

IVINS CITY

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS - 5:30 P.M.
October 14

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Here's TO YOU

by:
Chris Hart, Mayor

With Heritage Days in my recent memory and having just attended the Miss Southern Utah Pageant with my wife in support of Melanie Petersen, Miss Ivins 2024, who was making a run at the Miss Utah Crown, I find myself thinking about the hundreds of our residents who have devoted countless hours of service to our community in capacities ranging from coaching youth sports teams to helping at the Animal Shelter to promoting the Arts in Ivins to working with the Scouts or our Youth City Council to implementing our Emergency Preparedness Plan to serving on Committees or otherwise promoting community causes or to quietly working keeping our streets free of litter..... Here's to you! I am amazed by the outpouring of support given to our City and its Staff by you our residents insuring that worthwhile programs, organizations and events continue to flourish in our community.



Heritage Days was expanded to a week-long event this year culminating with an impressive Black Desert sponsored drone show late Saturday evening ending with the drones forming the word

"WE" with a red heart shape below it and the word "IVINS" at the bottom. The whole town cheered at the image in a show of pride over who and what we are as a community. Heritage Days is overseen by a committee of volunteers that, in conjunction with our Marc Christensen, Sarah Nash, Joseph Rawlinson and our Parks & Rec Staff, develops the plans and puts together the several events that occurred during the week ranging from our annual parade to games and competitions to car and talent shows to a Mini Miss Ivins Pageant to an all ages art exhibition in City Hall. This year's activities even included National Day of Service projects beautifying the newest section of our City Cemetery and putting together relief kits for disaster victims around the world. It was a splendid week of well attended activities made possible by so many of you great resident volunteers and our awesome Staff.

The Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant dates back decades under the direction of some dedicated ladies through the years. Currently it is organized and directed by Jennifer Horne with the help of her daughter Callie, a former Miss Ivins, and a host of others who come together to provide workshops, coach the contestants, arrange for judges, photographs and flowers and put on an entertaining pageant event each year to showcase the talent and poise that the young ladies have who compete. I am always impressed by them and grateful for the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who provide the opportunity for them to grow and develop and to earn scholarships in return. Following the pageant, Jennifer can be seen with the Ivins Royalty at parades, community events and service projects throughout the year as she continues her support for them until their successors are crowned at the next pageant starting the process all over again.

Tiffany Wynn moved to Ivins only a few years ago and wanted to be of service to her community. Employing her great organizational skills she spearheaded efforts to support the City in a variety of ways culminating in her creating a 501c3 non-profit called Ivins Inspired for the express purpose of providing an organizational hub for volunteer activities within Ivins City. In its short history it has already been heavily involved a number of projects, most recently in support of the Ivins City Arts Commission in their fundraising efforts to purchase the Lyman Whitaker wind sculptures in the roundabout at Old Highway 91 and Kwavasa Drive. Only two weeks ago on one week's notice Tiffany stepped in and conducted a fundraising campaign to support Melanie Petersen in her Miss Utah quest by arranging for program advertising and cash donations to cover her pageant costs resulting in Melanie receiving the two community support awards for sponsored program ads and ticket sales. Thank you, Tiffany, and thanks to the Ivins businesses and individuals who stepped up to make Melanie's appearance in the Miss Southern Utah Pageant possible.

Speaking of the Ivins City Arts Commission, nowhere is there to be found a more dedicated and generous group of volunteers. Chaired currently by Michele Adams, they have championed the development of the arts in Ivins for several years creating programs like Arts on Loan that puts donated pieces of art on display for a year around the City, the utility box wrapping project that shrouds those unsightly

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pedestals in art, their junior artist outreach that places a willing entry on the back wall of the Council Chambers for a year and a variety of other efforts intended to beautify our community, like their most recent successful fundraising campaign to purchase the aforementioned Whitaker wind sculptures that reached its goal in mid-September.

David Williams, Bill Ingols and our Ivins Emergency Preparedness Committee spearhead our Disaster Response efforts in Ivins devoting considerable time and effort to refining and advancing that program, maintaining our network of Disaster Hub Boxes, conducting "Go to the Box" drills in conjunction with the annual Utah State Great Shakeout and presenting Emergency preparedness seminars held at City Hall on the second Thursday of all but the summer and holiday months of November and December. Most recently they have spent countless hours helping me formalize the Ivins City Disaster Response Plan with its accompanying Policies and Procedures Manual to be presented to the City Council for adoption next month.

Other Committees consisting of dedicated volunteers with the support of willing City Council Members are addressing issues like housing affordability and open space in our community, and the list goes on. Our Parks and Recreation Department could simply not provide the programs that they do without the help of you caring moms and dads that coach teams or serve in other ways. On behalf of our community, I want to say thank you to all of you civic and service minded residents who bless us all with your supportive efforts.

