



# IVINS CITY NEWS

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### Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.  
Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

#### Planning Commission

November 29, 2022  
December 13, 2022

#### City Council

December 1, 2022  
December 15, 2022

#### Arts Commission

December 14, 2022

### Blu Can Dates:

December 5, 2022  
December 19, 2022

### Dumpster Dates:

**CANCELLED FOR  
DECEMBER**



# Final Approach

ARTICLE BY: CHRIS HART, MAYOR

We're coming in for the landing on our city wide survey and you have made it an incredible success. As of this writing we stand at almost a fifty percent return rate, unheard of in the survey world I'm told. That makes a powerful statement about how much you care about our community and its future. I thank each of you for your taking the time to respond. Nearly two thousand surveys have already been processed and proofed thanks to Patty Dupre and her team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to input the data and verify the accuracy of that input from every survey. The data base collected from these surveys will soon be analyzed, reported to the Planning Commission and City Council together and published on our city website at [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com).

The posted deadline to return the surveys was originally November 20th, but due to the difficulties we encountered trying to get them to every resident that required us to reprocess and re-mail more than three hundred of them that were returned to us marked as undeliverable, we are extending that deadline. If you have received the survey and have simply not found the time to fill it out please do so now and take it to City Hall rather than mail it if possible. For those of you who for whatever reason did not receive the survey and would still like to participate please go to City Hall and check one out, fill it out and return it to City Hall by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 7th. We will include every survey that we receive by that date in our final report.

The subsequent data analysis will take place in the days leading up to the December 15th City Council Meeting at which time Patty will present the survey results. The meeting will begin at 5:30 PM and we invite as many of you as can fit into the building to join us for that presentation. We suspect that the interest level will be high so we are offering three other online options to view it from home. The first is through Granicus, the program the city uses to record all of our public meetings and make them available to our residents. That can be accessed by going to the City website at [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com), click on the "Upcoming Meetings" tab and scroll down to the December 15th 2022 City Council Meeting. If the meeting has begun it will show as being "In Process". Simply click on that note and you will be connected to both the audio and video of the meeting. You may also access the Granicus feed by using the link [https://ivins.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=2&event\\_id=1077](https://ivins.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=1077). Although public comment will not be taken during the Council Meeting, if you prefer to participate by Zoom you may do so by using the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82796293285>. Your third option if it works properly that evening is to use the YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1D05Tgf-q5M>.



Following the presentation we will be holding our annual Neighborhood Meetings On January 10th, 11th and 12th to discuss it and answer questions. The same geographical "neighborhoods" are recommended for those meetings as were used for our recent Town Hall Meetings, those being from 200 East to our east boundary on Tuesday January 10th, from 200 East to 400 West on Wednesday January 11th, and from 400 West to our west boundary on Thursday January 12th beginning at 7:00 PM. We anticipate above average attendance at those meetings so we ask you to come to your specific Neighborhood Meeting if you can because the data is being analyzed according to 14 general areas of the City and there may be information that will be of specific interest to you.

If your prescribed evening doesn't work we invite you to pick one that does, but we request that you only attend one of them to allow as many residents to participate as possible. All three will be broadcast online and those links will be provided in the January newsletter. Because data analysis is generally not an "on the spot" activity we request that if you have a follow-up question after you see the presentation that you email it to me at [chart@ivins.com](mailto:chart@ivins.com). We will try to answer as many as we can and if some are neighborhood specific they will be answered during that neighborhood's scheduled meeting.

Patty Dupre has been my co-pilot through this phase of our "Let's plan Ivins' Future Together" journey and she has done a tremendous job. I have participated daily in processing the surveys and have seen firsthand how well her system has worked. She carefully thought out every detail of the plan, meticulously organized and sequenced the processing activities, created and prepared materials to assist and organize the volunteers in their work, and most of all used her professional background and experience to devise a failsafe system when it comes to accuracy. I can assure you that your survey was coded, reviewed and analyzed accurately. I can honestly say that your opinions really do matter and have been treated that way. Even your written comments were dictated by Council Member Mike Scott into a word processing program that allows them to be analyzed, categorized and included as an important part of our future discussions.

