

IVINS CITY

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PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS:
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS - 5:30 P.M.
August 5, 19

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - 5:30 P.M.
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HERITAGE DAYS 2025 SEPTEMBER 6-13

EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 6
7-9 P.M.

COYOTE TALES AT HERITAGE PARK (100 N 100 W)

COYOTE TALES ARE LIVE, OPEN-MIC STYLE STORYTELLING EVENTS WITH AMATEUR AND EXPERIENCED STORYTELLERS. EACH EVENT HAS A THEME, ON WHICH STORIES ARE TO BE BASED.

SEPTEMBER 7

HERITAGE DAYS PICTURE SCAVENGER HUNT BEGINS

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 8
1-9 P.M.

FREE SWIM AT THE SHAC (SAND HOLLOW AQUATIC CENTER)

SEPTEMBER 9
6-8 P.M.

YOUTH STREET HOCKEY CLINIC AT UNITY PARK

3RD-5TH (6-6:45 P.M.) AND 6TH-8TH (7-7:45 P.M.)

**FUN FOR
EVERYONE**

SEPTEMBER 10
6-7 P.M.

MINI MISS HERITAGE DAYS PRINCESS PAGEANT

MAIN ST. CHURCH AGES 4-6

SEPTEMBER 11

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 12
5 P.M.-10 P.M.

ACTIVITIES AT HERITAGE PARK (100 N 100 W)

CAR SHOW, ART EXHIBIT, DINNER, CONTESTS, TALENT SHOW, ROOT BEER FLOATS, MOVIE IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 13
9 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.

ACTIVITIES AT HERITAGE PARK (100 N 100 W)

PARADE, VENDOR BOOTHS, PIE BAKING CONTEST, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, PONY RIDES, ART EXHIBIT, **FREE** CHILDRENS GAMES, INFLATABLES, PRODUCE CONTEST, CAKE WALK, BINGO, MAGIC SHOW, DRONE SHOW



VISIT:
IVINSUTAH.GOV
CLICK ON IVINS HERITAGE DAYS
(AT TOP)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

**FREE
ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES & ACTIVITIES**



The End of An Era **ARTICLE BY CHRIS HART, MAYOR**

July 15th marked the end of an era in Ivins. Dale Coulam has retired after serving our community for twenty one years, first as our City Attorney for eight years and then as our City Manager for thirteen more. He wore both hats for most of that time and even took on the added responsibility of HR Director. During his tenure he has overseen arguably the most dramatic period of change in our history.

I met Dale for the first time when our then City Manager Judy Gubler hired him as our first full time City Attorney in 2004. Right out of the gate he was called upon to assist her with a complete overhaul of our General Plan and many of our Ordinances. He and Judy worked so well together through that process that it became obvious to her as she contemplated her own retirement that he would be her ideal replacement.

To that end she quietly coached him to eventually step into her shoes which he did in 2012 with the unanimous support of the City Council. Dale never looked back and like a duck to water he capably took charge of the City. Dale placed high expectations on himself and his Staff, so he consistently took advantage of training opportunities to keep himself up to speed on best practices in an ever changing legal landscape and saw to it that those same opportunities were made available to City personnel to help them achieve their full potential. The result was the development of the most competent Staff that any City could hope to employ.

Equally important, Dale was committed to genuinely serving the residents of Ivins which meant being attentive to their needs and helpful to them in finding solutions to their city related problems. When desperately needed commercial opportunities came our way, Dale worked creatively and tirelessly to help them achieve their goals while paying strict attention to both the aesthetic and practical goals of our General Plan. I remember when Family Dollar applied to build one of their typical bland metal buildings. Dale worked closely with them to help them understand and conform to our design guidelines without driving them away. The result is that we have the nicest looking store in their entire system by their own admission. The same was true while Sentierre and Black Desert were going through their approval processes. He worked with their teams at length to help them navigate their complex projects through the procedural steps required by the City. In all his years of service Dale saw to it that a culture of public service permeated all departments and established policies and procedures to that end.

