

# IVINS CITY

VOLUME 26 ISSUE 2



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February 5, 19

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ARTICLE BY:  
MAYOR KEVIN  
SMITH

I want to congratulate Wayne Pennington as our newest City Council member, and thank Shad Johnsen and Lance Anderson who also applied to fill the position. I also want to congratulate Tanya Wambold for receiving the Angel Award from the BREATHE Care Resource Center (Breathe is an acronym for Bringing Relief Especially At The Home Environment). We are grateful for Patty Dupre for her service on the Ivins City Arts Commission, and last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Geoff Schmidt for his generosity, leadership and vision to help us in our efforts to remodel Ivins existing historic fire station (more to come about this!). We are so fortunate to have amazing people who work, serve and give to our community!

As we continue to embark on this new year, I wanted to share a quote I heard at the What's Up Down South conference this past month. It was presented by Dr. Paula Fellingham, Founder and Director of the Global Prosperity and Peace Initiative. Dr. Fellingham quoted Mother Theresa who said:

*"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway."*

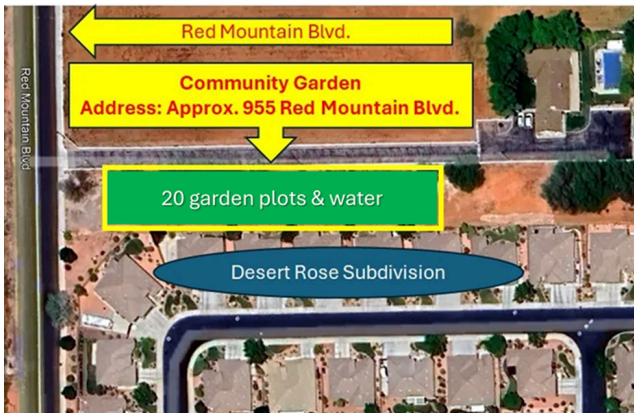
Let's all continue to do our best and we will see great things happen in our lives and in our community.

## 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.

# February 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](http://www.ivinsutah.gov), a few days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the Planning Commission, please call or email Sharon Allen at 435-628-0606 or [sallen@ivinsutah.gov](mailto:sallen@ivinsutah.gov). If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari D. Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or [kjimenez@ivinsutah.gov](mailto:kjimenez@ivinsutah.gov).



## February 3, 2026 - Planning Commission Meeting

- Training on Open Meetings and requirements for disclosure of conflict.
- 2026 Planning Commission Workflow Schedule and To-Do List.
- Public hearing regarding a Class IV Conditional Use Permit, located at approximately 300 East and 200 South.
- Discuss and consider approval of a Class IV Conditional Use Permit, located at approximately 300 East and 200 South.
- Public Hearing regarding a Class V Conditional Use Permit for Aventura, located at approximately 800 South Main Street.
- Discuss and consider recommendation of a Class V Conditional Use Permit for Aventura, located at approximately 800 South Main Street.
- Public Hearing regarding an ordinance Amending Backflow and Cross Connection Regulations.
- Discussion and consider recommendation of an ordinance Amending Backflow and Cross Connection Regulations.
- Public Hearing regarding Ordinance adopting PUD-R Requirements.
- Discuss and consider recommendation of the Ordinance adopting PUD-R Requirements.
- Public Hearing regarding an ordinance 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 to be included in the Table of Uses.
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- Discuss Amending the Solterra Development Agreement.
- Discuss Affordable Housing Overlay Zone.

## February 17, 2026 - Planning Commission Meeting

Discussion and recommendation for Solterra Development Agreement.

Discussion creating an Affordable Housing Overlay Zone.

Discussion and recommendation adopting the WUI Wildland Urban Interface Code and Map.

