

IVINS CITY

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Stepping Aside Chris Hart, Mayor

Sixteen years ago next month I took the oath of office to become the Mayor of Ivins City, pledging to "discharge the duties of my office with fidelity." I have taken that charge very seriously and have tried my best to keep the interests of our community among my highest priorities while serving. Looking back across those years I'm flooded with memories of the challenges we've faced, the problems we've tried to solve and the projects that we've undertaken during that time.



Without question we've experienced significant growth and undergone some major changes while I've been Mayor.

When I took office Ivins' population was around 6,500 full time residents and is now hovering around 11,000. The Historic Township had narrow chip seal roads with dirt shoulders that became washes during heavy rains carrying mud and debris onto Center Street requiring days to clean up. There was no Veterans Home, no Medical School, and Black Desert existed only in Patrick Manning's imagination.

I had just overseen the rebuilding of our Animal Shelter before becoming Mayor, ironic since I'm currently overseeing the expansion of the shelter as I leave office. Those projects are fitting bookends to my public service given my enthusiasm for our "No Kill" animal policy. We were rapidly outgrowing our then City Hall when I took office and were housing Public Safety in a remodeled section of the old fire station. They eventually upgraded to a temporary space in Santa Clara's City Hall, but eventually, with all departments bursting at the seams, we undertook the replacement City Hall Project and repurposed our old City Hall to become the headquarters for SCIPD. As a builder those were supremely interesting projects for me, and I remained heavily involved in the planning and decision making process through completion.



Back then Fire Lake Park was just an agreement on paper between Ivins City, the Water District and the Shivwits Band with no one driving it forward.

I thoroughly enjoyed helping to plan that project and take great pride in it now as one of the regions favorite summertime destinations. In addition we've added two new parks and are acquiring land south of Old Highway 91 for a future regional park, a second cemetery and a new Public Works yard.

The proposed Tuacahn Detention Dam had been mired in design issues some time, but it took the collapse of the Laub Dam in Santa Clara to wake us up to the need to resolve those issues and get it built, which we did within two years.

And there were other areas of the city that experienced flooding during major storm events requiring everyone on staff including the City Manager to fill and place sandbags to minimize the damage. A few years and many millions of dollars later, significant additional storm water infrastructure is now in place allowing everyone to sleep at night while the rain falls.

We did our best to maintain some of our tired old roads back then including a few in the central section of the city that were literally falling apart. Those have all been rebuilt and are carefully maintained today. We only had the 200 East & Center Street and the magnificent "mustang" roundabouts in 2010, but they are the inspiration for roundabouts becoming our major intersection standard with five more having been built since then and another nearing construction. The County offloaded the section of Old Highway 91 through Ivins to us several years ago and we recently completed its' rebuild adding wide multi-purpose trails, bike lanes and roundabouts that make it a much safer and attractive roadway.

A couple of years after I took office we merged Ivins City and Santa Clara law enforcement to create SCIPD saving both cities considerable money and improving service to both. Building on that success, we merged Fire and EMS services in 2018 with the same expectation. It was a painful time of transition from a primarily volunteer Ivins Fire Department to a combined professional full time service, but it too serves both our cities well. Our Community Disaster Response Plan took root about the same time with the deployment of our unique Disaster Hub Boxes throughout the city. The Ivins Emergency Preparedness Committee was created to watch over the Boxes, provide monthly seminars on Emergency Preparedness topics and support our Public Safety personnel in planning and conducting drills to make sure we're ready for any eventuality. They have done an awesome job incorporating CERT Team members and the HAM Radio community to provide relief to our city if the unthinkable happens.

In November of 2015 the Ivins City Arts Master Plan was adopted leading to the creation of the Ivins City Arts Commission that has provided remarkable service to our community. They created the "Arts Corridor Plan" and the "Arts on Loan" program to promote the display of public art.

They have recommended the distribution of RAP tax revenue to the City Council each year, championed arts projects like utility box wraps and crosswalk painting throughout the city, sponsored an arts competition and gallery showing as part of Heritage Days each year and have very effectively promoted Ivins' image as a growing arts community.

I take no particular credit for any of these accomplishments because they all required the dedication and hard work of so many, but I do find great satisfaction in them. I feel blessed and honored to have served you as Mayor during these transformative years.

As I prepare to step aside I pledge my support to our next Mayor Kevin Smith and our incoming City Council wishing them well as they continue to advance our remarkable General Plan. So with that I end my 192nd and final Ivins Newsletter article with a heartfelt thanks to all of you for what you have done to help make Ivins City the extraordinary community that it has become. God bless!

