

IVINS CITY

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January 13, 2026

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January 15, 2026

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FOR CHRIS HART

A CHAMPION FOR IVINS CITY

By Chuck Gillette, City Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Mayor, Chris Hart. As you know, Mayor Hart has served Ivins City diligently and energetically for the past 16 years. He has been a tremendous champion for our community. I have had the privilege of observing all four of his terms, and throughout that time he has earned my deepest respect and appreciation.

The public has witnessed his leadership through his strong voice and clear vision for Ivins as our city has grown and evolved. From my perspective, Mayor Hart has consistently approached every issue with a sincere commitment to doing what he believed was best for Ivins City.

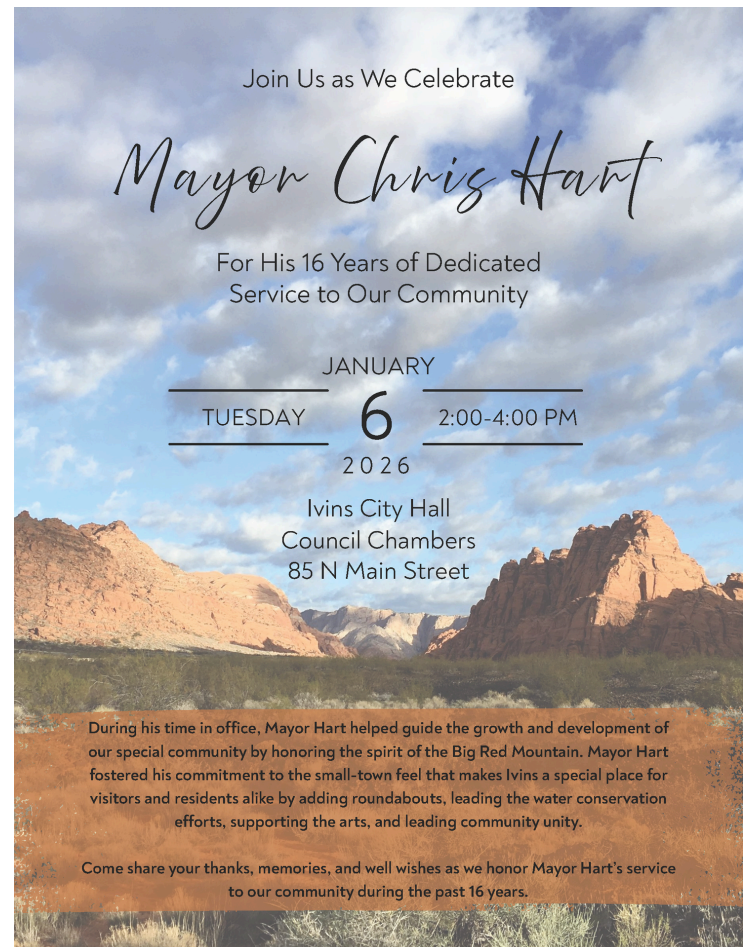
What fewer people may have seen is the extent of his leadership and advocacy at the regional level. Mayor Hart has served on numerous regional boards and committees, including the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee, the Washington County Water Conservancy District Board, and the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (regional transportation planning). He also served multiple terms as the highly respected Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee.

Mayor Hart has been a particularly strong regional advocate for water conservation. He was recently honored with the Water Advocacy Teamwork Award by the Washington County Water Conservancy District. His leadership in this area also helped Ivins City earn statewide water conservation awards from the Governor in both 2019 and 2023.

Before becoming Mayor, Chris donated countless hours of his own time and construction expertise to help renovate the Animal Shelter, saving the City tens of thousands of dollars. Now, at the conclusion of his political career, he is once again donating significant time and effort, saving the City tens of thousands, and possibly hundreds of thousands, of dollars, as we work to expand the Animal Shelter and the Fire Station.