THANK
YOU

October Agenda Items

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the October 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 Meeting - October 14, 2025

- Discussion regarding noxious weed eradication ordinance revision.
- Discussion regarding Attainable Housing and the "Missing Middle Plan".
- Discuss and consider approval of the Ivins City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2025.

City Council Meeting - October 14, 2025

- Arts Commission presentation of Featured Student Artist, Aspen Blake
- Intermountain Health Annual Presentation
- Discussion regarding Ivins Disaster Response Plan to determine inclusion in the General Plan, Policies and Procedures, Ordinance, or manual
- Continued discussion regarding approval of Ordinance No. 2025-18, an Ordinance of Ivins City, Utah, approving a Concurrent Map Amendment from a land use of 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) on Approximately 13.02 acres; also known as the Solterra development
- Continued discussion regarding approval of a Development Agreement for the Solterra development
- Continued discussion regarding approval of a Development Agreement for Red Mountain Resort
- Public Hearing and Ordinance on Ivins City proposed adoption of Joint Agency Water Conservation Plan
- Resolution appointing a Public Works Director
- Discussion of valuable take-aways from the Utah League of Cities and Towns convention
- Resolution approving employee core benefits

Moving Forward in Unity

by: Chuck Gillette, City Manager

Greetings Ivins Residents,

It is an honor to serve you as your new City Manager. I appreciate the thoughtful introduction from Mayor Hart last month and want to share directly with you how I see our path ahead. I have lived in Ivins for 20 years now, I love it here and I am dedicated to keeping the city a wonderful place to live. I am stepping into the role extremely grateful to the previous City Managers, Dale Coulam and before him Judy Gubler, for the roles they played in getting Ivins to where it is today. I worked with them both and have learned much from their great examples.

My first priority in my first month of service in this position has been learning and listening. I came out of the Public Works Department, but I have a lot of learning to do to get up to speed with our other departments. I have been listening and gathering information from staff, council members, and community voices. Those conversations are helping shape the next steps in ensuring we provide excellent service to residents while keeping costs under control and planning responsibly for the future.

In the months ahead, my focus will be on:

- Supporting our dedicated staff with what they need to be cost efficient and successful.
- Continuing to strengthen our water and infrastructure systems.
- Encouraging thoughtful growth that reflects Ivins' values and follows the precepts of the General Plan.
- Preserving the qualities that make our community such an incredible place: beauty, safety, and neighborly spirit.

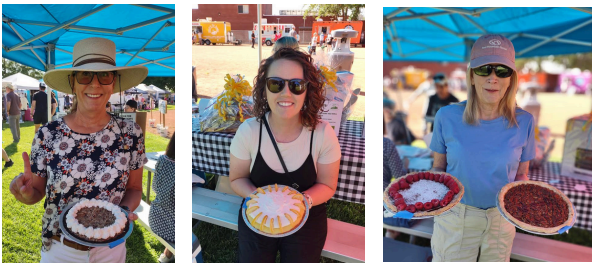
This role is both a responsibility and a privilege, and I take seriously the trust you've placed in me. I am excited about the opportunities ahead and confident that, together, we can continue building on the strong foundation already in place.

COYOTE TALES

The Third Annual Ivins Heritage Days Pie Baking Contest on September 13th was a sweet success! Fourteen pies, each a work of art, went head-to-head in a flavorful showdown that had the judges and festival goers swooning. From flaky crusts to creamy fillings, every entry was a masterpiece.

Three-time finalist Kirra Dixon's Lemon Butter Pie earned second place, while Lisa Ganz's Bavarian Mocha Ganache Pie claimed third. But it was first-time entrant Lois Deihl who stole the show. Her Chocolate Chess Pie was perfectly balanced with rich, chocolaty depth and a bright hint of raspberry that won both the blue ribbon and the grand prize. We're certain Lois's creation will become a cherished addition to your family's recipe box. Congratulations to all who entered and many thanks to Lois for sharing her winning recipe with us.

Special thank you to Ivins City, our incredible volunteers and judges, and our generous contest sponsors—Appliance Wholesalers Plus, Boulevard Home, and Petite Feast.