## February 5, 2026 - City Council Meeting

- Quarterly Report
- Public Hearing and Resolution to fill a vacancy on the Washington County Solid Waste District Board
- Continued discussion of an Ordinance regarding adoption of the 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code
- Public Hearing and Ordinance on amendments to the ordinance regarding Backflow and Cross Connection regulations
- Resolution adopting the Pass-through of the increase in the Washington County Solid Waste District's Rate
- Discuss and consider approval of an expenditure to reimburse developer for relocation and upsizing of a shared sewer trunk line
- Possible recognitions of service

## February 19, 2026 - City Council Meeting:

- Ivins City Youth Council Report
- Budget discussion regarding department head budget items
- Consultant presentation regarding secondary water system
- Discuss and consider recommendation of a Class V Conditional Use Permit for Aventura, located at approximately 800 South Main Street. Aventura at Ivins, LLC-Owner. Rosenberg Associates-Applicant
- Public Hearing and Ordinance vacating a sewer easement
- Public Hearing and Ordinance regarding PUD-R Requirements
- Public Hearing and Ordinance 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 to be included in the Table of Uses
- Discussion regarding amending the Solterra Development Agreement

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

## Snow Canyon Parkway & Hamblin Parkway Roundabout

Ivins City's roundabout project at Snow Canyon Parkway and Hamblin Parkway is now underway and has been active for about three weeks. In January, the contractor completed approximately three weeks of work, focusing on the west portion of the roundabout. Crews are preparing for curb and gutter installation and road base work. Work is expected to remain primarily on the west side for roughly the next 30 days.



**Schedule:** Construction began mid-January 2026 and remains on track for completion around mid-April 2026 (weather and unforeseen conditions may affect timing).

February milestones (west side):

- Concrete curb and gutter
- Road base and base course
- Paving

**Traffic Impacts:** Expect delays. The current traffic control setup will remain in place for the rest of February. In March, traffic control is expected to shift toward the west side as construction begins on the east portion of the roundabout. Please use alternate routes when possible and allow extra travel time.

**The Reserve access:** The Reserve construction entrance is currently open and is expected to remain open through the end of February. After that, it will likely be closed for approximately 30 days. Construction vehicles may need to use the main entrance during that period.

**Pedestrian/bike access:** The 10-foot multi-use path along Snow Canyon Parkway is currently open on both the east and west sides and is expected to remain open throughout February. Please continue to follow posted signs and stay alert in the area.

**Work hours:** Typical construction hours will be 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Some stoppages are likely over Presidents' Day weekend and during the Parade of Homes due to expected high visitation.

**Safety reminder:** Please slow down and travel through the construction zone at 25 mph. The contractor has reported vehicles traveling too fast through the work zone, creating safety concerns for both workers and the public.

## Trail Gap Fill Project

Ivins City will be completing a Trail Gap Fill Project along 200 East to improve pedestrian and bike connectivity.

**200 East (100 South to 300 South):** The existing 5-foot sidewalk on the west side of 200 East will be replaced with a 10-foot-wide paved asphalt trail. All ADA curb ramps along this route will also be reconstructed. This work will take place in front of Red Mountain Elementary School, and coordination between the school, contractor, and the City is underway. Residents should expect very minor disruptions to pedestrians, vehicles, and school bus traffic during construction.

**200 East (800 South to Old Highway 91):** Gaps in the trail along this section will be filled with a 10-foot-wide gravel trail using compacted chat material, similar to the trail gap fill project completed along 600 West.

**Schedule:** Construction is expected to begin the first week of February 2026 and should be completed within 45–60 days, depending on weather and site conditions.

# Building Department

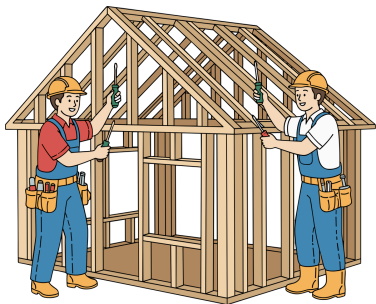
## Do I Need a Permit? Common Home Projects That Require Approval

Planning a home improvement project this Spring? Before you start, it's important to know whether a building permit is required. Here are some practical, timely, and preventative things that can help residents save money, delays, and compliance issues before they happen. Permits help ensure projects are built safely, meet code requirements, and protect homeowners from costly issues down the road.