His dedication to service continues to impress me time and time again. This tribute only scratches the surface of all that he has accomplished during his tenure, but I want to publicly thank him for his extraordinary service to Ivins City.

Please join us on January 6th for an Open House in his honor from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall as we thank Mayor Hart for his many years of outstanding service to Ivins City.



Join Us as We Celebrate

Mayor Chris Hart

For His 16 Years of Dedicated
Service to Our Community

JANUARY
TUESDAY 6 2:00-4:00 PM
2026

Ivins City Hall
Council Chambers
85 N Main Street

During his time in office, Mayor Hart helped guide the growth and development of our special community by honoring the spirit of the Big Red Mountain. Mayor Hart fostered his commitment to the small-town feel that makes Ivins a special place for visitors and residents alike by adding roundabouts, leading the water conservation efforts, supporting the arts, and leading community unity.

Come share your thanks, memories, and well wishes as we honor Mayor Hart's service to our community during the past 16 years.



Moving Forward

TOGETHER

ARTICLE BY: MAYOR ELECT, KEVIN SMITH



I am writing this as Ivins City Mayor Elect to be sworn in as Mayor on January 5, 2026. I want to express gratitude for Mayor Chris Hart's many years of service. He will be missed, but not forgotten. I also want to thank Lance Anderson for his service on the Council. We are the beneficiaries of those who've gone before us and will do well to build upon the great things they have done.

As many of you know, I have been serving on Ivins City Council the past two years. After getting sworn in as Mayor, we will need to fill my spot. There are candidates who have formally applied to fill the vacancy. They will be interviewed at a special City Council Meeting January 13th at 3 p.m. and then on January 15th at the regular City Council meeting, after some additional interviewing and discussion, one will be chosen by vote, to fill the open seat.

I want to congratulate Mike Scott, who was elected for another term on the City Council, and congratulate and welcome Dillon Hurt who was elected as a new Council Member. I look forward to working with them along with Council Members Sharon Barton and Sharon Gillespie.

Lastly, I want to express appreciation for our amazing City staff. We are fortunate to have such capable and dedicated City employees. I'm excited to work with them and will continue to learn much from them. Let's make 2026 the best year ever! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

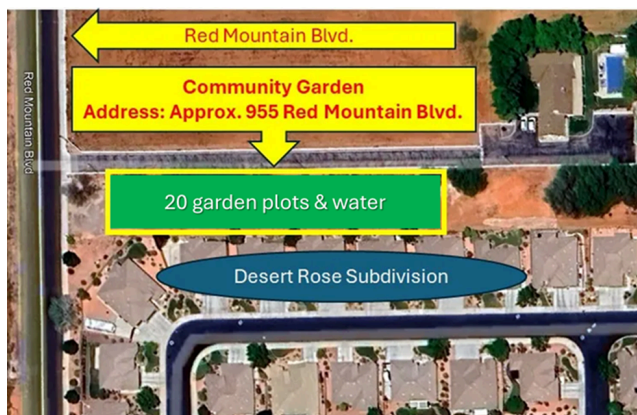
Grow Your Own Dinner

& IMPRESS FRIENDS

Are you yearning for a garden but your yard is too small? Do you crave truly fresh vegetables that you KNOW are organic? If so, the Ivins Community Garden is the place for you!



Go to <https://ivins.recdesk.com/Community/Program> to sign up now. It costs just \$40 a year. Don't miss this opportunity to get your hands dirty and get fresh produce in return.



There is secondary water with a tap at each plot. You need to put together a drip irrigation system or water by hand. There is also one culinary tap at the garden you can use in combination with a water barrel (or buckets) to extend your gardening season into the spring, fall, and winter. There is plenty of mulch at the garden, which helps with water retention and weed suppression. And our volunteer Garden Master, Lorraine Sanders, is available year-round, offering helpful tips.