A poster titled "School Updates" for Red Mountain Elementary, featuring a chalkboard background. The text includes: "Red Mountain Elementary Brooklyn McLaws Principal", "Join Us for STEAM Night!", "Do you have skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math? We'd love for you to share your passion with our students and families!", "Date: October 30", "Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM", "Location: Red Mountain Elementary", "We are looking for community volunteers to host a 15-minute activity booth during our exciting STEAM Night. Activities can be hands-on, interactive, and fun—a great way to inspire students!", "Simple science experiments ■ Coding or robotics demonstrations ■ Art or design challenges ■ Engineering building activities ■ Math games and puzzles", "Why Volunteer?", "Share your skills and inspire young learners", "Support your local community", "Encourage creativity and problem-solving in future innovators", "No teaching experience necessary—just enthusiasm and a willingness to engage!", "Interested? Contact the school if you are interested.", "Let's work together to make this year's STEAM Night unforgettable!", "WE ARE HIRING!", "Want a job that works with your kids school schedule?", "Want a to work but still want your summers off?", "Join our team at Red Mountain Elementary! Located at the bottom of Snow Canyon.", "Looking for 15-27 hrs. a week helping students in small groups learn. Apply for your position now WashK12.org".

HEALTHY IVINS

OCTOBER *is* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



Domestic violence occurs in homes throughout our community. It knows no boundaries of color, gender, age, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation.

It happens in all types of relationships – to married couples, within families, to intimate partners living together, to roommates, and to

dating couples. The abuse can be physical, mental, sexual, emotional, financial, verbal, or electronic.

One in three women and one in four men in Utah may experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and 60-75% of families with intimate partner violence have children who are also impacted by the violence.

If you are a victim of domestic violence or know someone who is being hurt, contact the Dove Center 24-hour helpline at 435-628-0458 or the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition 24-hour helpline at 800-897-5465. And if anyone is in danger right now, call 911.

DOVE Center provides safe shelter and trauma-informed services to facilitate safety, healing, and assault recovery.

DOCTOR'S ORDERS
A series of community lectures on a variety of disease conditions

Join us for a lecture about
UNDERSTANDING AFIB AND HYPERTENSION
OCTOBER 8th | 12:00PM-1:00PM
ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY, AUDITORIUM I

GUEST SPEAKERS
TANNER BUCKWAY
OMS II
TYLER HABERLE
MD

Space is limited! Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

MEASLES

Are you protected against measles? You are considered to be protected against measles if at least one of the following applies to you:

1. You have a written record of your vaccine history and it shows you are up-to-date on the number of doses you need for your age.
 - a) You are considered up-to-date with 1 dose of MMR vaccine if you are:
 - i) Preschool aged (older than 12 months but not in kindergarten yet)
 - ii) An adult who is NOT in high school, college, or another post-high school educational institution, NOT a healthcare worker, and NOT traveling internationally or to a place with an active measles travel advisory.
 - iii) Age 6 to 12 months ANF traveling internationally or to a place with an active measles travel advisory
 - b) You are considered up-to-date with two does of MMR vaccine (separated by 28 days) if you are:
 - i) In kindergarten through grade 12
 - ii) Attending college or another post-high school educational institution
 - iii) A healthcare worker
 - iv) Older than 12 months AND traveling internationally or to a place with an active measles travel advisory.
- 2) You have lab results that show enough measles antibodies in your blood (laboratory evidence of immunity)
- 3) You have lab results that show you have had a measles infection in the past
 - a) Verbal history of measles does not count
- 4) You were born before 1957 (people born before 1957 have most likely had measles in the past and are considered immune.

JOIN US FOR ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL
FALL FESTIVAL
Community Event
October 31 | 5PM - 7PM
Everyone is Welcome!
Games - Food - Trunk-or-Treat
Costume Contest
ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY
255 Center Street, Ivins, Utah

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Rocky Vista Health Center at 435-233-9500.

Public Works Department

Only Rain Down the Drain

clean water starts with you.



Storm drains in Ivins are meant for rainwater only—not trash, chemicals, or waste. These illicit discharges pollute our waterways, harm wildlife, and threaten community health. They are also prohibited by City Code. This fact sheet shows what illicit discharges are, why they matter, and how you can help keep Ivins' water clean. Together, we can ensure “Only Rain in the Drain.”

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is anything that goes into a storm drain that isn't just clean rainwater. Storm drains are designed only to carry rainwater to rivers and streams—not chemicals, trash, or other waste.



Common examples of illicit discharges include:

- Dumping mop water, grease, or cleaning chemicals into gutters or drains
- Oil, antifreeze, or fuel leaks from vehicles or equipment
- Paint, solvents, or other liquid wastes
- Fertilizers, pesticides, or yard chemicals washing off parking lots
- Trash, dirt, or landscaping debris swept into storm drains

Even small amounts of these materials can pollute local waterways, harm fish and wildlife, and affect drinking water sources.

Why it Matters

Illicit discharges aren't just harmful to the environment—they're also illegal under

IVINS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 11.05.502

Storm drains carry water straight to our rivers and streams without treatment, so anything other than clean rainwater can pollute the same waters we use for recreation, wildlife habitat, and community health.