In general, most construction, structural changes, or system upgrades require a permit. Common projects that do require approval include:

- Fences and walls (depending on height and location)
- Sheds, garages, and patio covers
- Decks, retaining walls and grading
- Interior remodels, including kitchens and bathrooms
- Electrical, plumbing, or HVAC work
- Solar panels and EV chargers
- Additions or conversions, such as finishing a garage or basement
- Structural components or utilities

Some minor repairs like interior painting, replacing flooring, or installing cabinets typically do not require a permit. Starting a project without the proper permit can lead to stop-work orders, fines, delays, and other issues. The good news? The Ivins City Building Department is here to help! As a homeowner, be sure to hire a licensed contractor and verify inspections when starting a project.



If you're unsure whether your project requires a permit, contact the Building Department at (435) 634-9753 before you begin. A quick call or email can save time, money, and frustration and help ensure your project is safe and successful from start to finish!



The Ivins City Solid Waste Rates charged by Ivins City to those using the Ivins City solid waste service shall be increased by 2.5%, effective February 1, 2026.

The new rates Ivins City will charge are as follows:  
Garbage: \$14.70 per month  
Recycling: \$6.41 per month

Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.



# HEALTHY IVINS

## Stay Active and Healthy

By Darcie Chamberlain, APRN, Rocky Vista Health Center

Staying active is important for people of all ages. Exercise helps keep our bodies strong and our minds sharp. Here are some easy ways to stay active:

1. Take Walks: Walking is a great way to get moving. Try to walk every day, even if it's just around your neighborhood.
2. Join a Class: Many community centers offer exercise classes for seniors. You can try yoga, tai chi, or water aerobics.
3. Stretch Daily: Stretching keeps your muscles flexible and helps prevent injuries. Try to stretch every morning and before bed.

### Why Stretching Matters

Stretching is just as important as exercise. When you stretch, your muscles become more flexible, which helps you move better and feel less stiff. Stretching also helps reduce pain and keeps your joints healthy.

### Get Your Sports Physicals

Before starting any new exercise routine, it's important to get a physical from your doctor. A sports physical will make sure your body is healthy and ready for activity. This helps prevent injuries and keeps you safe while exercising.

Remember, staying active, stretching, and getting regular physicals will help you stay healthy and enjoy life to the fullest!



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



Stay healthy 😊

**Ivins City**  
Neighborhood Meetings **7:00 PM**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> - East Section of Ivins**  
200 East to the East Boundary

**February 25<sup>th</sup> - Central Section of Ivins**  
200 East to 400 West

**February 26<sup>th</sup> - West Section of Ivins**  
400 West to West Boundary

*(You can attend any or attend with your section of Ivins)*

- Come meet the new Mayor, Council Members and City Staff!
- Learn about Land Use Code Updates - Affordable Housing Efforts
- Hear what's coming with Parks & Recreation
- Learn about New Water Billing and future AMI

**AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

# Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash

## **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](mailto:mchristensen@ivinsutah.gov) right away.

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



## **Community Yard Sale**

Our 5th annual Community Yard Sale is coming soon!

Date: Saturday, April 18th from 8am-11am

Location: City Hall west parking lot

Fee: \$20 registration fee – fee will be completely refunded the week after the event, if you attend

- Registration for Ivins City residents opens February 1st
- Registration for non Ivins City residents opens March 1st
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Register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](https://ivins.recdesk.com) under Programs or in person at Ivins City Hall



IVINS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

## ADA SWING SET RIBBON CUTTING

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
**11:00 AM - UNITY Park**



**FREE HOT DOGS**  
**while supplies last**

THANKS to Ivins City  
Youth Council for making  
this project successful



## **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!

Date: Monday March 30, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Ivins Heritage Park

Come for food, games and to learn more about how to get healthy!

If you have a business/organization focused on improving health and would like to be involved, sign up at: <https://forms.gle/YpkSPLTSAjSdyXp98> And look out for registration for our upcoming Sloth-athlon – a triathlon over the entire month of April!