December Agenda Items

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the December Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website, www.ivinsutah.gov, a few days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the Planning Commission, please call or email Sharon Allen at 435-628-0606 or sallen@ivinsutah.gov. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari D. Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or kjimenez@ivinsutah.gov.



December 2, 2025 - Planning Commission Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

- Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the Lighting Ordinance regarding Sports Facilities.
- Discuss and consider recommendation on a proposed amendment to the Lighting Ordinance regarding Sports Facilities.
- Public Hearing on a proposed Class V Conditional Use Permit Application for Mojave Village. Located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane. AnA Enterprises, LLC-Owner. Lance Anderson-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider recommendation on a proposed Class V Conditional Use Permit Application for Mojave Village. Located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane. AnA Enterprises, LLC-Owner. Lance Anderson-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider approval of Mojave Village Preliminary Plan, located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane. AnA Enterprises, LLC-Owner. Lance Anderson-Applicant.
- Discuss amendment to the noxious weed ordinance.
- Discuss and consider approval of the Ivins City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2025.

December 16, 2025 - Planning Commission Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

- Public Hearing regarding Class V Conditional Use Permit for Enbridge Energy Gas Regulator Station. Located at approximately 1650 Snow Canyon Drive. Enlaw, LLC-Owner. Enbridge Energy-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider recommendation of a Class V Conditional Use Permit for Enbridge Energy Gas Regulator Station. Located at approximately 1650 Snow Canyon Drive. Enlaw, LLC-Owner. Enbridge Energy-Applicant.
- Public Hearing regarding amendments to the noxious weed ordinance.
- Discuss and consider recommendation amending the noxious weed ordinance.
- Discuss nuisance ordinance.

December 4, 2025 - City Council Work Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

- Discussion on the Fire/EMS study and plan

December 4, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

- Intermountain Health Annual Presentation
- Report regarding Victims of Crime Act – VOCA
- Public Hearing and Ordinance regarding the requirement to install bike racks in all new commercial developments and make technical changes
- Discussion regarding the first amendment to the May 2023 Parks and Trails Master Plan Impact Fee Facilities Plan and Analysis
- Continued discussion on the Fire/EMS study and plan

December 18, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

- Washington County Water Conservancy District Report
- Mayor's Award for Community Service
- Possible discussion and consider approval of a Resolution updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule
- Possible continued discussion and presentation regarding the Verkada security system
- Possible discussion and consider approval of section of Automated Metering Infrastructure vendor contract AMI vendor selection and expenditure
- Possible presentation by Bowen Collins regarding updating the Water Master Plan
- Possible Public Hearing and Ordinance on the first amendment to the May 2023 Parks and Trails Master Plan Impact Fee Facilities Plan and Analysis
- Possible Public Hearing and Ordinance on a proposed amendment to the Lighting Ordinance regarding Sports Facilities
- Possible discussion and consideration on the Planning Commission's recommendation on a proposed Class V Conditional Use Permit Application for Mojave Village. Located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane. AnA Enterprises, LLC-Owner. Lance Adherson-Applicant

**Lead With Vision,
Serve With Purpose**

Mid-Term City Council Vacancy
Salary: \$690.51/month

Have you considered serving on Ivins City Council?
Getting involved locally is incredibly important and we will have a vacancy being filled January 15, 2026.
See below for qualifications and how to apply!

- You must meet the criteria outlined by state law (refer to [Utah Code 20A-9-203](#)).
- You must be a registered voter in Ivins.
- You must live in Ivins for the previous 12 consecutive months immediately before the appointment.
- You must not be an individual convicted of a felony, treason, or a crime against the elective franchise, unless and until your right to hold elective office has been restored pursuant to Utah law.

Application packets are available at Ivins City Hall.
Individuals wishing to be considered must submit the required information no later than December 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM



Vista School Traffic

by Chuck Gillette, City Manager

As many of our residents know, Vista School continues to be a major hub of morning and afternoon activity. To help keep everyone safe and reduce congestion near the campus, Ivins City is asking drivers to avoid Center Street in the vicinity of Vista School and the side street Park Avenue Way during the peak school traffic times whenever possible

The Peak Congestion Times are as follows:

