



## *Truth* **IN TAXATION**

**Chris Hart, Mayor**

Simply stated, Truth in Taxation is the procedure created by the State Legislature that a municipality must follow to alter its Property Tax rate. Its requirements include specific budget and finance related disclosures and extensive resident engagement culminating in a Public Hearing before a City Council may impose such a change. The last time Ivins City went through that process was in 2010.

In Utah, the Property Tax levied on a subject property is based on the appraised value of that property multiplied by the property tax rate at the time that the property comes onto the tax rolls. The property tax rate is then adjusted from year to year to ensure that the established tax amount remains virtually unchanged even as property values increase or decrease over time. That insures cities, counties, school districts and other taxing entities have a reliable source of annual tax revenue, an important requirement for bonding purposes. The problem with that accounting method is that there is no provision for adjustments based on inflation, so that fixed amount typically devalues over time based on the rate of inflation. The only increase in property tax revenue that comes to a city is through growth as new properties are added to the tax rolls.

The majority of our annual individual Property Tax bill each year is paid to Washington County and the Washington County School District. Typically when our property tax bill increases it reflects a rate change from one or both of those entities. Cities like Ivins receive a minor percentage of our overall property tax payments, but overall it accounts for nearly half of the revenue required to fund City services. There are other entities like the Washington County Water Conservancy District that receive Property Tax revenue as well, but their percentage is also minor.



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### **Meeting Dates:**

#### **Planning Commission:**

(5:30 p.m.)  
June 3, 2025  
June 17, 2025

#### **City Council:**

(5:30 p.m.)  
June 5, 2025  
June 19, 2025

#### **Blucan Dates**

June 2  
June 16  
June 30

#### **Dumpster Dates:**

June 28

Over the last fifteen years since Ivins adjusted its property tax rate we have experienced approximately 53% inflation. That has systematically devalued the purchasing power of the City's fixed property tax income adjusted for growth while the cost of labor and materials required to keep the City going has dramatically increased. Over the last three years in particular our revenue has been bolstered by the Federal Cares Act and other stimulus funding to the tune of nearly a million dollars a year, but those one time revenue sources have dried up. Furthermore, certain needed capital expenditures we've postponed over the last few years have come home to roost leaving us with a budget shortfall this year of just over six hundred thousand dollars. Even with Black Desert beginning to contribute Property Tax, Sales Tax and Transient Room Tax we find ourselves lacking.

We are left in the position of either reducing levels of service or modestly increasing the City's share of Property Taxes. The City Council feels that it is time to make another adjustment this year. We will kick off the process with an open forum Talkabout to be held on Wednesday evening, June 18th at Rocky Vista University beginning at 7:00 pm. We invite all to come to hear detailed information presented and to take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions in that informal setting. The meeting will also be available online using the Zoom address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748237628>. The presenters at that Talkabout will include Cade Visser, our Director of Finance, and Ryan Sullivan, the County Auditor with twenty years' previous experience in the County Assessor's Office, who will help us understand the Truth in Taxation process and how tax rates are established. The panel will also include one or two City Council Members who will be available to answer questions.

We recognize that this is a sensitive issue for all residents and want to make sure that we are completely transparent as we navigate this process. In addition to the upcoming informative Talkabout, a Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget that includes a discussion on a possible Property Tax increase will be held during our upcoming City Council Meeting on June 5th beginning at 5:30 pm. Additionally, there will be another Public Hearing specifically focused on a proposed Property Tax increase held on Thursday evening, August 14th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All are invited to attend and make comment at both Public Hearings.



## JUNE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the June 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kjimenez@ivinsutah.gov).

### Planning Commission, June 3, 2025

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation on the Habitat Conservation Ordinance.
- Discuss & consider requirements for casita agreement.
- Discuss and consider Lighting Overlay Ordinance.
- Discuss and consider Home Occupation Business Regulations.
- Discuss and consider Accessory Dwelling Units.
- Discuss and consider Planning Commission's Review of Plat and Related Code.
- Discuss and consider Moderate Income Housing Plan.