Resources



**Washington County
Solid Waste**



**Ivins City Public
Works Yard**



Republic Services



Your Role

Everyone—businesses, schools, resorts, and construction sites—plays a part in protecting Ivins' water. Here are simple ways you can keep pollutants out of storm drains:

Dispose of waste properly:

- Take all car fluids to a mechanic or recycling center. Check your vehicles regularly for leaks.
- Collect paint, solvents, and cleaning chemicals and take them to a waste facility.
- Place grease and cooking oil in a sealed container for pickup or disposal.
- Place needles and sharps in an approved sharps disposal container and take them to an official drop-off site.
- Keep dumpsters and waste bins closed, and fix any leaks.

By following these steps, you help protect Ivins' waterways, stay in compliance with City Code, and show your commitment to a cleaner, healthier community.

Building Department

Today's Topic: What Residential Zoning in Ivins City Allows & Requires

Ivins City has a number of different residential zoning districts, each with its own density, lot size, permitted uses, and overlay requirements. Here is a brief overview of some key features:

- **Residential Agriculture (RA-5 and RA-1)** These are low-density zones. They allow single-family homes, small farms or hobby farms, keeping of domestic livestock, and accessory uses.
- **Residential Estates (RE-43.0, RE-37.0, RE-25.0, RE-20.0, RE-17.5, RE-15.0, RE-12.5)** These are for single-family estates/neighborhoods with larger lots, openness, and a more rural or spacious character. Main permitted uses are single-family dwellings and accessory uses.
- **Single-Family Residential (R-1-10, R-1-7.5, R-1-5)** These allow more density than the Estates or Agriculture zones. The numbers refer to minimum lot sizes (e.g. R-1-5 means approximately 5,000 sq ft minimum lot). Single-family dwellings are the main use. Accessory uses and buildings may also be allowed according to code.
- **Multiple Residential (R-2-10, Townhouse, R-M)** Higher density zones. These allow multi-family housing, townhouses, duplexes or other forms of more compact housing, again subject to setback, open space, light/air, landscaping, etc.
- **Overlay Districts and Special Purpose Zones** There are overlay zones that impose additional requirements for certain sensitive features (slopes, views, environmental sensitivity, etc.). Some of the overlays include: • Sensitive Lands Overlay (SL) • Subdivision Enhancement (SE) • Mixed Use Development (MU) • Subdivision Lot Averaging (SLA) • Historic Township Overlay (HO)
- **Use Tables** There are use tables in the Ivins City code that specify exactly which uses are permitted in each zone, which uses are conditional, and which uses are prohibited. The use tables are fairly detailed, so don't be afraid to call City Hall and ask questions!
- **Sensitive Lands / Environmental / Slope Requirements** If a property lies in a "sensitive lands" area (lava fields, hillsides, ridges, rock outcroppings, flood plains, etc.), there are added requirements: restrictions on grading, required setbacks, design review, etc.

Where to Find Ivins City Official Maps & Codes

To access Ivins City's zoning / land use mapping: <https://ivinsutah.gov/ivins-city-maps/> and click on the "view larger" icon to do just that! Review Ivins City Code here: <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ivinsut/latest/overview> then type whatever you are looking for into the "search" bar!

Why It Matters & Things to Watch For

- If your property is in or near steep slopes, ridgelines, or other "sensitive lands," those overlay rules may limit what you can build or require additional design constraints.
- Minimum lot size, setbacks, accessory use rules differ greatly between, say, RA zones and R-M or townhouse zones. If someone is planning to build smaller, denser housing (or accessory dwellings) it's critical to check what's allowed in that specific zone.
- Changes to zoning or land use designations require a public hearing. If there's interest in a particular parcel or development, it's good to check on the status of recent or pending amendments and meetings by calling City Hall or by checking the Ivins City website or calendar, www.ivinsutah.gov
- Zoning maps and land use plans set the framework, but the City Code defines what's legal — sometimes what a map shows is only PART of the story (overlays, conditional uses, etc). Feel free to give the City a call for clarification! The more you know!

Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash

Heritage Days 2025

Thank you for participating in Heritage Days this year! We had a great time Planting Seeds, Harvesting Unity with our whole community! Thank you to all the incredible sponsors and volunteers who donated to make this event possible!

Car Show Winners:

1st Place - Brent Wilson 1914 Ford Model T Touring Car
2nd Place - Alan Gurr 1929 Ford Model A
3rd Place - Thomas Wettlaufer 1958 Chevy Corvette

Parade Winners:

1st Place - Ivins Stake
2nd Place - Ivins 6th Ward
3rd Place - Santa Clara Royalty

Scavenger Hunt Winners:

1st Place – the Swensens with 7700 points and 52 submissions!

