



# IVINS CITY NEWS

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## Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.  
Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main  
Planning Commission  
November 1, 2022  
November 15, 2022  
November 29, 2022

## City Council

November 3, 2022  
November 17, 2022

## Arts Commission

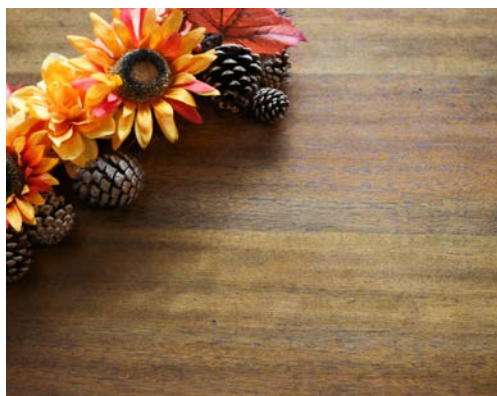
November 9, 2022

## Blu Can Dates:

November 7, 2022  
November 21, 2022

## Dumpster Dates:

**CANCELLED FOR  
NOVEMBER**



# Back to the Future of Ivins

ARTICLE BY:  
CHRIS HART, MAYOR



With our Town Hall Meetings behind us, we now move on to the next phase of our "Let's Plan Ivins' Future Together" campaign, that being the community-wide survey. If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving the survey form in the mail. One was sent to every residential address in the city with a postage pre-paid return envelope in the packet. You'll be able to distinguish the survey from your other mail when you receive it by the banner printed across the face of the envelope that states, "Let's Plan Ivins' Future Together". I implore you to take the few minutes necessary to

complete the survey, place it in the return envelope provided and drop it into the nearest mail box or drop it by City Hall. In either case it must be in the return envelope provided.

The survey was designed to be quick and simple to complete. Nearly all the questions merely require you to check one of a series of boxes numbered one through five, one being least favorable and five being most favorable to the question posed. My thanks go out to Council Member Mike Scott who researched similar surveys from other cities and developed the template from which the final questions were selected. Others came from you our residents and the Council Members as they formally approved the final survey in their last Council Meeting in October. It was subsequently reviewed for the last time by our facilitator Judy Gubler who recommended a few minor corrections before it was sent to the printer.

You will note that there is a banner printed on the return envelope stating "Survey Must Be Returned in This Envelope". This is a security feature to help insure that only one survey is returned from each address similar to voting by mail. The survey itself and the return envelopes are printed on colored paper to be easily distinguishable by City Staff as they are received. You will note that there is a code rather than your return address printed on the return envelope. To protect your privacy this code is not attached to your address directly. It merely identifies the area of the city in which you live to help us determine if opinions vary based on location.

As the surveys are returned to the City Offices they will be immediately recognized by their colored envelopes and placed in a locked "ballot box" to be opened only when the tabulating process begins. That process will be overseen by one or two of our City Council Members, one or two Planning Commission Members and one or more volunteers from the community. It will take place in our spacious Red Mountain Conference Room in City Hall and the surveys will be



securely locked up between work sessions. We hope to receive all the surveys back by the twentieth of November and have the results tabulated by the first of December at which time those results will be published and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council to be used in their deliberations on possible revisions to the current General Plan.



We've learned a lot already through the Town Hall Meetings. Nearly three hundred of you participated either in person or by Zoom. There was a striking similarity in the quality of

life components and community attributes valued by our residents and similarly in the concerns expressed over development, availability of water and other issues. Judy Gubler who graciously agreed to facilitate the Town Hall Meetings will report on her findings to the Planning Commission and City Council during one of their meetings in November. My sincere thanks go out to her for fulfilling that difficult assignment.

The discussion on the General Plan will then move to the Planning Commission for their deliberation and eventual recommendations to the City Council. During that process you will once again have the opportunity to express your opinions during a public hearing, and will once again have that opportunity as those recommendations go to the City Council for their final review and adoption of the amended General Plan.