## Planning Commission, June 17, 2025

- Possible public hearing, discussion & consideration of casita agreement requirements.
- Possible public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation on Home Occupation Business requirements.
- Possible public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation on Accessory Dwelling Units.
- Possible public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation on Moderate Income Housing Plan.

## City Council, June 5, 2025

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration on budgets to complete FYE (fiscal year ending) 2025 and the budgets for FYE 2026.
- Discuss & consider approval of Resolution 2025-05R regarding the allocation of certain RAP tax funds.
- Discuss & consider approval of art for wrapping five additional utility boxes along arts corridor.
- Continued discussion regarding updating the Sewer Master Plan, Impact Fee Facilities Plan Impact Fee Analysis.

## City Council, June 19, 2025

- Continued discussion & consideration of Budgets for FYE 25 and FYE 26.
- Discussion regarding permanent design for speed bump at Snow Canyon Parkway by The Reserve subdivision.



## TAKE CARE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

By Darcie Chamberlain, APRN, Rocky Vista Health Center

It's important for women to take care of their health at every age. Regular check-ups help keep you feeling your best. Here are some key types of check-ups to remember:

1. Annual Physicals: Visit your doctor once a year for a full check-up. This helps catch any health problems early.
2. Mammograms: Starting at age 40, get a mammogram every 1-2 years to check for breast cancer.
3. Pap Smears: Women should have a Pap smear every 3-5 years starting at age 21 to check for cervical cancer.

### Understanding Hormones and HRT

Hormones play a big role in women's health. They affect your mood, energy, and overall well-being. As women get older, hormone levels can change, causing symptoms like hot flashes, mood swings, and tiredness.

- Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT): HRT can help manage these symptoms by balancing your hormones. Talk to your doctor to see if HRT is right for you.

### Helpful Supplements

Supplements can also support women's health:

- Calcium and Vitamin D: These are important for keeping your bones strong.
- Omega-3 Fatty Acids: These support heart health and can improve mood.


Remember, taking care of your health with regular check-ups, understanding hormones and HRT, and using the right supplements can help you feel your best every day!



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION







**ALERT EARTHQUAKE ALERT**

**IVINS CITY**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR**

**EARTHQUAKE BE READY**

Ivins City volunteer Emergency Preparedness Committee organizes these seminars for the second Thursday of each month in an ongoing citywide initiative to better prepare its citizens and neighborhoods for any emergency or disaster. For more information, email [ivinsutahcert@gmail.com](mailto:ivinsutahcert@gmail.com).

Upcoming events are announced in the Ivins City online newsletter.

**JUNE 12, 2025**

**AT 7:00 P.M.**

**85 N MAIN**  
**IVINS UT 84738**

**FREE SEMINAR**

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

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

JOIN US....

JUNE 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

EARTHQUAKE: BE READY!



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### Old Highway 91 – Phase 2:

Construction continues on the second phase of the Old Highway 91 project from Kwavasa Drive to Fire Lake Park. This phase includes resurfacing the existing roadway, adding bike lanes on both shoulders, completing the remaining sections of the trail from Phase One, installing a sewer line, and upgrading intersections at Anasazi Road, Kayenta Parkway, and Fire Lake Park.

The project is expected to continue through August 2025. While some mild to moderate disruptions are anticipated, efforts will be made to minimize impacts. At times, traffic may be reduced to a single lane, but delays are expected to be brief and kept to a minimum.

Significant disruptions to the trail and bike access are anticipated along this section of the corridor. For safety reasons, both the trail and bike lanes will likely remain closed for the duration of the project.

### Pavement Maintenance Project:

We're happy to share that pavement maintenance is now complete. Thank you for your patience while we worked to improve our city streets!

Next up is striping, which is scheduled for mid-June. This allows time for the newly treated surfaces to fully cure. The striping process should cause minimal disruption, but we kindly ask that you avoid driving or walking on the fresh lines as much as possible to help keep them looking sharp.

Thanks again for your support as we continue to enhance our community!