Partnered with Southwest Utah Public Health Department

# Parks & Recreation Department

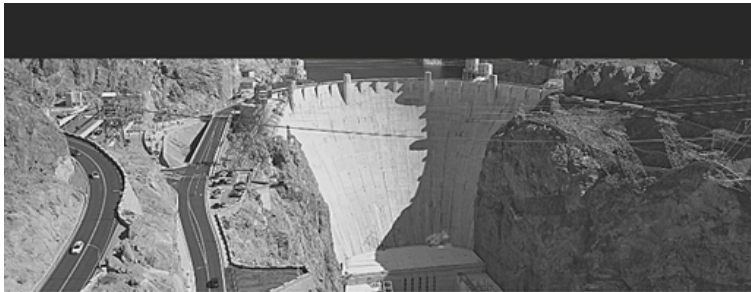
By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash



## Golf School

Golf classes are about to start! We start this year at Crush, in Feb. 9-25 then will start up at The Ledges about early to Mid-March.

For more information visit [golfinstituteofamerica.com](http://golfinstituteofamerica.com) or call Arnie Billingsley Golf School Director at 916-412-8606.



IVINS CITY DAY TRIP TO THE

## HOOVER DAM

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026

7:45AM - 5PM

Join us on a trip to the historic Hoover Dam!

**\$70/PERSON**

Fee includes Power Plant Tour, entrance to Visitors Center, bus ride, water and snacks!  
Please plan to bring or purchase your own lunch.

Find the schedule/more information at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) under FORMS  
Download the Information Packet!

Register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) under PROGRAMS  
or in person at City Hall (85 N Main Street Ivins)

We'll be traveling on a LUXURY COACH from St George Shuttle!

St George Shuttle



Contact the Parks&Rec Dept for questions/concerns  
435-634-7719

## The Geology of White Pocket, Paria Plateau, AZ New Observations and Interpretations

Presented by local expert Marc Deshowitz

Wednesday March 18, 2026

7pm

Ivins City Hall (85 N Main St)

Free!

Open to residents and non residents of Ivins City  
Space is limited so pre-registration REQUIRED

-Sign up online:



-OR sign up in person at City Hall (85 N Main St Ivins, UT)

Parks & Rec Dept - 435-634-7719



Registration link: <https://forms.gle/mgxCfQ8n6jYmCMj46>

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



Due to the increasing number of illegal electric motorcycle use, we have developed this informational resource to help educate parents and users. Our goal is to provide education and raise awareness before taking any enforcement action.

**What is an Electric Motorcycle?**

An electric motorcycle is a high-performance electric motorcycle known for its lightweight design and powerful motor. Unlike traditional e-bikes, electric motorcycles can reach speeds of 40-50 mph and are equipped with a dedicated throttle and foot pegs.

**Utah Classification and Regulations Utah Code 41-6a-102**

In Utah, vehicles like the Surrón are classified as electric motorcycles due to their speed and motor power. They do not fit within the state's three-class e-bike system, which limits motor power to 750 watts and speeds to 28 mph.

**Off-Road Use Utah Code Title 41, Chapter 22 - Off-Highway Vehicles**

- Registration: To operate an electric motorcycle off-road, you must obtain an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) title and registration from the Utah Division of Motor Vehicles. This process includes providing proof of ownership and paying applicable fees.
- Trail Access: electric motorcycles are permitted on motorized trails but are prohibited on non motorized trails and pathways. Their speed and weight can pose safety risks to other trail users.

**On-Road Use Utah Code Title 41, Chapter 6a - Traffic Code**

- Street Legality: To ride an electric motorcycle on public roads, it must meet Utah's street-legal requirements, including the installation of headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, rearview mirrors, a horn, speedometer, and DOT-approved tires.
- Licensing and Insurance: Once modified to be street-legal, the bike must be registered, and the operator must hold a valid driver's license. Insurance requirements may also apply.

**Age Restrictions Utah Code 41-22-30**

- Off-Road: Riders under 14 years old may not operate an electric-assisted bicycle with the motor engaged on public property, highway, path, or sidewalk unless the individual is under the direct supervision of the individual's parent or guardian.
- On-Road: Operators must comply with standard licensing age requirements for motor vehicles.