Dale was diligent in providing useful advice to the City Council both legal and otherwise and remained committed to implementing the Council's will as important decisions were made. He often walked a fine line trying to balance differing points of view among Council Members with the requirements of State Code and our own ordinances. More than once he was scowled at and even verbally assailed for speaking the truth about an issue. Speaking personally, I have always appreciated his patience and genuine effort to help me advance the ideas I've had over the years to move Ivins City forward.

All the while Dale did his work in a quiet unassuming way. Rarely did I hear him raise his voice even in heated situations, yet when needed, Dale never shied away from addressing difficult situations with either staff or residents. He vigorously protected our Community from legal harm by building cases or defenses that were comprehensive and convincing enough to prevent a single successful judgment against the City from occurring during his tenure. I've watched him thoughtfully address disciplinary actions with closely monitored corrective measures to cure problem behaviors in an effort to retain employees. He was firm in his resolve to keep order and promote cooperation among his Staff but fair minded in dealing with the inevitable hiccups associated with managing an organization with the size and complexity of a City Government.

Happy Retirement

It is with sadness that we see Dale leave, but he does so with our immense appreciation for what he's done while he's been in charge of our City. We held a luncheon a few days before he left to give City officials and Staff an opportunity to say farewell. Because of his whimsical tradition of wearing a red tie to work when facing a difficult situation, Char Raine who handles Human Resources for the City captioned the event a Red Tie Goodbye and provided red ties for all who attended to wear. We wish you all the best in your retirement Dale. You will be missed.

We are well along in the process of hiring his replacement from among nearly forty applicants at last count. In the meantime I will serve as Interim City Manager for a few weeks until that individual is selected and can begin his or her term of service.

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, August 5, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of a Concurrent Land Use Amendment from MDR (Medium-Density Residential) and Neighborhood Commercial to HDR (High-Density Residential) and a Zone Amendment from RA-1 (Residential Agriculture, minimum lot size 1 acre) to R-1-5 (Residential Single-Family, minimum lot size 5,000 square feet). Located at approximately 290 South 100 West. Carrol Winsor and Donald Alva Best Family Protective Trust. Sherrie Jean Best Jones-Successor Trustee-Owner. The Lofts Development, LLC- Applicant
- Discussion regarding Home Occupation Regulations

Planning Commission, August 19, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

- Nothing scheduled at time of publication

City Council, August 7, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of an Ordinance on the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Zone Amendment from RA-1 (Residential Agricultural 1 acre) to R-1-7.5 (Residential Single Family 7,500 square feet) on approximately 9.87 acres located at approximately 400 East and 200 South. Wilford Leon Hafen Trust-Owner/Applicant
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of ordinance on the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Amendments to the Code for Ultra Water Efficiency Standards
- Discussion and consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between Ivins City and Century Link regarding utility box painting/wrapping

City Council, August 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

- Public Hearing on a Proposed Tax Increase

City Council, August 21, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of an Ordinance on the Planning Commission recommendation for a Concurrent Land Use Amendment from MDR (Medium-Density Residential) and Neighborhood Commercial to HDR (High-Density Residential) and a Zone Amendment from RA-1 (Residential Agriculture, minimum lot size 1 acre) to R-1-5 (Residential Single-Family, minimum lot size 5,000 square feet). Located at approximately 290 South 100 West. Carrol Winsor and Donald Alva Best Family Protective Trust. Sherrie Jean Best Jones-Successor Trustee-Owner. The Lofts Development, LLC-Applicant

City Council, August 26, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

- Primary Election Canvass

**WE'RE
HIRING!**



For the Following Positions:

Public Safety Sergeant, full-time
School Crossing Guard, part-time
Animal Shelter Worker, part-time

Apply at www.ivinsutah.gov

Ivins Candidate



**Meet &
Greet**

AUGUST 4, 2025
TIME: 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: IVINS CITY HALL

School Updates

Red Mountain Elementary

Principal - Brooklyn McLaws

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

AUGUST 7, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



WE ARE HIRING!