I want to thank all of you our residents for your participation in this process. We have tried to provide every opportunity for you to express your opinions and value the input that you have and will provide. After all is said and done our hope is that we end up with an amended General Plan that is reflective of our shared vision and values.

THANK YOU

## NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the November 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 1, 2022

- Discuss & consider recommendation on Preliminary Plan for Desert Cliffs subdivision, located at approximately Kwavasa Drive between Center Street and 450 North
- Discuss and consider approval of Black Desert Villages Phase 1-B Final Plat

### Planning Commission November 15, 2022

- Concept Plan Report for Mojave Village Subdivision, located at approximately Guy Lane and Fitness Way. Teancum Properties, LLC-Owner. Lance Anderson-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider approval of Ivins City Planning Commission Meeting Dates FY 2023.

### Planning Commission November 29, 2022

- (Nothing currently scheduled)

### City Council November 3, 2022

- Presentation of the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Preliminary Plan for Desert Cliffs subdivision, located at approximately Kwavasa Drive between Center Street and 450 North
- Continued discussion on the Planning Commission's recommendation not to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding Building Heights
- Continued discussion regarding parking and other requirements for Short-Term rentals
- Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution regarding wage increase for law enforcement officers

### City Council November 17, 2022

- Discuss and consider approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Preliminary Plan for Desert Cliffs subdivision, located at approximately Kwavasa Drive between Center Street and 450 North

# 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*



Samuel and Viola Gubler: Sam and Viola married in June 1920 they were the third family to move to Ivins in May 1922 with their son Eldon. They first lived in a boarded up tent until their home was built. In November 1922 Viola and Eldon (son) returned

to Santa Clara for a short time when one of their daughters was born. With Ivins being so isolated and with no indoor plumbing or electricity it is no wonder why she would take her son and recover in Santa Clara near her family. Sam and Viola would eventually have one son and two daughters to raise. Eldon their son wrote "My mother cooked meals in the tent for all of the men who were working on the house. I can remember my family's excitement when they moved into the kitchen/living room portion of our new home. The two bedrooms were finished at a later date. Like many other couples the house was made out of adobe. The furnishings consisted of a table and chairs and wood cook stove in the kitchen, along with a built-in dish cupboard. There was an addition to these furnishings on Saturday when the #3 tub was brought in from storage for the weekly baths. Since water was hauled in and was limited, more than one family member used the same bath water. It was many years before spring water was piped into the house from Snow Canyon. There was one small closet in one of the bedrooms, which accommodated all the family's clothing." At this time all of the families in Ivins would make their money going on "Peddling trips" where they would sell the produce they grew. At first the peddling trips were by wagon and a team of horses; then in 1927, Sam purchased a green Model T Ford. Sam built up sideboards on the running boards, so he could haul melons there, as well as filling the back seat. Eldon tells how this Model T always got stuck in sandy spots, so Sam learned to stop the car and turn around before he got to the sandy spots and back it through the sand. This automobile had to be cranked in front on the outside to start it. He later purchased a Ford pickup truck, which was much better for farming and peddling. Summers brought many people from Washington, St. George, and Santa Clara to Ivins to buy the delicious melons raised by Sam and Viola, the young families around Ivins always looked forward to the cantaloupe and homemade ice cream party at Sam and Vi's house in the summertime.

Friends and family remembered Sam as a quiet, shy, sincere, honorable, upright man, and a hard worker. Viola loved to sing and sang solos and duets at church, and she loved to dance. She once said that she would rather dance than eat. Sam was a good dancer and loved to dance with Viola.



Sam died prematurely, January 8, 1936, not quite thirty-eight years of age, as a result of blood clots moving to his heart from his knee, which had been kicked by a horse. This was a very tragic event in Viola's life.