January Agenda Items

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



Planning Commission Meeting - January 13, 2026

- Discuss Planning Commission PUD-R Workflow Schedule and Item 1) Discuss Requirements.
- Discussion regarding an ordinance of Ivins City, Utah adopting new residential zoning districts (R-1-3 and R-2-5) allowing 3,000 square foot lots and twinhomes on 5,000 square foot lots. Classifying the existing R-1-5 and the new R-1-3 zones as being appropriate for a new HDR (High Density Residential) single family land use designation and the existing R-2-10, RM and R-TH and the new R-2-5 zones as being appropriate for HDR multi-family land use designation.
- Discuss and consider approval of the Ivins City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2025.

City Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – Work Meeting (3:00 p.m.)

- Interview candidates to fill a mid-term vacancy on the City Council

City Council Meeting - January 15, 2026

- Public Hearing and Ordinance on the Planning Commission's recommendation to remove Arundo Donax as an allowed screen for storage of personal property.
- Continue to interview candidates to fill a mid-term vacancy on the City Council and discuss and consider approval of a Resolution appointing a City Council Member to fill a Mid-Term Vacancy.
- Discuss and consider the Planning Commission's recommendation on a Proposed Class V Conditional Use Permit Application for Enbridge Energy Gas Regulator Station. Located at approximately 1650 E Snow Canyon Drive. Enlaw, LLC-Owner. Enbridge Gas Utah, LLC-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider electing a Mayor Pro Tem for the 2026 calendar year.
- Training on Open Meetings and requirements for disclosure of conflicts.
- Possible presentation regarding the Washington County Fair.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Snow Canyon Parkway & Hamblin Parkway Roundabout



Ivins City will be constructing a new roundabout at Snow Canyon Parkway and Hamblin Parkway. The project includes a double-lane roundabout, a northwest-bound bypass lane, street lighting, trail and other miscellaneous improvements.

Schedule: Construction is expected to begin the second or third week of January 2026, with substantial completion within 90 days (weather and unforeseen conditions may affect timing).

Traffic impacts: Expect delays. For most of the project, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction through the work zone. There will also likely be an approximately three-week period where traffic is reduced to a single lane controlled by a temporary stoplight, alternating directions. Please consider using alternate routes when possible.

The Reserve access: The construction entrance into The Reserve will be significantly impacted and will likely be closed for much of the project. Construction vehicles will need to use the main entrance.

Pedestrian/bike access: The 10-foot multi-use path along Snow Canyon Parkway will be affected. Detours will be provided by the contractor. Please follow posted signage in the area.

Work hours: Typical construction hours will be 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Stay informed: More frequent updates will be posted on the Ivins City Facebook page. Residents can also call Ivins City Public Works at 435-634-0689.

A Community Investment

IN IVINS FUTURE

Ivins is about to take a major step forward in public safety, and it's happening in a very Ivins way: through shared history, community effort, and extraordinary generosity.

The City is moving ahead with plans to remodel the Center Street Fire Station, a project expected to cost approximately \$4 million. With design studies now underway, we hope to break ground within the next six months. Final decisions will depend on the results of these studies, but we believe that this remodel is both feasible and fiscally responsible.

This remodel will significantly expand and modernize the station, delivering everything an \$8 million new fire station would provide and, in several respects, even more.

Rather than replacing the building, the City is choosing a smarter path: investing in the structure we already have, expanding its capacity, and ensuring it can serve Ivins well for decades to come.

Built by the Community, From the Very Beginning

Ivins' fire station has always been a community-built effort. According to Emma Fife's history of Ivins, *The Santa Clara Bench – Ivins, Our Home beneath the Red Mountain*, the first fire station was built in 1974 through volunteer labor. Residents contributed their time and skills with the understanding that, in return, the town would never shut off their water if they couldn't pay.

It was a simple agreement rooted in trust, mutual support, and shared responsibility.

That same spirit carried forward in later years. In late 1986, the fire station had been expanded, once more with substantial volunteer involvement. Generations of Ivins residents, quite literally, built the station that continues to protect the community today. Now, nearly 40 years later, Ivins is preparing for the next chapter.