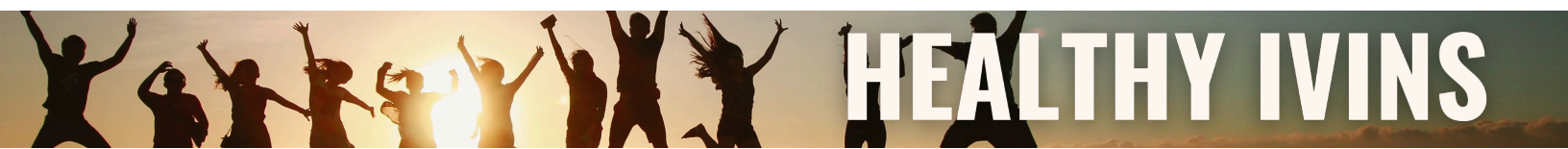
Want a job that works with your kids school schedule?

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HEALTHY IVINS

HYDRATION

By Dr. Steven Harmon, Rocky Vista Health Center

Staying properly hydrated is essential for everyone, from seniors to young children. As we age, our sense of thirst diminishes, making it easier to become dehydrated without realizing it. For kids, staying hydrated is crucial for their growing bodies and active lifestyles.

Drinking adequate amounts of water supports vital bodily functions such as digestion, nutrient absorption, and maintaining energy levels. Everyone should aim to drink enough water to keep their urine light lemon yellow in color. This may typically be 8 glasses a day. But maybe more if they you are active or spending time outdoors in the hot southern Utah climate. If you are going outdoors remember to hydrate before leaving the house and take a water bottle with you to prevent dehydration.

Incorporating hydrating foods like cucumbers, watermelon, and oranges into the diet can also help. Setting reminders, and even flavoring water with a slice of lemon or lime can make it easier and more enjoyable to stay hydrated.



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



Public Works Department

CONSTRUCTION



Old Highway 91 – Phase 2: The project is nearing completion, most of the work remaining includes asphalt placement. It is anticipated that the project will be substantially completed by the middle of August. While some mild to moderate disruptions are anticipated over the next couple weeks, 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.

The Monsoons are Coming, Be Prepared

It has really been an extremely dry year. Just looking at a precipitation gauge in Ivins City going back to the beginning of the water year that starts in October there has only been a little over 3 inches of precipitation. If August and September are average years, then we may get about 5 inches of rain total for this water year which is about 50 percent of the average and the least amount of precipitation in a water year that I have seen since I have been tracking this over the past 19 years. Prior to this, the least amount was 6.7 inches of precipitation. Let this just be a reminder that the community receives a huge benefit if we can be conservation minded and be careful not to waste water.



Usually by the end of July, the monsoon storms have started to arrive, but that is not the case this year. I just looked at the 10-day forecast, and it says zero percent change of rain for the whole period. Still, this is the time of year to start preparing for big thunderstorms that can cause a lot of havoc if too much water comes down too quickly and overwhelms our drainage systems. The rain would be much appreciated, but let's be prepared for it.

Knock on wood, it has been a while since we had a big storm event. Yet, our drainage infrastructure is more robust than it has ever been. We have more detention basins than ever with the recent completion of the 1.8-acre-foot regional detention basin at approximately 175 North Kwavasa Drive, as shown in the accompanying photograph, to go along with our other twelve regional detention basins. However, we have had plenty of storms in the past 20 years that could cause a lot of headaches for the City if they were to happen again.

It is wise to be cautious. I always recommend that homeowners consider purchasing flood insurance even if your home is not in a flood plain and your mortgagee does not require it, as flood damage can be very costly. We have always provided sandbags to any resident that requests some as a precaution. If you are interested, feel free to call our Public Works office at 435-634-0689 or email us at publicworks@ivinsutah.gov.

Parks & Recreation Department

Flag Football Registration - For ages 6 to 12

Registration is now open through August 15th 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 - 5 & 6 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Ages - 6 to 8 Coed (Mondays & Wednesdays)

Ages - 9 to 12 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Ages determined as of October 31, 2025

Play begins week of Sept 15 and ends week of Oct 6. Games at UNITY Park.