Eldon remembers the circumstances of his father's death as follows: "About the middle of December, Sam was riding the roan horse, rounding up the baldy-faced mare. The mare kicked at the roan horse, hitting Sam's knee with its hoof. He had to lie around for a few days because the knee was swollen and painful. In a few days, Sam got back to helping with the chores by using crutches. The knee appeared to be healing all right and the New Year's Eve dance at Santa Clara was coming up, so he told Viola he would go and watch and Viola could dance. He climbed the three flights of stairs up to the dance hall on crutches and spent the evening watching the dance. Just a week later he felt a pain coming in his right side. They at first thought it might be appendicitis, and then the pain moved position and they wondered about kidneys or gallstones. After several hours of pain, they decided he needed to go to the hospital. He drove himself to the hospital and Viola went with him. The doctor ruled out appendicitis and said they would x-ray him for gallstones the next morning. He was put in a room with a roommate for the night. Eldon remembers that his mother came to the high school as school was letting out and told him what had happened. She went home with Eldon on the school bus, as she didn't drive and Eldon was only fourteen. Viola helped Eldon with the evening chores, got supper and prepared to go to the hospital the next morning. They went to bed about ten o'clock and soon after Clem Gubler, who had the only phone in Ivins, came over with the message that the hospital had called for mother to come right over, as Sam had suddenly become worse. Clem drove Mamma to the hospital but Sam had already passed away before they got there." With Viola now having to provide for a family of five with Eldon's help, she ran the farm until 1940, when she sold the property and home in Ivins. She moved the family to St. George, at this time she got a job at the Arrowhead Hotel cleaning rooms. Her and her family would move around until she moved to Salt Lake City in 1946 to be near her daughter Beth and family. Viola died of a heart attack in October 1948 at the age of fifty.

# School Updates

## Red Mountain Elementary Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

October was a busy month of learning at Red Mountain Elementary. Students and staff are doing an amazing job! We appreciate the continued support we receive from parents and the community.

On November 11, we will have a flag ceremony and assembly to honor Veterans Day. The community and all veterans are welcome to attend.

This month we also look forward to meeting with parents during SEP conferences. SEPs will be held November 14-17.

### Upcoming Events:

November 1: Picture Retakes

November 11: Veterans' Day Flag Ceremony and Assembly at 9:15 a.m. All veterans are welcome to attend.

November 23-28: Thanksgiving Break



## Vista Charter School

Chris Barnum, Principal

Come enjoy Vista School's production of Nutcracker on November 16, 2022 and November 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Snow Canyon High School. Tickets are on sale at [www.vistautah.com](http://www.vistautah.com). See incredible dance performances, several of which will be accompanied by Vista's Advanced Orchestra.

6th-8th grade students competed in the first MathCounts competition of the school year. Two of Vista's students - Joseph Kaiser and Kassidy Jaeger - placed within the top five out of 120 students in the school district.

Third grade students attended a performance of the Southwest Symphony. Musical theatre students will attend two local high schools' musical productions. The first vocal and instrumental performances of the school year will be held this month.



## Now Hiring School Crossing Guard



## 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)

<u>Post Office</u>	
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.wcsu.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)



### Wreaths Across America

We need your help to meet our goal of 130 wreaths so that all Veterans at the Ivins City Cemetery will be remembered. Please consider sponsoring a wreath for \$15. The link to sponsorship is: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/158357/>

The Ivins City Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held Saturday, December 17th, at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited.

# Parks and Recreation

## 2023 Youth Basketball Registration Begins in October

1st & 2nd Grade Division (co-ed) Thursday Evenings  
3rd & 4th Grade Division (co-ed) Tuesday Evenings  
Registration ends - November 11  
Play begins in January 2023

We will not be taking teammate requests. Siblings will be placed on the same team.

## Santa in the Park - 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!



## BINGO IN THE PARK

**Location: Ivins City Heritage Park East Pavilions**

**Dates: October 25th to November 17th Tuesdays/Thursdays from 5-5:45 p.m. FREE!**

**No pre-registration required**

**Regular prize Bingo from 5-5:30 p.m. and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45 p.m!**

**Please do not bring your pets.**



Huge thanks for local businesses donating prizes! Prizes and GRAND Prizes from MoBettahs, Quench It, Chick-fil-A, Arctic Circle, Taco Bell, Wendys, Feel Love Coffee Truck, TaggNGo Carwash, Tuacahn, Xetava Gardens, Red Mountain Resort and Kayenta Arts!