## *Honoring Janell Bassett: Ivins Inspired's Summer Volunteer of the Season*

We are delighted to recognize the exceptional contributions of Janell Bassett, a dedicated volunteer who has been truly invaluable to the Desert Preservation Initiative. As part of Ivins Inspired's seasonal initiative to honor outstanding volunteers from its participating organizations, the Summer Volunteer of the Season, selected by Chuck Warren, is the amazing Janell Bassett. Warren aptly described her impact, stating: "She has largely operated in anonymity, taken little or no credit for the writing she has done for us, writing nearly 30 articles for the monthly online newsletter, Kayenta Connection, and other publications about the mission, labors, community service, the fire danger posed by tamarisk, and our engagement with local fire and conservation professionals." This dedication has been a driving force behind DPI's communication efforts, and as the story below reveals, her involvement began with a simple desire to tell a compelling tale.

### *Janell Bassett Desert Preservation Volunteer--Educate, Motivate, Inspire*

It all started with a story. Janell Bassett was following up on a story suggestion for Shonto Pointers, the HOA newsletter for which she writes, by interviewing Chuck Warren, the leader of a group of volunteers working to maintain trails in the Kayenta Wash. That was story number one. When Chuck discovered that much of the work of trail building was inhibited by huge overgrowths of the invasive tamarisk tree, the trail builders changed course and became the Desert Preservation Initiative (DPI), dedicated to removing tamarisks. Janell followed up with another article titled "Why We Fight Tamarisk The Terrorist."



Learning more about why this work was important, she kept coming back and served for a time as secretary and board member of the newly formed non-profit. Knowing that every non-profit depends on volunteers and donors for support, Janell became DPI's communications specialist, writing monthly articles on DPI's progress, purpose and people; creating the group's logo; writing and designing its informational and membership brochures, flyers and forms, and writing copy for an upcoming DPI website.

To this she brings her experience as a writer/editor for city, trade, and university magazines and her years at Chapman University in Orange, California, where she served as Director of Public Relations; as a professor of writing and public relations in Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, and as Media Arts Division Chair, supervising programs in PR/Advertising/Entertainment Marketing, Broadcast Journalism and Documentary, Television, and Animation/Visual Effects.

Her love of the outdoors comes from decades of family camping first with her parents and then with her husband Bob and their children, as well as from summer jobs as a ranger-naturalist at the Grand Canyon.

"The members and volunteers for DPI who go out into the desert and cut, hack and haul away tamarisk use chainsaws, hedge trimmers, and all kinds of power tools," she says. "Telling stories is my tool to educate, motivate, and inspire others to join this important effort to protect the health and beauty of our native environment and to reduce fire risk. And the wonderful people who do this work make great stories. It is a natural fit for me and a fun way for me to be of service, to get to know more about our community and to make new friends."

### **A Special Thanks**

As a token of appreciation for her immense contributions, Janell received a beautiful gift of pottery, generously donated by Datura Gallery at Kayenta Art Village. Ivins Inspired extends its sincere thanks to Datura Gallery for their thoughtful donation and for being an exemplary Ivins City business that actively supports our community's dedicated volunteers.

Ivins Inspired extends its deepest gratitude to Janell for her invaluable contributions to our community. You too can join the dedicated volunteer ranks in Ivins by visiting [ivinsinspired.org](http://ivinsinspired.org) and filling out the volunteer form.



# Parks & Recreation



## 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 2 – Thursday, June 5

Little Ace: 8am-8:45am (for ages 5-9)

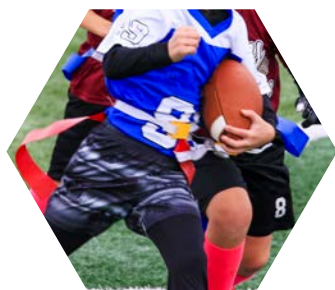
Big Ace: 8:45am-9:30am (for ages 10-13)

Advanced: 9:30am-10:15am (for ages 14+)

Location: UNITY Park Tennis Courts

Fee: \$65/participant

Register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) under PROGRAMS or in person at City Hall



## Flag Football Registration - For ages 6 to 12

Registration is now open through August 8th for our youth flag football leagues! You can register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://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, 2025

No teammate requests.