2025 Volleyball Registration

Registration open through August 15th for youth volleyball program! You can register online at 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)

Family Movies in the Park

When: Friday evenings

Dates: August 1st - 22nd

Location: Ivins City Heritage Park baseball field

Cost: **FREE**

Time: Start time is approximately 8:30 p.m. (or when it is dark enough).



August 1st - Brother Bear

August 8th - Moana

August 15th - Moana 2

August 22nd - Cinderella (2015)

Come early on August 22nd for a Children's Entrepreneur Market! More details coming

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.

GOLF SCHOOL

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

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

Directed by Arnold Billingsley
PGA

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Public Safety

Back to School Safety Reminder from the Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department

As a new school year begins, it's important to remember that our streets will be busier with students walking, biking, and being dropped off at school. Safety is everyone's responsibility, and a little extra attention behind the wheel can make a big difference.

Drivers are reminded to slow down in school zones and come to a complete stop for crossing guards. Crossing Guards help students

cross safely each day, regardless of the weather. Please be alert for children, especially during early morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal times, as they may not always look before stepping into the road.

As students head back to class, it's a good time to brush up on crosswalk safety, especially in designated school zones.

If you see the yellow, pentagon shaped sign with two people on it and the "ladder to learning" bars painted on the road, you're in a school crosswalk. The rules here are stricter to help protect children and the crossing guards who assist them.

At a school "ladder to learning" crosswalk:

- Drivers must come to a complete stop.
- Vehicles cannot proceed until the pedestrian is completely on the sidewalk.
- If a crossing guard is still in the intersection holding a stop sign, vehicles must wait until the guard is back on the sidewalk and the stop sign is down.

For regular crosswalks, drivers must yield to pedestrians on their half of the road or approaching it.

Let's work together to keep students safe this school year. Please stay alert, slow down in school zones, and always follow the direction of our crossing guards.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to serve the community, we are currently hiring crossing guards and reserve crossing guards. These positions follow the school calendar and offer a flexible way to get involved. Reserve positions are ideal for those who want to help but can't commit to every school day. It's an on-call role, and if you're unavailable, you can simply decline the shift. Applications can be submitted online at ivinsutah.gov.

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ANIMAL CONTROL/ SHELTER MANAGER:

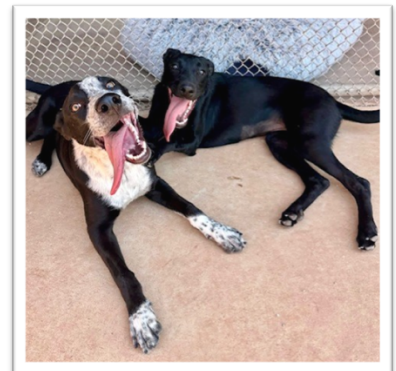
MACKENZIE PETERSON

Animal *Control*

Cooper and Sunny are still here at the Animal Shelter patiently waiting for their forever homes, and they have become fast friends!

Both are incredibly sweet and playful. They get along well with other dogs and are always ready for some fun and affection.

If you would like to meet Cooper or Sunny, please call the Shelter at 435-628-1049 to schedule a visit.



Explore the Arts in Ivins



Does your HOA, Business or Family want to Sponsor Wrapping a Utility Box with Art?

The Ivins City Arts Commission invites all residents, HOAs, developers, and businesses to sponsor a utility box to beautify our streetscape. "Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the utility boxes in Ivins were converted into beautiful pieces of art?", Mayor Chris Hart, 2024

If you think this is a good idea and are interested in sponsoring a box, check out the details on the Ivins City Arts Commission website (Ivinsartcommission.gov), It's a Wrap. An Ivins Art Commissioner will guide you through the process and answer any questions. The Ivins City Art Commission must be contacted before any citizen applies or creates art on any utility box in Ivins City.