Pie Baking Contest Winners:

1st Place - Lois Deihl Chocolate Chess Pie
2nd Place - Kirra Dixon Lemon Butter Pie
3rd Place - Lisa Ganz Bavarian Mocha Ganache Pie

LOIS DEIHL'S BLUE RIBBON WINNING CHOCOLATE CHESS PIE WITH RASPBERRIES

INGREDIENTS:

Crust:

1 1/4 C all-purpose flour
1/2 t salt
1 T granulated sugar
10 tablespoons COLD butter
4 T ice cold water

Filling:

1 1/2 C sugar
2 eggs
3T unsweetened cocoa powder
5 oz can evaporated milk
1/4 C melted butter
1 t vanilla extract
Fresh raspberries and powdered sugar for garnish

METHOD:

Prepare pastry:

- Combine dry ingredients for crust in mixing bowl. Work in butter pieces using a pastry cutter or two knives until particles are the size of peas.
- Sprinkle in water 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing with a fork after each addition. Mix lightly until all flour is moistened and the mixture is crumbly. Add only enough water to make a cohesive mixture. (1 to 2 teaspoons of water can be added if needed.)
- Gather dough together with hands; press firmly into a ball. Flatten into a disk and wrap in plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- Roll out the chilled dough round with a rolling pin on a lightly floured surface. Carefully place dough into pie pan making sure to press gently against bottom and sides of pan. Crimp crust decoratively. Refrigerate while you make filling.

Prepare filling:

- In a large bowl, stir together the sugar and cocoa powder. Add eggs and evaporated milk, melted butter and vanilla. Mix well to combine. Pour into prepared pastry lined pie tin bake for 55 minutes. Let cool for at least 1 hour.
- Top with fresh raspberries and a sprinkling of powdered sugar

***Pie will be slightly jiggly when removed from the oven but will firm up upon resting.

Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash

Bingo in the Park

Come join us for some Bingo fun!

Dates: October 21st to November 13th
(NO Bingo on 11/11)

Location: Ivins City Heritage Park West Pavilion

Days: Tuesdays/Thursdays

Time: 5 - 5:45p.m.

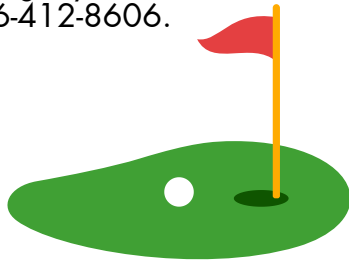
FREE!! No pre-registration required.

Regular prize Bingo from 5-5:30pm and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45pm!

If you know of a local business interested in donating prizes or grand prizes, please have them contact the Parks Department.

Golf School

Sign up today for a fall golf class! Classes begin mid-September at 5 different locations: Big Shots, the Ledges, SunRiver, the Hive Therapy and Green Springs. For more information visit golfinstituteofamerica.com or call Arnie Billingsley Golf School Director at 916-412-8606.



2025 Youth Cross Country

There's still time to join our youth cross country team for elementary and middle school aged kids! (co-ed)

Fee: \$15 registration fee/participant.

Jersey top and shorts are optional and will be a separate \$15 fee.



Practices held on Tuesdays/Fridays at Canyon View Park.

2026 Youth Basketball Registration Open

Sign ups for our 2026 Youth Basketball season opened October 1st!

Grades: 1st - 6th

Location: All games at played at Lava Ridge Intermediate School



Find more information and sign up online at ivins.recdesk.com

TRAIL TO TRANQUILITY

JOIN US FOR THE HIGHWAY 91 MULTIPURPOSE PATH RIBBON CUTTING

Celebrate Healthy Living and Togetherness
October 18
8:00 AM
Start/Finish at UNITY Park



Stroll, Walk, Run, or Bike
2.2 miles from UNITY Park to Fire Lake.
Go out and back,
or hop on a shuttle back to the park.

Everything is FREE
Shirts to the first 100 people - Sponsored by Black Desert Pancake Breakfast at UNITY park when you return
Prize drawing from local organizations



IVINS CITY
IVINS CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

HALLOWEEN BASH!

Friday October 24th
6pm-7pm
Ivins City Heritage Park
100N 100W IVINS, UT

FREE!

6PM-7PM
PIZZA
PUMPKIN PAINTING
CARNIVAL GAMES
6:30PM
COSTUME PARADE



IVINS CITY

Holiday Shopping Day Trip

Tuesday November 18th
9am-7pm
Meet/return at Ivins City Hall (85 N Main St)

Join us on a fun Las Vegas day trip to complete your holiday shopping!