A Transformational Gift, Given in a Community Spirit

A central reason this project is now possible is a remarkable \$2 million donation from Ivins resident Geoff Schmidt, made through his Geoffrey Schmidt Foundation.

Geoff's contribution will likely cover half the total project cost and will be provided upfront at a groundbreaking ceremony before construction begins. This approach gives the City financial certainty, allows public funds to stretch further, and enables the City to earn interest on the funds until construction draws are made.

Just as importantly, Geoff has described his gift as seed money, intended to encourage matching contributions from the broader community and to strengthen the City's ability to pursue state, federal, and public safety grant opportunities. Leveraging this gift to attract additional funding is a significant opportunity.

True to Ivins values, Geoff has suggested that the remodeled building be named the "Ivins Community Fire Station," keeping the focus squarely on the community rather than on any individual. His gift is not about recognition; it's about strengthening the place he calls home.

Staying true to Ivins tradition, Geoff has even offered to show up with his jackhammer and help with demolition. Not a joke. He has two of them. While the City will rely on licensed professionals for the remodel, his offer reflects exactly what this project is about: neighbors stepping up, pitching in, and taking pride in the community they've helped build.



Why the Remodel Is Needed Now

This project is not about extravagance. It's about necessity and foresight. Ivins has ordered a new ladder truck to meet growing public safety needs, but the current fire station bays are not long enough to house it. The remodel will add two longer apparatus bays, improve internal layouts, and modernize the facility so our firefighters have a station that matches the level of service they provide every day.

The expanded station is also being designed with a long view in mind. Fire stations must be planned decades ahead, and the remodel will comfortably support the two Fire and EMS response teams that Ivins is expected to need as the community grows.

Equally important, are safety and functionality improvements, including updated stairways, a decontamination shower, a fire pole, and redesigned bays with rear ingress and front egress doors. These pull-through bays eliminate the need for backing apparatus into the station, improving safety for both firefighters and the public.

The result will be a safer, more functional station that supports our community's needs for decades to come.

A Smarter Path Forward

Mayor Chris Hart played a key role in advancing a remodel concept that meets today's public safety needs while planning responsibly for the future. Rather than pursuing a far more expensive replacement facility, he recommended a remodel strategy that will breathe new life into the existing station, extending its usefulness by 40 years or more.

Beyond the concept itself, Mayor Hart developed the initial layout showing how these goals could be achieved and, echoing the volunteer efforts that built both the original station and the expanded station, has offered to help shepherd the project through to completion.

The plan also allows the Police Department to gain additional space with an addition to the building, ensuring that Ivins' public safety departments can grow and adapt together over time.

Honoring the Past While Building the Future

As part of the remodel, the City is exploring ways to honor both Ivins' firefighting history and the community members who make this project possible. Ideas include:

- A donor commemorative wall recognizing community members who contribute toward the project, with sections reflecting different levels of giving.
- A historical plaque documenting the origins of the fire station and the volunteer efforts that built and expanded it over time.

These features would celebrate a tradition of community investment that spans generations.

Join the Tradition: Help Build the Next Chapter

While a significant portion of the remaining project cost will be covered through public safety impact fees from developers, those funds will not cover the full balance. Community support will play an important role in closing that gap and ensuring the project moves forward on a strong, sustainable footing.

In parallel, the City will actively pursue state, federal, and foundation grant opportunities, using Geoff's donation as a powerful matching tool to help maximize every dollar invested in this project.

The City has hired an architectural and engineering team to complete a detailed study of costs, phasing, and timing. That work is expected to be completed in the next 45 days, at which point more information will be shared about next steps and opportunities for community participation.

Just as residents came together in 1974 and again in the 1980s, the City is inviting the community to help carry this tradition forward. Those interested in supporting the project or learning more about the renovation plans or future ways to support the project are welcome to contact me at mccott@ivinsutah.gov.