## 2025 Volleyball Registration

Registration open through August 8th for youth volleyball program! You can register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) or in person at City Hall (85 N Main St).

Registration Fee: \$30

Grades 3rd-8th Co-ed

Games held Mondays at Lava Ridge Intermediate School from Sept 15-Oct 27 (no games on 10/13)

All games at Lava Ridge Intermediate School



Wednesday July 9th 11am - 2pm

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR

Ivins Heritage Park (100N 100W) (Ages 12-18)

Water fun, music, foam, slide, shave ice food truck



Tuesday August 5th from

7:30am – 6:45pm

\$50/participant

View Information Packet online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) under FORMS or in person at City Hall

# Parks & Recreation



**August 1st – Brother Bear**  
**August 8th – Moana**  
**August 15 – Moana 2**  
**August 22nd – Cinderella (2015)**

## Family Movies in the Park

When: Friday evenings

Dates: August 1<sup>st</sup> - 22nd

Location: the Ivins City Heritage Park baseball field

Cost: **FREE**

Time: 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.



IVINS HERITAGE DAYS 2025  
 PLANTING SEEDS  
 HARVESTING UNITY  
**HERITAGE DAYS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6-13**  
 ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON DIFFERENT DAYS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK STARTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> AND ENDING WITH THE BIG DAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>!  
 MORE AT [IVINSUTAH.GOV/IVINS-HERITAGE-DAYS-2025](http://IVINSUTAH.GOV/IVINS-HERITAGE-DAYS-2025)  
 REGISTRATIONS TO JOIN IN THE FUN ARE OPEN NOW! REGISTER AND LEARN MORE AT [IVINSUTAH.GOV/IVINS-HERITAGE-DAYS-2025](http://IVINSUTAH.GOV/IVINS-HERITAGE-DAYS-2025)  
**NOW REGISTERING FOR:**  
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## Sand Hollow Aquatic Center

Ivins City has an interlocal 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! 435-627-4585

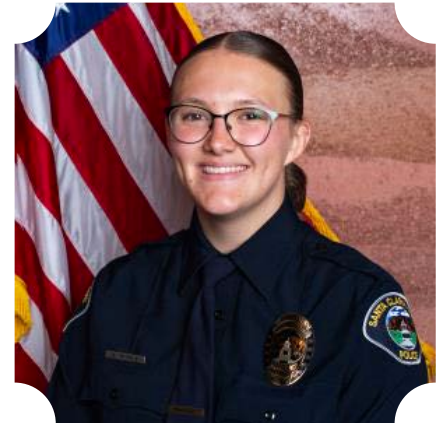


**Get the latest on city updates and exciting new events by following our Facebook page, Ivins City Parks and Recreation – Public Works!**



## Welcoming Our New Officer

We're excited to welcome Officer Katie Whipple to our team! A recent graduate of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program at Utah Tech University, Officer Whipple brings both passion and dedication to her role. As a St. George native, she has a deep-rooted commitment to serving and protecting the community she calls home. Her decision to enter law enforcement reflects her strong desire to make a positive impact right here in her hometown. We're proud to have Officer Whipple join our patrol team and look forward to the contributions she'll bring to our department!



## Animal Control

ADDRESS:  
474 N 200 W  
IVINS, UTAH 84738 | PHONE: 435-628-1049  
ANIMAL CONTROL/ SHELTER MANAGER:  
MACKENZIE PETERSON

### Pets of the Month

We are pleased to highlight our two longest-term feline residents as our "Cats of the Month." These special cats have been in our care for an extended period and are still patiently waiting for their forever homes. By featuring them, we aim to raise awareness and encourage their adoption.

#### Fluffball

Fluffball is a spunky, three-year-old female with charming all-white paws and white markings on her chest and hindquarters. True to her name, she's full of personality—chatty, curious, and independent. Fluffball enjoys basking in the sun on our patio and seeking affection when she's in the mood. She would thrive as the only cat in a household where she can be the center of attention. Fluffball is spayed and up to date on all vaccinations.