**Thank you to the Copper Canyon HOA
Artwork by Ed Trammell**



Heritage Days Youth and Adult Art Exhibit Register Now September 12 - 13, 2025

This show is open to all residents living in Ivins and all students grades K-12 attending school in Ivins. The Art Exhibit is open to all art mediums (2D and 3D) and will be displayed in City Hall.

Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the student categories. There will be 2 awards in the adult category: Mayor's Choice and People's Choice.

Registration is free. Only one entry per person.

To register and for entry information:
(www.ivinsutah.gov - Click on Heritage Days at top of page)



Utah Tech Students Team Up with Ivins Inspired for Community Beautification!

Ivins Inspired is thrilled to announce a significant collaboration set to take place on August 16th! Dr. Erin O'Brien and a brigade of new Utah Tech students will be joining forces with Ivins City and Ivins Inspired to enhance our beautiful community. This initiative perfectly exemplifies the collaborative spirit that truly sets Ivins apart, fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring the unique spirit of our community thrives.

As part of a broader "Service Saturday" on Saturday, August 16, 2025, a significant number of incoming Utah Tech students will be fanning out across the entirety of Washington County for various service projects. We are incredibly fortunate that a large group of these dedicated students will be heading to Ivins to engage in vital community projects here. Their tasks will include road and wash clean-up, essential weeding and tumbleweed removal at the community garden, and refreshing our public spaces by painting railings and fire hydrants. These efforts are crucial for maintaining the picturesque vistas and tranquil desert landscapes that are integral to the Ivins way of life, where every trail offers an adventure, and reinforce our collective commitment to civic engagement and community contribution.

Ivins Inspired is thrilled about this collaboration with Dr. Erin O'Brien and Utah Tech University,



as it perfectly embodies our mission: fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring Ivins' unique spirit thrives through community-wide collaboration. This

partnership exemplifies our commitment to inspiring active participation among residents, businesses, and visitors, while also directly supporting our goal to protect and respect our inspiring natural environment. We believe in purposeful, impactful initiatives that enhance community well-being and strengthen vital partnerships, like this one with Utah Tech.

Dr. Erin O'Brien, a distinguished faculty member in Utah Tech's Biological Sciences Department with a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolution, is leading this impactful student group. Her expertise in plant physiological ecology and active involvement in student research, community agricultural projects, and local plant conservation efforts bring invaluable insight to this initiative. Dr. O'Brien firmly believes in the power of hands-on, out-of-classroom experiences for holistic student development, making this community service day a perfect fit for her educational philosophy and an opportunity for students' optimal physical and mental wellness.

This upcoming event is a wonderful testament to the power of community collaboration and a brilliant opportunity for all involved to "live life elevated." By bringing together the academic talent from Utah Tech with the practical needs of our community, we are not only beautifying our surroundings but also nurturing deeper connections and strengthening the rich cultural fabric that defines Ivins. United by our love for the environment and beauty of Ivins and its people, "we belong here."

Join the Ivins Inspired Volunteer Team and Make a Difference!

Inspired by the community-wide efforts of Dr. O'Brien and the Utah Tech students, we invite you to become a part of Ivins Inspired's ongoing mission to foster connection, wellness, and a vibrant community. Your time and talent can truly make a difference in Ivins!

We have many exciting volunteer opportunities throughout the year. We have a special need for assistance with **Heritage Days**, our annual celebration of Ivins' unique history and culture, taking place from **September 6th to September 13th**. We'd love for you to help us make it truly exceptional.

Become an Ivins Inspired Volunteer Today!

- Sign up to be an ongoing Ivins Inspired volunteer: Join our dedicated team for various events and initiatives throughout the year: <https://forms.gle/zUMrvctTYjsStubWA>
- Volunteer specifically for Heritage Days (September 6-13): Lend your support for this special community celebration: <https://forms.gle/TXrFsgYRrSEQjqCP7>

By volunteering, you directly contribute to Ivins Inspired's mission to create intentional, unique events and programs where people are nourished, inspired, and connected. Your involvement strengthens our community and helps protect the environment that inspires us all. Just like building a mosaic, every individual contribution adds a unique piece, creating a beautiful and complete picture of a thriving, connected Ivins.