I am so grateful to Patty for her willingness to help us in this historic effort and am amazed by her knowledge and skills. I am also grateful to the team of volunteers and members of our city staff who conscientiously attended to every tedious detail of this undertaking. In every case their efforts were an expression of love for this special community and their commitment to produce thoroughly accurate results. This was a monumental undertaking, the first of its kind in Ivins, and we expect the results to be so powerful and convincing that they will lead us into the future the way that most of you desire. Last of all, I want to thank you our residents again for taking the time to tell us what you think and hope for as our community continues to evolve. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming City Council "report" Meeting on December 15th and will be interested in your questions and comments during our Neighborhood Meetings in January.

## 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.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) 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@ivins.com](mailto:sallen@ivins.com). If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or [kjimenez@ivins.com](mailto:kjimenez@ivins.com).

### Planning Commission November 29, 2022

- Public hearing, discussion and consideration of a Land Use Amendment from LDR (Low Density Residential) to RC (Resort Commercial) and a Zone Amendment from RE-43 (Residential Estates, minimum lot size 43,000 sq. ft.) with a PD (Planned Development Overlay) to RC on approximately 1.471 acres located at approximately Coyote Gulch Circle and Coyote Gulch Way.
- Discuss & consider recommendation on Black Desert Family Village Preliminary Plan located at approximately Snow Canyon Parkway and East Black Desert Drive.
- Discuss additional regulation for Short-Term Rentals in the overlay district, as well as the Resort Commercial zone.

### Planning Commission December 13, 2022

- Possible Public Hearing and discussion regarding recommendation of revised Moderate Income Housing Plan and Report.
- Possible Public Hearing and discussion regarding Class V Conditional Use Permit for Mojave Village, located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane.
- Possible discussion regarding recommendation on Mojave Village Preliminary Plan, located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane.

### City Council December 1, 2022

- Discussion regarding proposal to move the Snow Canon South Entrance station.
- Discuss and consider approval of Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with InfoWest.
- Discuss and consider Wreaths Across America proclamation.

### City Council December 15, 2022

- Possible Public hearing, discussion and consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation on a Land Use Amendment from LDR (Low Density Residential) to RC (Resort Commercial) and a Zone Amendment from RE-43 (Residential Estates, minimum lot size 43,000 sq. ft.) with a PD (Planned Development Overlay) to RC on approximately 1.471 acres located at approximately Coyote Gulch Circle and Coyote Gulch Way.
- Possible discussion & consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation on Black Desert Family Village Preliminary Plan located at approximately Snow Canyon Parkway and East Black Desert Drive.
- Discussion regarding General Plan surveys.



## 2023 RAP TAX GRANTS

Ivins Arts Commission is accepting grant applications from not-for-profit arts organizations through December 31, 2022. Information is available at [www.ivinsartscommission.com](http://www.ivinsartscommission.com) or at Ivins City Hall.

# Ivins City History

Article by: Cherise Ence Spencer

*In celebration of the 100 year settlement of Ivins I am sharing with you some of the stories about the original pioneer families of Ivins. For the next 12 months I will be putting a spotlight on each of the families and their accomplishments. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as I have. I want to thank Emma Fife who wrote "History of The Santa Clara Bench - Ivins Our Home Beneath the Red Mountain", Kay and Ellen Ence who wrote "Lillie and Milo Ence Pioneer Stalwarts", The Washington County Historical Society, and the website Familysearch.org where I am able to read and learn about all these wonderful pioneers. - Cherise*



Leo and Tessie Reber were married in May 1918. They were the fourth family to move to Ivins in May 1922 with two daughters. There are quite a few journal entries from Leo and Tessie so most of this article will be in their words. Leo wrote, "The building of our home on the two lots was a very interesting and exciting experience. Money was very hard to come by, so it was necessary to do as much of the work as possible myself, which included hauling gravel from the creek bed at Santa Clara, rocks for the footings in the foundation from the lava bed east of town, making the adobes for the walls, lumber was hauled from Mt. Trumble and Cedar City. All of the hauling was done with a team of horses and wagon, which proved

