoking and limiting alcohol intake,
- Protecting your head from injury,
- And getting at least 6 hours of quality sleep nightly.

Sleep quality, heart health, and blood vessel health are especially important because they help the brain to clear normal waste whose buildup otherwise can contribute to the development of, or progression of, Alzheimer's. Studies have even shown that just one night of sleep deprivation requires several nights of good quality sleep for your brain to catch up on clean-up duty!

There are several medicines used right now to help alleviate and slow the worsening of symptoms of dementia. Because doctors all over the world are studying Alzheimer's and other dementias to come up with better treatments and prevention strategies, it is important to stay up to date with your doctor on the latest evidence-based research if you or a loved one have been diagnosed with or have concerns about dementia.



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



IVINS COMMUNITY GARDEN: GROW WITH US!

The Healthy Ivins Coalition is thrilled to announce the creation of the Ivins Community Garden, a new opportunity for residents to get their hands in the soil, grow fresh produce, and connect with nature and neighbors.

The garden, located at approximately 955 Red Mountain Blvd. next to the Desert Rose subdivision near Hwy 91, will feature 20 plots available for reservation starting now!



Ready to Grow? If you've dreamed of tending a garden but don't have the space at home, this is your chance! A refundable deposit of \$50 and an annual rental fee of \$30 will secure your very own 8x20 foot garden plot (larger plots are available).

Plus, we're excited to offer a special incentive to get the garden blooming: 50% discount on both fees for the first 10 applicants. That's just \$25 for the deposit and \$15 for the annual fee!

Garden Manager Needed!

We are seeking a passionate volunteer to serve as the Garden Manager. This key role involves helping coordinate garden activities, assisting fellow gardeners, and ensuring the space thrives. As a thank-you, the Garden Manager will receive a free garden plot and the joy of leading a vibrant new community space.

How to Sign Up:

Plots are limited, so don't wait! If you're interested in claiming a garden plot, volunteering as the Garden Manager, or learning more about the garden, contact Mike Scott at msscott@ivinsutah.gov right away.

Others Joining In To Make this Happen

The Ivins City Arts Commission will put out a Call for Art for an Ivins artist who would donate talent and paint to create an "Ivins Community Garden" sign for the entry to the garden. Detail will be provided on the Ivins City Arts Commission website by January 15, 2025 (<https://www.ivinsartscommission.com/>)

And the Ivins Youth Council (<https://ivinsyouthcouncil.com/>) will kick off 2025 by helping the Healthy Ivins Coalition get the garden plots staked out and ready for gardeners.

Let's make this garden a success together - grow fresh, eat well, and cultivate community!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR
GARDENING

Ivins City volunteer Emergency Preparedness Committee organize these seminars for the second Thursday of each month in an ongoing citywide initiative to better prepare it's citizens and neighborhoods for any emergency or disaster. For more in-formation , email ivinsutahcert@gmail.com.
Upcoming events announced in the Ivins City online Newsletter.

SOUTHERN UTAH - WHAT GROWS WELL AND WHAT DOES NOT
Presenter Ben Scow, Agriculture and Natural Resources
Utah State University Extension - Washington County

JANUARY 09, 2025
AT 7:00 P.M.
85 N MAIN
IVINS UT 84738

FREE SEMINAR
TO JOIN OUR TEAM CALL:
(559) 731-3952



PUBLIC SAFETY

VEHICLE SAFETY



As winter arrives with colder mornings, it's important to properly defrost your vehicle's windshield. According to Utah Law 41-6a-1635, drivers are prohibited from operating a motor vehicle with any debris, frost, or other substances that obstruct their view. To ensure safety, start your vehicle early enough to allow the windows to defrost before you hit the road. Ice can build up on your windshield and hinder visibility, increasing the risk of accidents involving other vehicles, property, or pedestrians. Please take a moment to clear your windshield before leaving, so you and others can navigate the roadways safely throughout the day. Vehicle Safety

Tips:

- Keep valuables out of sight, such as in the trunk or glove box
- Do not leave your key or fob in your vehicle
- Park in well-lit areas if possible
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running

Animal Control

DOG OF THE MONTH



The dog of the month is Liam, a 3-year-old Pointer mix. He has been at our shelter for 36 days. Liam is very friendly and loves going for walks. He enjoys all the attention he can get and is good with both kids and other dogs. Additionally, he is house-trained. Liam would thrive in an active home since he is still young and needs plenty of exercise to burn off his energy



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SHELTER MANAGER:
MCKENZIE PETERSON

WATER WISDOM

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

Outdoor Tip: Outdoor Tips: Adjust your timers as it cools. In January no irrigation is needed in most landscapes.

Indoor Tip: Use a plugged sink when washing dishes rather than let the water run down the drain.