This is an opportunity to be part of something lasting: to help build a safer Ivins, to honor those who came before us, and to leave a visible mark on a place that has always been built by the people it serves. Let's once again proudly say, "This is our station, built together, once again."

Mind Over Matter: Lifestyle Changes to Slow Dementia

By Student Doctor Jeff Goodwin, Rocky Vista Health Center

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

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

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

These include:

- exercising at moderate intensity for 30 minutes at least 3 times a week,
- challenging your brain by learning new skills,
- enriching social connections,
- eating a diet rich in B vitamins and low in fats/sugars,
- managing your blood pressure and intake of blood sugars,
- quitting smoking and limiting alcohol intake,
- protecting your head from injury,
- and getting at least 6 hours of quality sleep nightly.

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

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



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash



Wreaths Across America Program

Huge thank you to all who donated and participated in our 2025 December Wreaths Across America Program! We had a great turnout to place over 150 wreaths and remember and honor our Veterans.

Santa Visit for Kindergartners

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



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 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

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.



Ivins Community Garden: Grow with Us!

We're thrilled to announce the second year of the Ivins Community Garden, an opportunity for residents to get their hands in the soil, grow fresh produce, and connect with nature and neighbors.

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

Ready to Grow? If you've dreamed of tending a garden but don't have the space at home, this is your chance! An annual rental fee of \$40 will secure your very own garden plot. Plots are limited, so don't wait!

If you're interested in claiming a garden plot, volunteering as the Garden Manager, or learning more about the garden, contact Marc Christensen at mchristensen@ivinsutah.gov right away.

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

Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash

Ivins Soccer Association – 2026 Youth Soccer for all youth ages 3 1/2 to 16

Registration for the Spring 2026 season will open in January! Register online and find more information at www.ivinssoccer.com.

Day Trip to Hoover Dam

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd

Join us on a day trip to Hoover Dam! Mark your calendars now and look for more registration information on ivins.recdesk.com.

We will travel on a luxury St George shuttle private charter bus!

Learn more about the company at stgshuttle.com!



Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant

The 2026 Miss Ivins Scholarship Pageant will be Saturday, March 7th at Snow Canyon High School.

Registration will open for Ivins residents young women ages 14-17 soon! Registration will be available on the city website at ivins.recdesk.com. Contact Jennifer at missivinspageant@gmail.com for more information.

Community Yard Sale

Start clearing out your closet!

We'll be holding a community

yard sale in April! Registration

for Ivins City residents will

open in February. Registration

for non-Ivins City residents will

open in March.



Fitness Festival

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

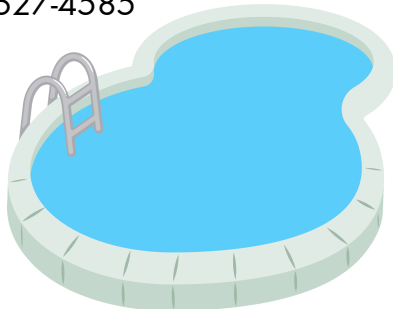
If you have a business/organization focused on improving health and would like to be involved, please contact the P&R Dept., 435-634-7719.

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center

Ivins City has an inter-local agreement with the City of St. George that allows Ivins residents to use the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center for the resident rate. This is a great facility that offers year-round water fun and fitness. There is a leisure pool for fun and a lap pool for fitness, they offer swimming lessons and a variety of special events throughout the year. Sand Hollow

Aquatic Center is a wonderful facility and we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to use it! 1144 Lava Flow Drive, St. George -

627-4585



Look out for registration for our upcoming Sloth-athlon – a triathlon over the entire month of April! - Partnered with Southwest Utah Public Health Department



Be sure to follow our Facebook page, Ivins City Parks and Recreation – Public Works, @IvinsCityParksandPublicWorks for more updates and excitement!