to be quite a long process, as the roads were through a very sandy formation part of the way, therefore, a limited amount was all that could be loaded and required a great deal of energy from the horses. Many times it was necessary to shovel the loose sand away from in front of the wheels, and help start the wagon by lifting forward on the spokes of the wheel. I used to feel extremely sorry for the horses, as they worked so hard to get through the sandy places, and I would get off and walk, to lighten the load. Well, it was a joyful day when we moved our belongings to the new town of Ivins. The first year proved encouraging, we were all humble and worked together. My greatest problem was that our forty-acres of farming land was at the end of the South canal. The soil was very sandy in places where this canal passed through, and of course the water picked it up and carried it down to the end of the ditch where our farm was located. Whenever my turn came to irrigate, it was necessary to have someone watch the ditch, and even then the water carried so much sand that it filled up the furrows. The soil was quite productive, and at one time I harvested eighteen large loads of hay and then sixteen in the first and second crops, but from then on it dried up, and finally I abandoned the farming there and dropped the water stock without getting a cent for it as it was too expensive to pay taxes on and no one wanted it." Tessie wrote, "We really pioneered there, as there was nothing but sagebrush. No electricity and no running water. So we dipped our barrels from the ditch. Sometimes the cattle would get into it before we could get it dipped. Boy! We didn't have very good water! We lived this way for about eight years, then we got electricity and the water piped. We had no stores in Ivins. People borrowed the necessities of life from each other. We bought the first refrigerator in Ivins, after we finally got electricity after all those years it was a miracle to have ice, jello, ice cream, and cold milk to drink.

Our struggles were hard and we soon became discouraged. It seemed like everything we did didn't turn out. We didn't have enough water and everything hit a hardpan. The roots couldn't grow down beneath the hard earth. We had trees that were bearing beautiful fruit and in a few years they died. We had a vineyard about half an acre of seedless and concord grapes, which were beautiful for two or three years and then, they died. The wind blew so hard at one time that it cut in and took a fourth of our roof off and blew it into the neighbor's lot, and the barn was blown down. One Sunday we had been to Santa Clara for church and on our way home we met Clawson Frei coming on horse and he said, 'Boy, you've got some troubles!'



And I said, 'What's the matter now!' He said, 'Part of your roof has fallen off.' I said, 'Oh, Clawson Frei, quit your lying.' He said, 'Do you wanna bet?' And sure enough, when we got home, what a mess! Leo had made the house of red adobes. The rain had rained down on the adobes and trickled red down the walls and on to our beautiful new rag carpet. Our lamp was on the dresser broken. The chimney was broken and mud was all over the floor. Little half-grown chickens were laying around in the yard, some of them dead and some unconscious. The leaves were stripped off our corn we had such beautiful corn patches and that was all stripped. So we packed up and stayed with Leo's mother that night. After we had lived there for eighteen and one-half years we decided to move back to Santa Clara."



# School Updates

## Red Mountain Elementary

Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

We are selling Dixie Direct books until the middle of December. You can come in and purchase one from our secretaries for \$40. Our school gets \$20 for every book sold. These funds are used for teacher supplies that are not covered through the district and for school and student activities and supplies. We appreciate those who have already come in to support our school.

### Upcoming events:

- December 8 - Community Council Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
- December 21 - Minimum Day: School dismissed at 12:00 p.m.
- December 22 - January 3: Winter Break - No School
- January 4: Teacher Prep Day - No School

## Vista Charter School

Chris Barnum, Principal

December is a busy month with end-of-semester performances in strings, piano, choir, dance and musical theatre. Vista students will perform at school, in addition to the Dickens Festival, a Memory Matters event, pre-shows at Tuacahn Center for the Arts, and at the Ivins City Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony honoring our Veterans.

VEX Robotics students competed in Garland, Utah against 43 teams from four states. All four Vista teams qualified for the finals.

Coding students participated in a 24-hour Code Camp, a programming, design and entrepreneurship contest. Vista's teams took first in both the novice and the maker categories.

This month, Lego League students will join other schools in a scrimmage at Utah Tech University.

Come enjoy Agatha Christie's longest running play, The Mousetrap! Tickets are now on sale at <https://vista-school.square.site>. Performances will be on Tues Dec 6 and Wed Dec 7. All seats are general admission. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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City Hall	435-628-0606
Animal Services	435-634-1049
Building/Zoning	435-634-9753
Justice Court	435-634-5728
Parks & Recreation	435-634-7719
Police Dispatch	435-634-5730
SCI Public Safety	
Santa Clara	435-652-1122
Public Works	435-634-0689

**Utility Payment Drop Box**  
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

Post Office  
Main Branch  
    Santa Clara                   435-628-2112  
Satellite Post Office  
    Ivins                           435-628-1381

Washington County Landfill  
325 N Landfill Road, Washington, UT  
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
<http://www.wcsw.org/>

Reuse Center  
575 E Brigham Road, St. George, UT  
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tree branches and yard green waste (no palm leaves)

# Parks & Recreation

## Heritage Days

If you would like to join the Heritage Days committee to help plan for next year, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 435-634-7719 or snash@ivins.com.