List of Popular Brand Names that produce Electric Motorcycles as defined by Utah Law:

Surrón \* Segway \* Talaria Sting \* Kuberg \* UBCO \* Stealth Electric Bikes \* Luna Cycle \* Electric Motion



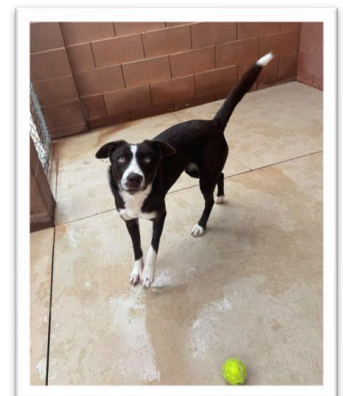
**Animal**  
*Control*

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

**Meet Brownie**

Brownie is a 1-year-old female Border Collie with a heart as sweet as her name. She may be a bit shy when first meeting new people, but with a little patience and kindness, her sweet, affectionate, and spunky personality quickly comes out.

Once she trusts you, Brownie loves to play, show off her athletic side, and soak up all the love she can get. She would thrive with someone who can keep up with her smart and active nature



THE MOST ANTICIPATED ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

# BACKFLOW AWARENESS

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR--LET'S KEEP IT OUT OF THE WATER

*Roses are red, violets are blue--  
backflow prevention keeps bad  
water away from you.*



As spring approaches, many Ivins residents begin turning on their irrigation water through the Irrigation Company—typically during February, March, and April. While this seasonal change is an exciting sign of warmer weather, it's also the time of year when our community is most vulnerable to backflow incidents.

This Valentine's season, think of backflow prevention as setting healthy boundaries—because your drinking water should never mix with the wrong crowd.

### What is Backflow--& Why Does It Matter?

Backflow occurs when water flows backward through a plumbing system, allowing non-potable water—such as irrigation water, fertilizers, chemicals, or bacteria—to enter the public drinking water system. This can happen due to:

**Backpressure** – when downstream pressure exceeds supply pressure.

**Backsiphonage** – when a sudden drop in water pressure (often from a leak) creates a vacuum effect.

Even a brief pressure change can cause unwanted mixing—and unlike Valentine's chocolates, this is not something you want to sample.

### Why Spring Is High-Risk

Each spring, hundreds of irrigation systems are pressurized again after winter shutdown. Common issues include failing or improperly maintained backflow preventers, hoses left in pools or buckets, and water leaks that cause sudden pressure changes.

Across Utah, irrigation systems are one of the **most common sources of backflow incidents**. In years past, many of these systems were plumbed alongside drinking water with minimal protection—proof that some relationships just weren't built to last.



### Backflow Best Practices: Show Your Water Some Love

Many systems around homes require backflow preventers, including irrigation systems, secondary water, fire sprinklers, boilers, pools and spas, and hose bibs. You can help protect

Ivins City's drinking water by:

- Have your backflow preventer tested annually by a certified tester.
- Never bypass or remove a backflow device.
- Avoid cross-connections between irrigation and culinary water.
- Keep hoses out of pools, buckets, ponds, or chemical containers.
- Inspect irrigation systems for leaks, damage, or missing components before turning them on.

You feel that love flowing in the right direction?—your water should too.

### What to Do If You Suspect Backflow

If you notice discolored or foul-smelling water, sudden pressure loss, or water flowing from unusual places around your backflow device, 1. Stop using the water. 2. Contact Ivins City Public Works immediately. 3. Shut off your irrigation system if needed. Quick action helps protect both your household and your neighbors.

#### Ivins City Public Works

For questions or concerns, please give us a call at 435-634-0689, or check out our website for more info at [ivinsutah.gov](http://ivinsutah.gov)

Ivins City is committed to providing safe, reliable drinking water, and residents play a key role in the effort. Thank you for helping keep Ivins City's water safe—because true love means keeping clean water clean.

## **Celebrating One Year of Connection: A Message of Gratitude from Ivins Inspired**

As we celebrate our first anniversary as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, my heart is full. I have found profound fulfillment in my role as Executive Director and full-time volunteer, dedicated to building a better community for future generations in the place I love. While we are still growing and learning, one thing is certain—we are thriving because of you. This year wasn't just about a non-profit; it was about the spirit of Ivins coming to life in our gatherings, trails, schools, and neighborhoods.