#### Yogi

Yogi is a sweet, seven-year-old grey female who is a bit timid but making steady progress. She prefers a calm environment and loves lounging peacefully in the sun on the patio. With a bit of patience and love, Yogi has the potential to be a wonderful companion. She is also spayed and current on all her vaccinations.



These wonderful cats are ready for adoption, and we're hopeful they'll soon find the loving homes they deserve.



# Explore *The Arts* In Ivins

WEBSITE:

[https://](https://www.ivinsartscommission.com)

[www.ivinsartscommission.com](https://www.ivinsartscommission.com)

EMAIL:

[ivinsartscommission@ivinsutah.gov](mailto:ivinsartscommission@ivinsutah.gov)



**Sloane Lisa Perez, Judith Hutchenson, Adele Greenleaf, Liz Fortney, Robert Corsetti, Charley Moore, Cheryl Collins & Michele Adams (Chair, Ivins Arts Commission) and Mayor Chris Hart.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 2025 Ivins City Art on Loan Winners

Be sure to view the art on display at the Ivins City Hall and the roundabout at Snow Canyon Parkway, (Walk Lightly, a Steel and Bronze sculpture). Each individual artist and their work will be highlight in the Ivins City newsletter for the next seven months. A complete description of the art and a profile of each artist is available in the lobby at Ivins City Hall. All of the Art on Loan is for sale for the following year.

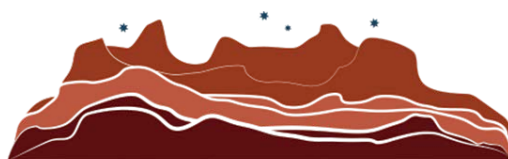
## Vacancy Announcement - Join the Ivins Arts Commission

Are you a supporter of the arts or do you have experience working with arts organizations? Do you live in Ivins City? If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider serving Ivins as a member of its Arts Commission. In addition to an interest in support of the arts, skills in technology, social media, fundraising, administration and community collaboration are a plus. Ivins City Arts Commissioners are appointed by the mayor and serve for a two-year term.

A complete description of the position and the application are available online at [www.ivinsartscommission.com](http://www.ivinsartscommission.com). (Under "Join ")

## Ivins City Artist Registry

Welcome to "Living Artfully in Ivins." The Ivins City Arts Commission encourages all artist living in Ivins City 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. Check it out, register online and upload a photo of your artwork at [www.ivinsartscommission.com](http://www.ivinsartscommission.com).



IVINS CITY ARTS COMMISSION


(Vision Statement, Ivins City Arts Commission Master Plan)

Living Artfully – Ivins City is a recognized and welcoming arts and cultural community that builds on its natural landscape to inspire, connect, and enrich the lives of our community.


# EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IRVINS




**CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
AT KAYENTA**  
**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**  
**kayentaarts.org**  
435-674-2787  
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FIRST FRIDAYS //  
Jazz Music, Boutique Vendors, & Food!  
JUN 6



DELBERT ANDERSON QUARTET  
JUN 7



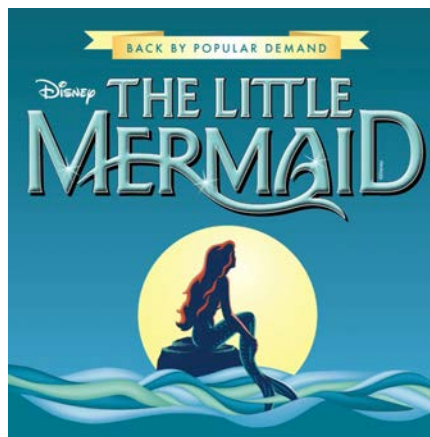
Las Guaracheras  
JUN 14



LIGHTHOUSE  
a new musical  
music & story by Veronica Mallory  
Book & Lyrics & Story Rights by Veronica Mallory  
JUN 19-28



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