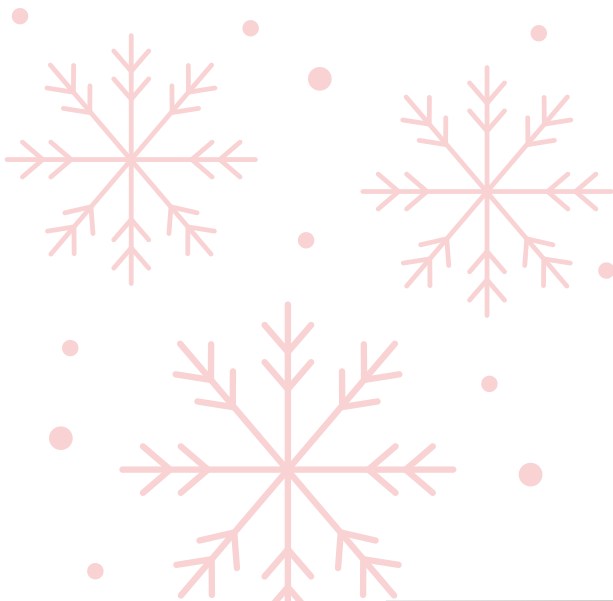
- Morning Drop-Off: 7:45 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.
- Afternoon Pick-Up: 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.



During these windows, traffic becomes especially heavy as parents arrive and depart. This congestion can create delays, limit visibility, and increase the risk of accidents or near-misses around the school.

We also want to recognize and thank Vista School administration and staff for the significant effort they put into managing traffic and student safety each day. Their team works hard to keep vehicles moving efficiently and to ensure a safe and smooth experience for students and families. Every year we work with them to iron out the problem areas and find better solutions.

We could use your help as well. If you can take a different route or adjust the timing of your trip, please do. These small changes help ease congestion and make the area safer for families walking or biking to and from school. We appreciate the community's ongoing support in keeping our school zones safe.



Recognizing a Stroke: What You Need to Know

By Darcie Chamberlain, APRN, Rocky Vista Health Center

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

Remember the word "FAST" to recognize the signs.

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

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

SO, REMEMBER: BE FAST

and if you see any signs of a stroke, call 911 immediately. You could save a life!



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



Public Works Department

Tree Trimming Door Hangers: A Friendly Reminder From Ivins Public Works

As the weather cools and we all start eyeing our Christmas pajamas (you know—the ones that miraculously become socially acceptable from November through January), it's easy to shift into full-cozy mode and forget the not-so-cozy needs of our streets and gutters. But while we're settling in with cocoa, our storm drains are out there working overtime to keep our community clean, safe, and flowing smoothly year-round.

Every so often—especially during autumn's leafy confetti and spring's sudden burst of overenthusiastic shrubs—our Public Works crew places polite little reminders on doors throughout Ivins. These aren't citations or warnings; think of them as friendly nudges from the city elves who keep our gutters clear, our sweepers sweeping, and our storm drains from throwing their own version of a holiday tantrum.



That's where our Tree Trimming Door Hangers come in.

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Why the Door Hanger?

Our street sweepers need space to do their job effectively: scooping up dirt, sand, leaves, rocks, and the occasional runaway tumbleweed. When branches, bushes, or yard debris creep into the roadway or gutter, the sweepers can't reach everything they need to. And that can lead to clogged storm drains—which is a little less “Winter Wonderland” and a little more “Seasonal Swamp.”

The Municipal Code (in case you like the official stuff):

Ivins City Municipal Code 11.01.204 states: “It is unlawful for any person to deposit onto, or to allow to remain on the sidewalk or in the gutter, dirt, leaves, weeds or any other material that can clog or prevent the free flow of water therein.”

In other words: gutters aren't decorative storage. Even if the leaves look festive.

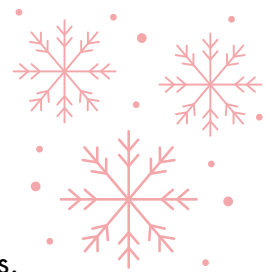
How You Can Help

Before you get fully settled into pajama hibernation season, take a moment to:

- Trim trees and shrubs that extend into the street or overhang gutters
- Remove debris, leaves, and yard waste from the sidewalk and gutter
- Keep an eye out for fallen or wind-blown material after big weather days

Consider it your small, mighty contribution to a clean, flood-free, environmentally healthy Ivins.

Plus, avoiding a door hanger means you can stay in your Christmas pajamas uninterrupted—which we consider a win for everyone.



Building Department

Today's Topic: Water Efficiency Landscape Program!