\$40/participant
Covers bus ride and snacks. Does not include lunch.
Plan to bring your own or purchase lunch at the mall.

4 hours at the Las Vegas South Premium Outlets
Every hour, we'll take your shopping bags to the bus for you
1 hour at the Bellagio Conservatory and Fountains

Register online at ivins.recdesk.com
or in person at City Hall (85 N Main St)
For questions, contact Ivins Parks & Recreation 435-634-7719





Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department Starts Cell Phone Donation Program

The Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department is excited to announce a new partnership with 911 Cell Phone Bank. This national program turns old and unused phones into lifelines for victims of abuse, senior citizens, and other vulnerable members of the community.

How It Works: You can now donate any old cell phone, regardless of its age, brand, or condition. If you have chargers, feel free to include those as well. Simply drop off your items at the front desk of the Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department and complete a donation receipt. Our staff will securely send the devices to the 911 Cell Phone Bank.

At the 911 Cell Phone Bank, the devices are handled in one of two ways. First, data is professionally erased using industry-standard tools and procedures. Second, if a device cannot be erased, it is responsibly recycled through certified facilities. This process provides a safe and eco-friendly way to dispose of old electronics while also helping individuals in need.

Why It Matters: When you donate a device, it becomes a free emergency phone for someone in need. This helps victims of domestic violence, seniors, and others stay safe and connected.

It's time to give your old phones a new purpose. Rather than letting them gather dust or worrying about how to get rid of them, bring them to Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department. By working together, we can help our neighbors feel safer and more secure.

For more information, please contact the Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department at 435-652-1122.

Where to Donate:

**Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department
55 North Main Street, Ivins, UT 84738**

**Donations are accepted during regular business hours.
(Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm excluding Holidays)**



Animal Control

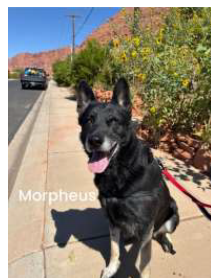
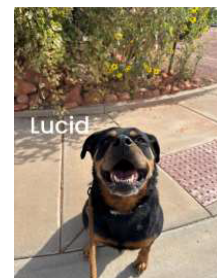
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IVINS, UTAH 84738 | PHONE: 435-628-1049
ANIMAL CONTROL/ SHELTER MANAGER:
MACKENZIE PETERSON

Pet of the Month

Two Sweet Pups Still Waiting! They have been at the shelter for 48 days. Lucid and Morpheus are still here at the shelter, patiently waiting for their forever families. This pair has so much love to give — they need someone to share it with!

Lucid: A loyal and bubbly 10-year-old female Rottweiler, our curious girl Lucid has a blast during her strolls. She loves sniffing and exploring her surroundings and does well on leash. She can be a little cautious with new people at first, but with slow introductions, her sweet and friendly personality is sure to shine.

Morpheus: A lively and affectionate 8-year-old male German Shepherd. Much like his sister, Lucid, Morpheus adores his walking adventures. He's an enthusiastic explorer and, while he sometimes pulls on the leash, he listens well to gentle cues. With a bit of consistency and practice, he'll be an excellent walking buddy.



Why Strong Towns? — Building Resilience Together in Ivins

By Tiffany Wynn, Ivins Inspired

Strong Towns is a national organization that helps communities grow in ways that are safe, livable, and financially resilient. Its approach sees local government as the highest level of collaboration — people and leaders working together to help a place thrive.

Here in Ivins, we're blessed with a vibrant mix of neighbors: longtime residents, young families, retirees, artists, veterans, and more. That diversity is part of what makes our city so special, and it's why we need spaces where everyone can come together, be heard, and work side by side to solve challenges. That spirit is also at the heart of Ivins Inspired, whose mission is to foster connection, nourish creativity, and encourage residents to shape the future of our community together.

Bringing Strong Towns Local Conversations to Ivins builds on that shared purpose. These gatherings invite residents to share their concerns, learn from each other, and create practical solutions that make our town stronger today — and an even better place for generations to come.

Why I embrace Strong Towns: Working together from the ground up

I first learned about Strong Towns a few months ago when I met Judith Rognli, the Co-founder of the Strong Towns Washington County Coalition, and shared my concerns about safety on Center Street near Vista School. She introduced me to the Strong Towns approach and offered to lead a walk audit to better understand the issues and identify where changes could make the greatest impact. The concept immediately resonated with me. I knew I wanted to be part of the team, and I was so excited when Judith asked me to join.

**STRONG
TOWNS**

As I went through their leadership training and read the Strong Towns book, I was thrilled to see how many things Ivins already does that align with the Strong Towns model—but also how much more we can accomplish by working together from the ground up.