We would love your help!



**You're Invited!**

**Ivins City Cemetery  
Wreath Laying  
Ceremony**

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• **Sat, 12/17/2022** •

• **10:00 am** •

• **400 N 200 W, Ivins** •

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The City of Ivins and the Community Group Supporting Wreaths Across America invite you to the annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony to honor and remember all Veterans at the Ivins City Cemetery.

For more information or to volunteer link to:  
<https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/1583527>

### Santa in the Park

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022  
 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Location: Ivins Heritage Park Stage  
 Cost: Free



Santa's coming to town!  
 Ivins City Heritage Park will turn into a festive winter wonderland this December! The park will be so decorated with lights and ornaments, Santa decided he just had to make time in his busy schedule to come see all of us! Mark your calendars to come meet Santa, get a picture with him and tell him what you'd like him to bring you!

### Exploring Art

One month long class series, One 60-minute class per week. \$75 total (all supplies are included). 10 students max for each time slot.

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM (ages 6-12)  
 Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 AM (ages 6-12)  
 Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 PM (ages 12-18)

Are you looking for opportunities to nourish your child's creative and artistic development? Would your child enjoy exploring a variety of artistic mediums and processes with a professional artist to guide them? If so, this is the class for them! This class series is centered on working through the creative process with a variety of art materials, techniques, and approaches. The goal for this month-long course is to allow students to find art mediums they most connect with, as well as to get them moving through the creative process with confidence. In this 4-week series, we will work with drawing, painting, and sculpture as we learn to better understand composition and artistic expression. Taught by local artist and life-long teacher, Darcy Lee Saxton.

\*Class activities will change each month that the class is offered, so recurring monthly registration is welcomed and encouraged.

**To learn more about the instructor visit:  
[www.darcyart.com](http://www.darcyart.com)**

**GOLF SCHOOL**

SPRING 2023 CLASSES:  
\$170 per person

<b>BEGINNERS</b>		
Tues/Thurs	March 7th - 23rd	10-11am
Tues/Thurs	April 4th - 20th	1-2pm
Tues/Thurs	May 9th - 25th	10-11am
<b>NOVICE PLUS</b>		
Tues/Thurs	March 7th - 23rd	12:45-2pm
Tues/Thurs	May 9th - 25th	12:45-2pm
Saturdays	March 11th- 25th	1:45-4pm
Saturdays	April 8th-22nd	1:45-4pm
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
Saturdays	March 11th- 25th	10:30-12:30
Saturdays	April 8th - 22nd	10:30-12:30
<b>SPRING 2023 SPECIALTY CLASSES:</b>		
<b>EXPRESS GOLF</b>		
\$220/person (includes lunch and drinks)		
Friday	March 31st	10am-5pm
Friday	May 5th	10am-5pm
<b>WOMEN BUSINESS GOLF</b>		
\$170/person		
Tues/Thurs	April 11th - 27th	5-6:15pm
<b>SENIOR PLUS W/ PT</b>		
\$250/person		
GOLF Tues/Thurs	April 4th-20th	3-4:15pm
PT Mon/Wed	April 5th - 19th	11am-12pm

Register at [golfinstituteofamerica.com](http://golfinstituteofamerica.com)  
 Contact Arnie Billingsley Golf Director  
 916-412-8606 for questions/concerns.

# Public Works

## DUMPSTER UPDATE

Charles Gillette, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

For many years now, Ivins City has set aside at least one and sometimes two Saturdays per month for residents to come to the City's Public Works Yard adjacent to the cemetery (400 N 100 W) to dump tree clippings and other garbage that is otherwise too much to fit into residential garbage cans. With the latest cemetery expansion project, we had to temporarily close the program for a few months including this month of December, which we know has caused some hardships for those that count on this service. We appreciate your patience.

We are happy to announce that the service will be restarted January 14, 2023. To make up for the recent cancelled dates, the City Council has requested that we add extra dates in January, February, and March. Thus, you can expect the service to be available approximately every two weeks going forward for some time.