### **A Few of the Moments That Moved Us in 2025**

Our community spirit shows up every day in the people who dedicate themselves to our city. We see it in our Public Safety and Fire teams—watching them play chess with local kids is a reminder that our first responders are not just public servants, but part of our neighborhood family. This same spirit of service extends to City Hall, where residents consistently show up at meetings to voice concerns and take an active role in local government. That commitment was especially evident during our recent elections. We are pleased to welcome our new Mayor, Kevin Smith, and our two new City Council members, Dillon Hurt and Wayne Pennington. We also honor every resident who ran for office this past year; your willingness to step forward is a powerful testament to the strength of our local democracy.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for retired Mayor Chris Hart and Council Member Lance Anderson, whose years of service helped shape the community we love. That same spirit of leadership is alive and well in the Ivins City Youth Council, who recently secured ADA-accessible playground equipment for Unity Park and traveled to Salt Lake City along with other youth leaders from across the state to participate in Legislative Days events—showing us all what engaged citizenship looks like at any age.

We were also deeply touched by the residents of Heritage Estates. For 13 years, they have carried forward a beautiful tradition of giving back, and we are so grateful they chose Ivins Inspired as the recipient of their annual Christmas fundraiser, raising \$800 in support of our work this year.

From the 100 Utah Tech students who showed up to clean Fire Lake, to the generous donors whose support made all of this possible—this is what community looks like. Thank you!

### **Our Partners in Progress**

A city is a complex machine, and we want to shine a light on those keeping it running smoothly. Our deepest thanks go to our City Leadership and staff; generous local businesses that support our volunteers; and our collaborators in care: Ivins City Arts Commission, Wreaths Across America, RSQ, The Southern Utah Veterans Home, Rocky Vista University, The Sharing Place, Five County Association of Governments, ALLIs, Desert Preservation Initiative, and Kayenta Arts Foundation. When we share the work, challenges become shared successes.

### **Art, Safety, and Planning for the Future**

Together with the Ivins City Arts Commission, we raised nearly \$60,000 for the Lyman wind sculptures along Highway 91 and are excited to see the Crosswalk Art Project becoming a reality. Developed in collaboration with the City, Public Works, and Public Safety, this initiative enhances road safety, beginning at the Center Street and Red Mountain Blvd roundabout.

Rooted in community collaboration, we partnered with the Utah Tech Art Department and engaged Vista School, Rocky Vista University, the Southern Utah Veterans Home, and local residents to ensure the designs reflected the heart of Ivins. From more than 30 student submissions, the Arts Commission selected the work of artist Nicki Douberley. Supported by a \$10,000 RAP grant, these vibrant installations will slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety near schools and healthcare facilities.



## Looking Ahead: Our 2026 Mission

We're excited to be collaborating on two major initiatives that will shape Ivins for years to come:

1. **Fire Station Remodel:** Ivins Inspired is supporting fundraising for the Ivins Fire Station remodel, made possible in large part by an extraordinary \$2 million gift from resident Geoff Schmidt. This project strengthens community safety while honoring the history of our original fire house, and we invite all residents to participate—every contribution helps bring it to completion.
2. **AARP Age-Friendly Community Program:** Working with Council Member Sharon Barton and the City, Ivins Inspired is helping Ivins join the AARP Age-Friendly Community Program, unlocking tools and resources to improve parks, community spaces, attainable housing, and overall quality of life for residents of all ages.

We are all Ivins, and together we make great things happen. To celebrate that spirit, I invite you to our Heart of the Community: 2nd Annual Volunteer & Resident Breakfast on Wednesday, February 25th. Whether you already serve or are looking for a new way to connect, please join us to meet our local organizations and discover how you can get involved.

### A Community Challenge: The "What Inspires You?" Contest

Inspired by a photo of Chief Studley helping a tortoise across the road, we want to see what inspires YOU. We are launching a contest for the best photo, poem, or short essay about what makes Ivins special. 1st Prize: \$100 | 2nd Prize: \$50 Submit entries to [ivinsinspired@gmail.com](mailto:ivinsinspired@gmail.com) by February 28th. Together, we ensure every voice helps us grow stronger.