Public Safety

Each year, Americans fall victim to fraud and schemes. Criminals will gain their targets' trust and may communicate with them directly online, over the phone, through the mail, or indirectly through the TV and radio. Once successful, scammers often keep a scheme going because of the prospect of significant financial gain.

Seniors are often targeted because they tend to be trusting and polite. They also usually have financial savings, own a home, and have good credit, all of which make them attractive to scammers.

Additionally, seniors may be less inclined to report fraud because they don't know how, or they may be too ashamed about having been scammed. They might also be concerned that their relatives will lose confidence in their abilities to manage their own financial affairs. And when an elderly victim does report a crime, they may be unable to supply detailed information to investigators.

With the elderly population growing and seniors racking up more than \$3 billion in losses annually, elder fraud has remained a growing problem.

Common Fraud Schemes

Scammers targeting elder citizens may employ one or more of the following types of schemes:

- **Romance Scam:** Criminals pose as interested romantic partners on social media or dating websites to capitalize on their victims' desire to find companions.
- **Tech support scam:** Criminals pose as technology support representatives and offer to fix non-existent computer issues. The scammers gain remote access to victims' devices and sensitive information.
- **Grandparent scam:** A type of confidence scam where criminals pose as a relative, a child or grandchild, claiming to be in immediate financial need.
- **Government impersonation scam:** Criminals pose as government employees and threaten to arrest or prosecute victims unless they agree to provide funds or other payments.
- **Sweepstakes/charity/lottery scam:** Criminals claim to work for legitimate charitable organizations to gain victims' trust. Or they claim their targets have won a foreign lottery or sweepstake, which they can collect for a "fee."
- **Home repair scam:** Criminals appear in person and charge homeowners in advance for home improvement services that they never provide.
- **TV/radio scam:** Criminals target potential victims using illegitimate advertisements about legitimate services, such as reverse mortgages or credit repair.
- **Family/caregiver scam:** Relatives or acquaintances of the elderly victims take advantage of them or otherwise get their money.

Protect Yourself

- Recognize scam attempts and end all communication with the perpetrator.
- Create a shared verbal family password or phrase that only you and your loved ones know.
- Search online for the contact information (name, email, phone number, addresses) and the proposed offer. Other people have likely posted information online about individuals and businesses trying to run scams.
- Resist the pressure to act quickly. Scammers create a sense of urgency to produce fear and lure victims into immediate action.
- Call the police immediately if you feel there is a danger to yourself or a loved one.
- Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door services offers.
- Never give or send any personally identifiable information, money, gift card numbers, gold or other precious metals, jewelry, gift cards, checks, or wire information to unverified people or businesses.

- Make sure all computer anti-virus and security software and malware protections are up to date. Use reputable anti-virus software and firewalls.
- Disconnect from the internet and shut down your device if you see a pop-up message or locked screen. Pop-ups are regularly used by perpetrators to spread malicious software.
- Enable pop-up blockers to avoid accidentally clicking on a pop-up.
- Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
- Take precautions to protect your identity if a criminal gains access to your device or account.
- Immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts and monitor your accounts and personal information for suspicious activity.

How to Report

If you believe you or someone you know may have been a victim of fraud, please contact our 24-hour Dispatch at 435-634-5730 to file a report.

When reporting a scam, regardless of dollar amount, include as many of the following details as possible:

- Names of the scammer and/or company.
- Dates of contact.
- Methods of communication.
- Phone numbers, email addresses, mailing addresses, and websites used by the perpetrator.
- Methods of payment.
- Where you sent funds, including wire transfers and prepaid cards (provide financial institution names, account names, and account numbers).
- Descriptions of your interactions with the scammer and the instructions you were given.