The Building Department receives a lot of calls about remodeling existing homes. As you are planning and drawing out your next addition or thinking about making a change to your home, also think about converting your grass to a more water-efficient landscape! But...before you do, contact the Washington County Water Conservancy District about their Water Efficiency Landscape Program (WELP). Ivins City property owners could get paid to replace that lawn! If you apply and participate in a pre-conversion site visit with the Conservancy District, they could pay you \$2 per square foot of grass that is replaced. That's a great savings! Be sure to contact them BEFORE starting your project to be eligible! Minimum project size is 300 square feet of grass, with some exceptions. Visit their website to see if you qualify!
<https://www.wcwcd.gov/welp/>



Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash



Be sure to view all the Christmas lights put up by the Parks Dept at Heritage Park (100N 100W) and the brand new Christmas tree in the roundabout at Center St and Docena!



Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run

Mark your calendars! The 14th Annual Run Run Reindeer 5k will be

Date: Saturday, December 20, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Ivins City Heritage Park.

To register and learn more, visit www.runrunreindeer.com.

Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

The program this year will be held on December 13th at 10am at the Ivins City Cemetery (400N 200W)

For more information:

Wreaths Across America: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

Ivins City WAA Webpage: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175217>

2026 Youth Running Club (Coed Grades K-8)

Join the 2026 spring Youth Running Club!

Dates: January - April

Registration Fee: \$30 (Includes required jersey)

First 15 to register get a free jersey!! (\$10 registration fee)

When: Practices 2 or 3 times per week:

Mondays/Wednesdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

Location: All practices held at Canyon View Park (1400 N Canyon View Dr, Santa Clara, UT 84765)

Registration Deadline: January 5th

First Practice: January 5th

Register online at ivins.recdesk.com or in person at Ivins City Hall (85 N Main St Ivins, UT 84738)



Golf School

Sign up today for a fall golf class! Classes run 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.





PUBLIC SAFETY

Residents of Santa Clara and Ivins,

I'm honored to share an update on your Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety Department and the steps we're taking as a community-driven agency committed to serving you with Integrity and Honor.

Our department is made up of 18 full-time police officers, including three sergeants, one captain, two detectives, two School Resource Officers, and our dedicated K-9 team. Our Animal Control Division continues to do outstanding work, not only for both cities but also for the west side of Washington County through a partnership with the Sheriff's Office. Their efforts are strongly supported by our friends and partners at Ivins No Kill Animal Shelter (INKAS). Altogether, we serve a growing population of more than 19,500 residents between our two cities. Every day, two officers are on duty around the clock to respond to calls and keep our neighborhoods safe.

Over the past year, we've made great progress in the following areas:

- Maintained a sub-six-minute response time.
- Completed a full Lexipol policy review and maintained our Utah Chiefs of Police Association (UCOPA) accreditation.
- Expanded community programs like the "Cell Phones for Safety" initiative and mental health awareness training.
- Secured community funding for our K-9 program and officer wellness initiatives.
- Maintained full compliance with Utah Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) and Incident Command System (ICS) certification standards.

Looking ahead, we're focused on meeting the needs of our growing communities. Call volumes are up roughly 8% from last year. While our current staffing level (0.9 officers per 1,000 residents) remains below the Utah average of 2.22, we're committed to balancing those demands through smart planning and partnerships.

The future of public safety in our cities is bright. With continued support from our city leaders and residents, we'll stay proactive, transparent, and focused on earning and keeping your trust. I'm incredibly proud of the men and women who serve this department, and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to protect and serve the community I've called home for over 23 years.

On behalf of the Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety Department, I wish everyone a peaceful holiday season. Please celebrate responsibly and travel safely.

Respectfully,
Chief Jaron Studley
Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety Department

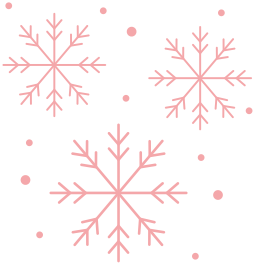


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 MACKENZIE PETERSON



Huge Thank You to Everyone for all of the Wonderful Donations!

Our shelter has been overflowing with kindness these past few days, thanks to our amazing residents and Youth City Council members who organized a generous donation drive for our animals. Their hard work and big hearts mean full bowls, fun with toys, and lots of wagging tails. We're so grateful for the support and for making a real difference for our animals.



Reminder:

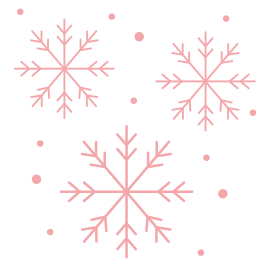
We love seeing dogs out enjoying fresh air with their owners, but we want to make sure everyone stays safe while doing so.