Join the Movement: Visit [ivinsinspired.org](http://ivinsinspired.org) or email [ivinsinspired@gmail.com](mailto:ivinsinspired@gmail.com) to learn more, donate, or join our database.



Crosswalk art design by student artist Nicki Douberley



# 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>

## 2026 ART ON LOAN RECIPIENTS OF THE MONTH



**FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH (Feb 2026)**  
"Skyline View Overlook, Metal Print w/High Gloss Finish - \$1,195 by Charly Moore

"This arose from a planned road trip to the Hanksville area, especially the Skyline View Overlook, to mainly focus on night photography; taking photos of the Milky Way; and the star trails overlying this out-of-this world landscape. Unexpectedly, I was surprised to see this incredible sunrise on the first morning."  
(On Display at Ivins City Hall)



**FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH (Feb 2026)**  
"Turbulence Ahead", Photography on metal - \$1,300 by Elizabeth Fortney, [www.elizabethfortneyphotography.com](http://www.elizabethfortneyphotography.com)

"This photo was taken in March, 2023.....I began hiking towards the Hell Hole, the setting sun hit the top of the storm clouds, turning them orange, while the bottom of the clouds continued to grow darker. I knew this phenomenon would be short-lived so I stopped where I was and began shooting. I got a half dozen shots before the clouds closed in and the rain poured down. I was soaked by the time I got back to the car. Hence the name - "Turbulence Ahead".  
(On Display at Ivins City Hall)

## 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!

# EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

IVINS CITY ARTS COMMISSION

## It's a Wrap

Be on the lookout for two new artfully wrapped utility boxes in February or March 2026 on Ivins City streets. The new artwork is donated by Ed Trammwell and Camille Neibert.

If your HOA or local business is interested in wrapping a utility box, visit <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com> for information and details.

Be sure to visit our website at <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com>, for more information about the Ivins City Arts Commission or attend a monthly meeting in person at the Ivins City Hall, the second Wednesday of every month, from 5:00-6:00 PM.



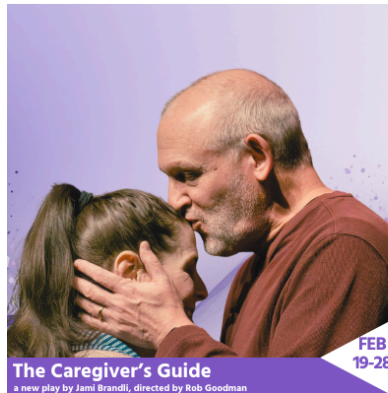
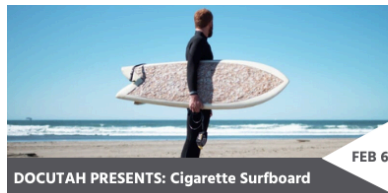
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## Concerts

Tom Papa: Grateful Bread Tour  
Revisiting Creedence  
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PRCA Xtreme Bulls  
Floyd Nation - "Wish You Were There" Tour  
Terry Fator: Pure Imagination  
American Mosaic  
Hotel California: A Salute To The Eagles

## Broadway

Disney's Finding Nemo  
Les Misérables  
Grease

# Proper Battery Disposal

Protect residents, team members and the environment from battery fires.



## Why Proper Disposal Matters

Lithium batteries power phones, toys, laptops and tools — and they're everywhere. But they can **overheat, ignite or explode** under pressure or heat, especially in collection trucks or at processing facilities.

Proper battery disposal prevents fires at the curb and facility, protects workers and emergency responders and keeps hazardous materials out of the landfill.






## Where to Properly Dispose of Batteries:

1. Drop off at local resident drop locations  
**April 18th and October 17th - Washington County Landfill**
2. Use a mail-back program  
**Contact your local Republic Services**
3. Drop off at a big-box retailer  
**Lowes has a drop off at their entry**

Contact your local Republic Services rep to launch a safer battery program in your community.

## How Republic Services Supports You

### We provide:

-  Community drop-off event assistance
-  Battery mail-back kits
-  Custom educational materials (flyers, social, signage)
-  Expert guidance on safe storage, transport, and disposal
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