The walk audit, along with my own reading and training, showed me that Ivins already reflects many of Strong Towns' values. Our city officials are approachable and engaged, hosting Talkabouts and welcoming new ideas like Ivins Inspired. This collaborative spirit was on full display during the audit itself, which brought together Mayor Hart, city staff, parents, students, residents, and members of the Southern Utah Veterans Home. By seeing the safety challenges in person, we gained firsthand insight into the issues and began working collectively toward solutions. It was a clear example of how local government, residents, and groups like Strong Towns can partner to make meaningful improvements.

By hosting Strong Towns conversations here, we can build on that momentum. These meetings give everyone a voice — helping us understand one another, focus on shared goals, and take small, actionable steps that lead to lasting progress. Together, Ivins Inspired and Strong Towns offer a path for collaboration, creativity, and resilience, ensuring Ivins remains a thriving, connected place to call home.

Join Us: October 22 at Ivins City Hall Chambers

We hope you'll join us on Wednesday, October 22, for an evening of learning, sharing, and problem-solving together.

The night will include:

- A panel of community members sharing insights on how Strong Towns principles connect to Ivins' needs and opportunities.
- Open discussion where residents can share their priorities and help brainstorm small, meaningful steps we can take as a community.

By working together—residents, neighborhoods, businesses, and local government—we can make Ivins stronger, closer, and ready for whatever comes next. As someone said recently on CBS Sunday Morning, "We are imperfect people trying to form a more perfect union." None of us has all the answers, but by joining forces, we have a far better chance of figuring it out—and building a flourishing Ivins for generations to come.

Please RSVP at this link to secure your spot: <https://www.conserveswu.org/events/strong-towns-conversation-in-ivins-2025-10-22-17-00>

Explore the Arts in Ivins



Heritage Days Awards - 2025

Youth – (Pictured Above)

- 1: Peter Bringham age 7 Oil pastels on Paper “WindingWalk Through a Jungle”
- 2: Bowie Froelich, age 6 Polymer Clay Sculptures “Clay Creations by Bowie”
- 3: Adalyn Blake, age 11 Papermache “Sunturtle”

Teen Awards

- 1: Aspen Blake, age 15 Spray paint on composite “Rosy Cosmos”
- 2: Evan Lineweaver, age 13 Acrylic “Bugs Eye View of Red Rocks”
- 3: Kylee Thomas, HS Senior, acrylic, “Eye Saw the Sun”

Adult Awards

Mayor’s Choice: Elizabeth Fortney, photography on metal, “Community”
 People’s Choice: Barry Fant, canvas/acrylic “Facing Home”



Mayor Hart presenting the check to Artist, Lyman Whitaker, at the September 18th, Ivins City Council meeting.

Thanks to our Whitaker Wind Sculpture Donors!

Every contribution— large and small — helped make this dream a reality. Whether you contributed financially, purchased an item in our Art Auction, spread the word, or cheered us on, you helped turn an idea into a reality that will enrich our city’s cultural landscape.

Special thanks to Ivins Inspired for generously managing the donations at no cost. We are deeply grateful to Cherie Stoddard, Liz Fortney, and all the talented artists who contributed their work to make the Heritage Days Art Auction such a success.



It's a Wrap

Thank you, Palisade's Home Owners Association (HOA) and Tiffany Wynn. Thank you to the very talented local artists who donate their work: Sherrie Gee, Johnette Dietz, Robin Valline, Steve Wagner and Adele Greenleaf.

The Ivins 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 of 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 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.

(Spoiler Alert)

Watch for the art on the backsides of these boxes in the November newsletter or go for a walk on Center Street.)

Fiscal Year 2025 RAP Applications Available

The Ivins City Arts Commission is accepting funding applications from Ivins City non-profit/tax exempt art organizations beginning October 1, 2025. The application deadline is Friday, December 26h at 5:00 PM. If previously funded, a copy of the 2025 Final RAP Grant Report is due along with the application. Applications are available at

<https://www.ivinsartscommission.com/ivins-rap-tax-request>

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Notice Regarding Proposition 14 Referendum:

A referendum, known as Proposition 14, has been initiated in Ivins City and sponsors are currently gathering signatures for a petition to challenge the recent resolution passed by City Council to increase only the Ivins City portion of your total property taxes. We want to make sure our residents are aware of this process and have access to accurate information, thus the following statements in support of, and in opposition to, the referendum are included here in the newsletter. Additional information including the fiscal and legal impact statement and other supporting documents are available as part of the Proposition 14 Information Pamphlet found at the following website: <https://ivinsutah.gov/prop-14/>

We encourage residents to thoroughly review this information so you can be properly informed.