For more tips go to:
Slowtheflow.org



PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS: YOUR ROLE IN REDUCING STORMWATER POLLUTION

It is easy to forget, living in the desert as we do, that there are rivers and lakes downstream of us that need protection from pollution. It is the responsibility of those that live upstream from these important waterways to do their part in preventing pollution.

Did You Know? Not everyone knows that the storm drain grates on the streets are direct conduits to the Santa Clara River. Any water that runs off of your lot, down the gutter, and into a storm drain will take any bit of pollution and trash with it straight there. Here are the things you need to think about if you want to help:



1. **Fertilizers:** A major source of pollution in our water is fertilizer. If we put too much on our yard and then let it runoff into the gutter, or worse, we overwater and it runs off into the gutter, it can wreak havoc in the aquatic ecosystems of the river and lakes causing major algae formation and turning a nice waterway into something undesirable.
2. **Pesticides:** The same thing goes for pesticides. If not used in the right amounts, these substances are washed into the river and wreak havoc.
3. **Oil and Other Petroleum Products:** most of our cars run on oil and gas, and there is a need to make sure the amount of product that makes it to the storm drain is minimized. Maintain your vehicles so they don't leak. Dispose of oil properly by taking it to recycling facilities.
4. **Paint:** Paint does not belong in the gutter. Never wash out your brushes there. Don't wash out in the grass either—that paint just contaminates the groundwater. Commercial painters wash out over a lined basin where the liquid can evaporate, and the residues can be discarded safely. If it is a small household job and you are using water-based paints (latex), you can wash out in the sink but minimize how much paint goes into the sewer. It is even better to use disposable paintbrushes or rollers.
5. **Proper Disposal of Chemicals:** Never pour chemicals like paint, motor oil, or household cleaners down the drain or on the ground. Take these to a recycling center or wait for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the landfill and then take it there. Our landfill offers this service twice per year. In 2025, these are scheduled for April 12th and October 11th.
6. **Report Illegal Dumping:** If you see someone dumping anything that does not look like pure water into the curb or in a storm drain, call 911! They are committing a serious crime.
7. **Keep Our Community Clean of Litter and Trash:** Get involved in community cleanup opportunities. Do not litter. Don't be afraid to pick up a piece of trash. Everything helps and counts toward us having a nicer community.

Every action counts in our collective effort to safeguard our waterways. By incorporating these practices into your daily routine, you contribute to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable environment for everyone. Let's work together to ensure that our waterways remain pristine for generations to come.

For more ideas and resources, visit ivinsutah.gov/stormwater/

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!



PARKS & RECREATION

BY MARC CHRISTENSEN & SARAH NASH

A message from the Parks & Recreation Director, Marc Christensen

As we step into 2025, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a year filled with growth, activity, and joy. The start of a new year is the perfect time to set goals that help us become our best selves. Whether that's trying a new sport, exploring our local trails, or simply enjoying more time with loved ones.

At Ivins Parks and Recreation, we're excited for another year of serving the Ivins City community and providing spaces and programs that help you stay active and connected with others. Happy New Year from the Parks and Recreation Department.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM

Huge thank you to all who donated and participated in our 2024 December Wreaths Across America Program! We had a great turnout to place over 150 wreaths and remember and honor our Veterans.

SANTA VISIT FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Thank you to Santa and the Grinch for coming to City Hall to visit the kindergarteners from Vista and Red Mountain Elementary! We're so glad they could stop by to read a story, sing songs and eat cookies!



Upcoming /Current Registrations

Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant

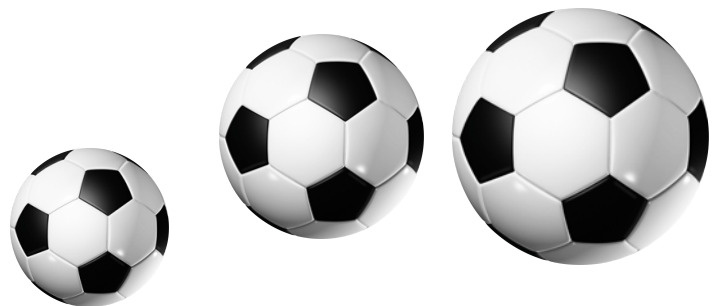
The 2025 Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant will be on Saturday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Snow Canyon High School.

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.

Ivins Soccer Association – 2025

Youth Soccer for all youth ages 3 1/2 to 16 Registration for the Spring 2025 season will open on January 1st, 2025! Regular registration will close on February 1st and late registration will close on February 8th. Register online and find more information at www.ivinssoccer.com.



PARKS & RECREATION

BY MARC CHRISTENSEN &
SARAH NASH

Event with Southwest Utah Public Health Department

Get ready to get active! April is World Health Awareness Month and we're going to kick it off with a Fitness Festival!