Whenever possible, you should keep original documentation, emails, faxes, and logs of communications. More information can be found on [fbi.gov – Scams and Safety](https://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety)



Animal
Control

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

Livestock Reminder

We know that livestock around town, especially horses and goats, can be tempting to pet or feed, but please remember:

- Most livestock are on strict diets, and many foods that seem harmless can actually make them sick.
- If the animals are not yours, please do not feed them.
- During winter, it may look concerning when animals are not wearing blankets or are lying on bare ground. However, horses need to adjust naturally to the weather, and putting blankets on them unnecessarily can interfere with this process.
- Please don't assume livestock are not being fed just because they come to the fence when you walk by with food. The food being offered is often considered a treat, and animals may get excited due to the sugar content.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of livestock, please contact Animal Control at 435-628-1049 so the situation can be properly assessed. Thank you for helping keep our animals healthy and safe.



IVINS INSPIRED

Celebrating Service: Tiffany Wynn Receives Ivins Mayor's Award by Sharon Gillespie

This month, I have the privilege of sharing information about Ivins Inspired and presenting a short but significant spotlight of recognition.

Ivins City is proud to recognize Tiffany Wynn, Founder and Executive Director of Ivins Inspired, as the recipient of the 2025 Mayor's Award for Community Service. This honor reflects her enduring commitment to fostering connection, collaboration, and community spirit in Ivins.

Tiffany's dedication to service has been shaped by a life lived in many places. Having resided across the United States and abroad—including Germany, England, and several states along the East Coast and South—she brings a broad perspective and a consistent desire to contribute wherever she calls home.



Her service began early in her career as an educator. While teaching in North Carolina, Tiffany was named Teacher of the Year in her first year as a full-time teacher, an honor earned among more than 1,200 educators. During that time, she also became involved in organizing and fundraising efforts to support school improvements, including helping raise funds for volleyball courts—an early example of her ability to bring people together around shared goals.

That same approach continued when her family later moved to Hawaii, where Tiffany helped establish school dances that had not previously existed, strengthening school culture and student connection.

Service is modeled, shared, and sustained across her family. Tiffany and her husband of 32 years, Floyd, moved to Ivins in 2021. Floyd is active in the CERT program, and service is a shared value within the family. Tiffany's mother, Marilee Perkal, has served on the Ivins Arts Commission and volunteers at the Southern Utah Veterans Home. Tiffany and Floyd are also parents to two grown children, Hayley and Ryan.

Soon after arriving in Ivins, Tiffany sought opportunities to serve her new community. Recognizing a need for greater collaboration and connection among residents, organizations, and local efforts, she founded Ivins Inspired. Understanding the need, she established it as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to uniting residents, local businesses, and visitors; nourishing connection; inspiring wellness; and fostering a vibrant community rooted in respect for one another and the environment.

Under Tiffany's leadership, Ivins Inspired has become a valued partner in community initiatives, including forming an alliance with the Ivins City Arts Commission to facilitate fundraising and oversee donations for City Council-authorized public art. In addition to directing Ivins Inspired, Tiffany serves on the boards of A Bolder Way Forward and the Utah Women in Leadership Project and was selected as one of 30 partners nationwide to participate in the Stronger Towns Program. Locally, she has volunteered with the Southern Utah Veterans Home, supported the Ivins City Youth Council, and participated in numerous service projects throughout the city. Tiffany sees a gap and quietly begins to build bridges. Many of her contributions—alliances, fundraising structures, coordination—are invisible to most.

In recognizing Tiffany with the Mayor's Award, the Ivins City Council cited her as a passionate advocate, organizer, and visionary leader who continues to dedicate her time, talents, and energy to strengthening the Ivins community.

Communities don't become connected by accident. They are shaped by people who notice what's missing, invite others into the work, and stay long enough to see ideas take root. Tiffany Wynn's service reflects the kind of leadership that helps communities grow stronger—not through recognition, but through relationships.



The Mayor's Award for Community Service honors not only Tiffany's individual contributions, but a shared vision of Ivins as a place where collaboration is valued, creativity is supported, and residents work together for the good of the whole community.

EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

IVINS CITY ARTS COMMISSION



The City of Ivins seeks original two-dimensional art and sculptures for the Art on Loan program. The art will be displayed in public spaces within Ivins City. The "on loan" period is one year. The Ivins Arts Commission aims to showcase and promote this art, providing a means for artwork sales. Ivins City will retain 25% of any sales. Selected artists will receive a \$1000 stipend. The Artist Entry Applications will open in January 2026, and typically close at the end of February. The Ivins City Art on Loan program is open to all artists who live in Ivins, have studio/workspace in Ivins or have their artwork for sale in Ivins City, Utah. No entry fee. To apply visit: <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com/copy-of-call-for-artist>

Here's to Living ARTFULLY IN 2026!

The Ivins City Arts Commission is starting out in 2026 with a new feature on their website. The "Living Artfully" Blog will include a monthly post that will include subjects such as Art Education and Resources, Event Previews, Commission Happenings, Artist Spotlights and Community Stories. We hope to strengthen our ties with you by supporting local artists, building awareness, encouraging participation and continuing to build a sense of belonging here at the base of the Big Red Mountain.

Visit our blog page today at: <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com>. We'd love to hear your comments and stories too!



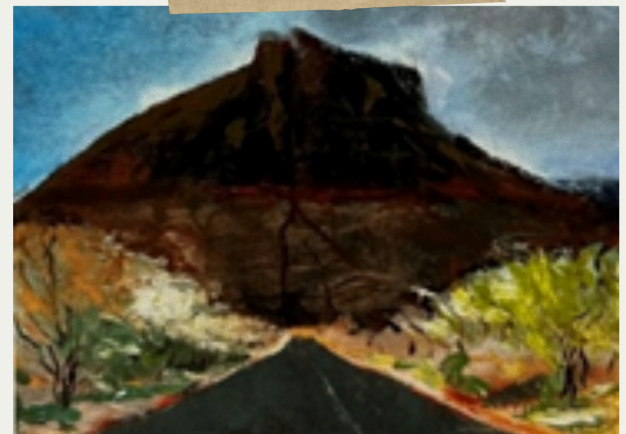
Thank you, Mayor Hart for your everlasting support of the Ivins Arts Commission.

The Ivins City Arts Commission bids farewell to Mayor Hart with an official proclamation and a gift of photography from Liz Fortney Photography.



Interested in joining the Ivins Arts Commission?

There is no need to be an artist to apply. If you have broad experience in the arts, arts management, or fundraising and have an interest in serving on the seven-person Ivins City Arts Commission, please complete the online application. In addition to an interest in the arts, skills in technology, social media, grant writing, administration, and community collaboration are a plus. Applications are stored and considered if an opening on the commission arises. Should a term expire or a vacancy need to be filled the Mayor and the City Council appoint new Arts Commissioners for a two-year term. Ivins City Arts Commission applications are available online at <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com>



FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH (Jan 2026)
"Red Mountain BouleView", Oil on Arches Oil Paper,
(SOLD) By Judith Hutcheson

"This is an interpretation of the view of Red Mountain from approximately the Ice Box or Veteran's home on Red Mountain Boulevard. The view takes my breath away every time. This happened to be a bit of a stormy day."

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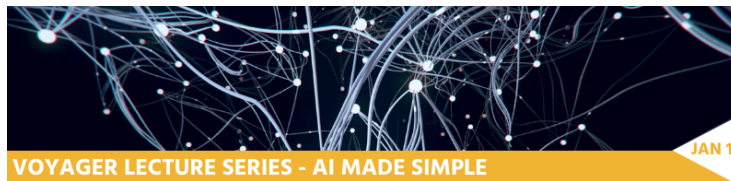
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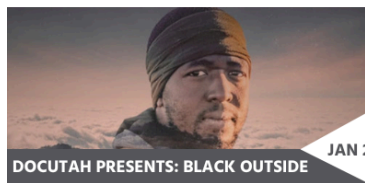
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