What Happens Next

- If the petition sponsors gather enough signatures (as required by state law), the matter will be placed before Ivins City voters during the general election on November 4, 2025.
- If the sponsors do not gather enough signatures, Proposition 14 will still appear on the ballot; however, the County will not count the votes. In that case, the resolution will remain in effect, and the property tax increase will be reflected in the upcoming property tax notices issued by the County.

Argument in Favor of Referendum (in opposition to tax increase and 'against' the ballot question)

The Ivins Property Tax Increase passed by the City Council on 8/14/2025 should be rescinded by the voters of Ivins.

The citizens of Ivins, Utah, are being asked to pay a 34 percent increase on their property taxes for the current Ivins City budget year. The city council approved this increase on August 14, 2025, but the citizens have the right to reverse this increase. Citizens can put this increase to the vote of the people of Ivins at the General Election on November 4, 2025. To get the petition on the ballot, many citizens must sign the petition and then vote to support repealing the increase on November 4th.

The reasons for repealing the property tax increase are very simple. The increase is neither fair nor reasonable. The mayor claims that the increase in property taxes by \$860,000 per year, or an average of 34 percent per homeowner, is needed to keep up with inflation. However, property tax dollars increase every year without any action by the mayor and city council, because the city gets more tax dollars from the construction growth in Ivins. For example, from the period of Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) to FY26 – the current budget year, without any action by the city, property tax revenues grew from \$1.64 million to \$2.68 million. That is a 63 percent increase, compared to a 28 percent increase in inflation. But the mayor and the city council simply want more than a 63 percent increase in taxes. So, they added another \$860,000 for a grand total increase of 116 percent. Why? Because the city is overspending. From FY19 to FY25, the general fund spending increased by 75 percent, nearly triple inflation. The city is overspending. You only need to visit the new and opulent city hall to get a sense of that. Staff has grown by one-third over this time period. Repealing the property tax increase is your best chance to get the leadership of Ivins to rein in the spending. Otherwise, the mayor and city council will believe that taxpayers can be squeezed. Raising taxes doesn't solve the spending problem.

Argument Against Referendum (in support of tax increase and 'for' the ballot question)

The City Council approved a property tax increase of \$860,000 to ensure the city can continue providing quality services to residents. This is the first increase in the Ivins portion of property taxes in 15 years. For an average Ivins primary residence, valued at \$743,247, this increase is roughly \$10 a month.

Why the Increase Is Necessary

The county lowers property tax rates for cities automatically each year as property values increase, so residents' tax bills remain about the same. So, while property values have risen since 2010, Ivins' property tax rate has steadily declined, from 0.199% in 2010 to 0.0877% this year.

That means the Ivins tax on a primary residence has fallen from \$109 per \$100,000 of assessed value in 2010 to \$48 today. Even with the increase, the tax would be only \$65 per \$100,000 of assessed value. In the past few years, Ivins avoided raising taxes by relying on one-time revenues: \$1.35 million in federal COVID relief, now gone, and \$650,000 in interest on developer bonds that is disappearing since state law now requires interest on new bonds to be returned to the developer.

At the same time, we invested in key service improvements, like converting both fire stations from mostly volunteers to full-time 24/7 professional staffing, raising costs over \$500,000 a year. This provides faster response times, enhancing public safety for residents.

To fully cover operating expenses, reserves, and capital projects, we need an additional \$1.35 million each year. However, after listening to residents and carefully trimming the budget, the Council approved a smaller increase of \$860,000.

This strikes a balance between fiscal responsibility and community concerns. While the capital projects fund is tight, this increase is a lean and responsible approach to maintaining the quality of services residents expect.

Are We Spending Recklessly?

We've spent months openly discussing and adjusting the budget in detail. But referendum organizers claim Ivins is overspending. Their numbers reflect one way of looking at a narrow slice of time and don't account for service improvements residents now rely on.

The issue isn't how the past is measured, it's how we fund the services our community needs today and tomorrow.

What Happens if the Increase Is Overturned?

If the referendum overturns this increase, we will face difficult trade-offs: stretching or reducing service levels, delaying capital projects, and potentially drawing down our 'rainy-day' fund, leaving us less prepared for future emergencies or economic downturns.

Conclusion

Our revenues don't cover expenses and haven't for several years. Ignoring this doesn't solve the problem; it only makes it larger and more difficult to address.

The City Council approved this increase because it is the most responsible way to carry out the priorities identified in the General Plan, ensure Ivins can continue to provide the services residents rely on, and responsibly prepare for future needs, rather than leaving a future generation to pick up the tab for what we put off.