Please remember, an e-collar (electronic collar) is not a substitute for a leash. Local leash laws require owners to maintain immediate physical control of their dogs at all times. That means if your dog is off your property without a leash on, and is not confined within a vehicle or carrier, it is considered at large. An e-collar alone does not provide that control.

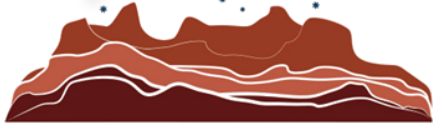
Even the most well-behaved dogs can become startled, excited, or act unpredictably. A leash is the most reliable way to keep your dog safe and under control during walks and outings, even in unexpected situations.

A leash allows you to physically guide your dog out of danger, something an e-collar can't do. Whether it's avoiding an approaching aggressive dog, protecting them from wildlife such as coyotes, preventing them from running into traffic, stopping them from chasing wildlife, or keeping them from rushing up to strangers or reactive dogs, having a leash in hand gives you immediate control when it matters most. If you have any questions about leash laws or safe walking practices, we are happy to help.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe, responsible, and dog-friendly!



Explore the Arts in Ivins



IVINS CITY ARTS COMMISSION

they're still on display. It's a Wrap transforms City electrical boxes with professionally wrapped artwork created by local artists. Ivins is full of creativity, and these programs help bring it to life. Visit our website to see the latest art projects and programs happening in the community!"

"Have you visited the Ivins City Arts Commission website lately? Now's a great time to explore! The ICAC oversees both the Art on Loan program and It's a Wrap, two initiatives that highlight the incredible talent of local artists. Art on Loan features artwork temporarily displayed throughout the City—we'll be rotating the pieces in 2026, so be sure to catch the 2025 winners while

Art on Loan 2025



"Walk Lightly" is a steel heron inspired by Barbara Ward's quote, "We have forgotten how to be good guest, how to walk lightly on the earth, as its other creatures do." The quote is carved into the body of the bronze and steel sculpture.

"Walk Lightly" can be viewed on the east side of The Roundabout at Snow Canyon Parkway, and Center Street in Ivins.

Art on Loan Feature Artists of the Month
"Walk Lightly", Steel and Bronze
Cheryl Collins & Trent Ripplinger

Last Chance ... Fiscal Year 2025 RAP Applications Due 12/26/2025

The Ivins City Arts Commission is accepting funding applications from Ivins City non-profit/tax exempt art organizations. The application deadline is Friday, December 26th at 5:00 PM. If previously funded, a copy of the past year Final RAP Grant Report is due along with the application. Applications are available at <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com/ivins-rap-tax-request>

It's a Wrap



Art by Judith Hutchinson at the corner of Center Street and Kwavasa Drive.

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 (ivinsartscommission.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.

KAYENTA



Discover Ivins' Arboretum & Labyrinth

Open to the public and free of charge... whether it's a stroll through desert gardens or a quiet meditation at the Desert Rose Labyrinth and Sculpture Gardens, you will find it all at the Kayenta Desert Arboretum.



This holiday season Experience the beauty of the gardens in dazzling color.

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EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS



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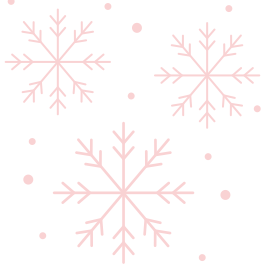
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Free to the Public
SATURDAYS
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Tuacahn's Live Nativity (End of November to December)

Experience the true spirit of Christmas under the red rock cliffs of Padre Canyon. Each holiday season, Tuacahn Amphitheatre brings the Nativity story to life with live actors, beautiful costumes, and authentic settings. Complete with live animals—including camels, donkeys, and sheep—the performance transports you back to Bethlehem on that holy night.



This family-friendly tradition combines narration, music, and pageantry in a reverent yet joyful retelling of the first Christmas. The performance runs about 20 minutes, making it the perfect way to enjoy the holiday spirit with family and friends before exploring other festive activities at Tuacahn.

Elf The Musical

Elf The Musical is the hilarious and heartwarming tale of Buddy, a young orphan whose life is changed forever when he mistakenly crawls into Santa's sack of toys one Christmas Eve. Raised by elves at the North Pole, Buddy's enormous size and limited toy-making abilities make him realize he may not quite fit in! When he discovers he is actually human, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, and in turn, helps the Big Apple and the people he meets rediscover the true meaning of Christmas.

November 21 -
December 20