Date: Monday, March 31st

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Ivins City Heritage Park (100N 100W)

Fitness

Mark your calendars now! If you have a business/organization focused on improving health and would like to be involved, please contact the P&R Dept. and look out for registration for our upcoming Sloth-athlon – a triathlon over the entire month of April!

Partnered with Southwest Utah Public Health Department

YARD SALE

Community Yard Sale

Start clearing out your closet! We'll be holding a community yard sale in April!

Registration for Ivins City residents will open in February.

Registration for non-Ivins City residents will open in March.

More details to come.

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

GOLF SCHOOL
To view class schedules and learn more, visit
GolfInstituteofAmerica.com
For questions, call Arnie Billingsley
Golf School Director
916-412-8606

THE GOLF INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
Directed by Arnie Billingsley
PGA

PRESENTED BY: IVINS CITY
SPONSORED BY: BALANCE OF NATURE

GOLF SCHOOL HOSTED BY:
THE LEDGES, COPPER ROCK, BIGSHOTS

APPROVED VENDOR WITH:
aetna, selecthealth.org, Alive & Well

BE SURE TO FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, IVINS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION – PUBLIC WORKS, @IVINSCITYPARKSANDPUBLICWORKS FOR MORE UPDATES AND EXCITEMENT!

Featured ARTIST
Of the Month

EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS



WEBSITE:

<https://www.ivinsartscommission.com>

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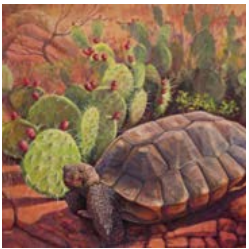
ivinsartscommission@ivinsutah.gov



Did you know that the City of Ivins sponsors an annual event called Art-on-Loan every year? We are gearing up for the new season and we encourage everyone to come visit Ivins City Hall and the Santa Clara - Ivins Police Department Building to view and possibly purchase the art that is currently on loan. Ivins City retains 25% of the sale, so it is a terrific way to support the city and the arts community. For inquiries, email ivinsartscommission@ivinsutah.gov.

Are you an artist who currently lives in Ivins, or has a studio/workspace in Ivins, or has your artwork for sale in Ivins City, Utah? Then be sure to go to <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com/copy-of-call-for-artist> to register for this year's program. Deadline is February 28! <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com/copy-of-call-for-artist>

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Art on Loan Recipients



ROBERT CORSETTI
TORTOISE AND PRICKLY PEAR PRESERVES
CITY HALL



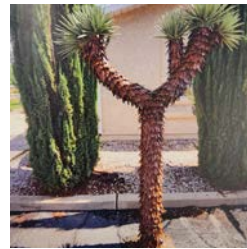
LIZ FORTNEY
BLUE MOON
POLICE STATION



KATHY JOHNSON
STORM OVER FIRE LAKE
CITY CHAMBERS



KEN LIMA
LOVE THIS PLACE
CITY HALL



LANCE LUDLOW
JOSHUA TREE
CENTER STREET



LYMAN WHITAKER
WIND SCULPTURES
OLD HIGHWAY 91



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



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.

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



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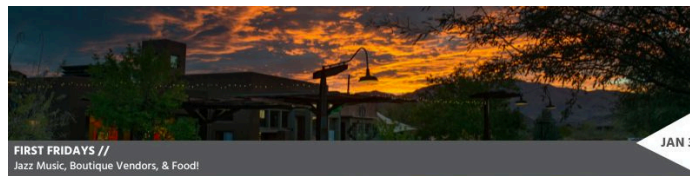
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FOR TICKETS CALL THE BOX

OFFICE: 800-746-9882

FOR EVENT DETAILS VISIT:

TUACAHN.ORG

Tuacahn's FAMOUS SATURDAY MARKET

The Tuacahn Saturday Market has been a destination for local area residents, friends, and tourists. It has become one of Utah's Best Things To Do in the Ivins/St. George area. The drive up Padre Canyon on the way to the market is filled with hoodoos and unique formations with colors and shadows which become a photographer's dream. The market is located at 1100 N Tuacahn Dr., off Snow Canyon Dr, in Ivins. Summer hours are May - September from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Winter hours are October - April from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Tuacahn Saturday Market hosts some of the most talented artists and crafters who are not only local but also come from surrounding states. A typical Saturday market will have about 100 local vendors who display unique items for sale. People come every Saturday just to see the new artists and all the vendors.

Open year-round, Tuacahn Saturday Market provides entertainment from local and regional musical artists and dance groups. Our goal is to provide a friendly, family-oriented destination. Please follow Tuacahn Saturday Market on Facebook and Instagram for a list of upcoming events. Tuacahn Saturday Market is **ALWAYS FREE AND ALWAYS FUN!**



Free to the Public

SATURDAYS

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