Ivins City provides this service at no extra cost to residents. There are many items that we cannot receive such as hazardous chemicals, oils, tires, refrigerants, batteries, paint and commercial waste. The service is not available to anyone living outside of Ivins. Starting next month, we will be checking residency status. You should bring proof of your residency by bringing your driver's license or a recent utility bill.

You can thank your City Council for supporting this program, since most neighboring cities do not provide it, or provide it much less frequently. We do sometimes have to close early when too much material is dumped and we run out of space in the dumpsters. Feel free to take advantage of the service, otherwise the landfill is also available, just a little less convenient at 20 to 25 minutes away from Ivins.

# WATER WISDOM

Help the City reach its goal to reduce water use by 10% over the next 10 years.

**Outdoor Tip:** Adjust your irrigation as it cools. In December water no more than once per week.

**Indoor Tip:** When handwashing dishes, never let the water run continuously. Wash in a partially filled sink, then spot rinse.

This is important to our future!  
For more tips go to: [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) or [www.Slowtheflow.org](http://www.Slowtheflow.org)



## DUMPSTER DAY



Cancelled for December



# Pet Corner



## IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER

474 NORTH 200 WEST

IVINS, UT 84738

PHONE: 435-628-1049

OPEN

(BY APPOINTMENT):

TUESDAY - SATURDAY

8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter has limited adoptable pets. Please visit our Facebook Page “Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center” or “Petfinder.com” to view our adoptable pets. If you see a pet you are interested in, please call the shelter at 435-628-1049 to schedule an appointment to come meet one of our sweet fur kids.

## IVINS NO-KILL ANIMAL SUPPORTERS (INKAS)

Ivins No-Kill Animal Supporters (INKAS) is a 501(c)3 organization and a Registered Utah Charity. It was founded in 2010 with the mission of providing support to Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, now the Santa Clara-Ivins Animal Shelter. In 2006 our shelter became the first no-kill municipal shelter in the state of Utah. Maintaining a no-kill shelter, as opposed to one that euthanizes animals after a set period of time, is more costly because the animals' needs must be met at the shelter until they are reclaimed by their owners, adopted or transferred to an animal rescue organization. Through a memorandum of understanding with Ivins City, INKAS provides support through veterinary care, specialty foods and other needed supplies. Funds are raised through the sale of merchandise at various local events and through the donations of many generous animal lovers. You can help by designating INKAS as your charity on Amazon Smile or by donating on our website: [inkas4pets.org](http://inkas4pets.org).

A poster for "TUACAHN MARKET" with a red top half and a teal bottom half. The text "TUACAHN MARKET" is in a stylized font. Below it is an illustration of a market stall with a blue awning that says "SOAP • CLEANERS • SPONGES". On the stall are various items like sponges and bottles. A sign on the stall says "PROVEN EFFECTIVE". Below the stall, it says "VENDORS, ARTS, CRAFTS, AND A GIFT SHOP." At the bottom, it says "SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. ITS ALWAYS FREE AND FUN!" There are small star icons in the corners.



# Explore the Arts in Ivins

## TUACAHN AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS TRAIN

December 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

Time: Every 10 minutes from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Tickets: Start at \$3.00

### LIVE NATIVITY

December 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

Time: 7:00 P.M. and 8:15 P.M.

Tickets: \$4.00

### RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

December 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

Time: Evenings at 7:30 P.M.

Friday and Saturday Matinees at 2:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$24 - \$66



## MakeSpace

Fine Art Classes & Workshops in Southern Utah

### Did you know Ivins has its own Art School?

MakeSpace is a new addition to the Kayenta Art Village. We are about to celebrate our one year anniversary. MakeSpace is a not-for-profit organization that provides art classes and workshops in many visual art mediums including oil painting, acrylic painting, watercolor, encaustics, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, fiber arts, and more.

Some of your favorite local artists work at MakeSpace as instructors. In addition, MakeSpace is bringing in internationally recognized artists to teach workshops. All levels of artists are welcome! Go to our website at [www.makespacekayenta.com](http://www.makespacekayenta.com) to get information on many new classes now available.

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA

For information and tickets: [kayentaarts.com](http://kayentaarts.com) or 435-674-2787

### RETURN TO THE MAGIC

Date: December 1, 2, 3

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$40/\$10

### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Date: December 16, 17

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$25

### THE 3 REDNECK TENORS CHRISTMAS SPEC-TAC-YULE-AR

Date: December 19, 20, 21

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$40