## *Heritage Days*

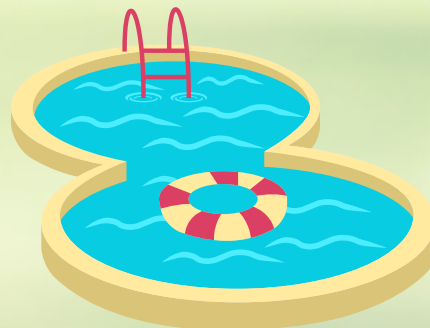
*If you would like to join the Heritage Days committee to help plan for next year, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 435-634-7719 or [snash@ivins.com](mailto:snash@ivins.com).*

*We would love your help!*

## 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  
435-627-4585



# PUBLIC WORKS

## You May Want to Consider Leak Detection Options

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

I am currently writing about this topic, mainly, because I have dealt with a lot of residents that have experienced a leak or some other similar problem on their property that resulted in an incredibly expensive water bill. It is not unheard of for a property owner to have a leak somewhere on the property that can cause a loss of over 100,000 gallons of water and they tell me that there is no evidence of the leak anywhere, but then after some further investigation they do eventually find the leak. There are some soils in our neighborhood that can absorb an incredible amount of water without anybody realizing it.



When you consider that that every 1,000 gallons of water metered after 30,000 is billed at \$5.44 the math makes it clear that a leak can be a very costly experience. I recently purchased for my own home a smart leak detection device called Flume Water. There are other products out there that do similar things, but this one seems to be the most affordable (\$199 one time with no monthly fee) and simple to install solution that I could find.

I don't mean for this to sound like an advertisement, but I do want to share my experience which has been very positive. It took me about 40 minutes to install it. You do have to attach a device to the City's water meter which requires access to the City's meter box. If you want to install this device and are not sure how to safely access the meter, please call us and we will happily send out a technician.

Once installed, I was amazed at how closely I could monitor our water usage using my iPhone. I challenged my daughter to use less water in her shower than me. For the record, I won. I used 15 gallons; she used 16. Let's not tell her that I washed a couple of dishes while she was showering. I was amazed to notice that it even accurately measured one of my toilet's flushes at 2.3 gallons one night that someone had to get up. I could actually go on about some other features, but let me just say that I am impressed.

But, most importantly, this device will send you an email notification if it detects water usage that might indicate a water leak. It will also help you understand how much water you actually use for indoor and outdoor use. I hate to say this because it sounds like an advertisement, but I think this device, very quickly, pays for itself. I do know of two others that purchased the device and could not get it to connect properly, so maybe not everyone will have such a positive experience as I did.

There are solutions available to the City to retrofit all of our meters so that a similar service is available to everyone without anyone having to purchase one of these devices. This is the future of water metering, especially as our water supplies are tightening and we need more people to stay cognizant of their water usage. We are trying to see if we can find a grant that will help us finance these systems as soon as possible. So if you are willing to wait, this might coming to you soon. If you're not willing to wait, consider Flume or some of the other leak detection systems out there.

Also, please let us know if you had a leak on your property that caused a high water bill. We do have some one-time options available to customers where we can reduce the expense of a water bill if it is clear that you don't have a history of water overuse.

# 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)



# 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.

## IVINS NO-KILL ANIMAL SUPPORTERS (INKAS)



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 contact the shelter to schedule an appointment to come meet one of our sweet fur kids.

Shelter number 435-628-1049

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Take advantage of our "Dogs Only" Low-Cost Chipping Clinic at the Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, 474 North 200 West, Ivins on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00am–2:00pm No appointment needed. \$25.00 includes the chip and lifetime registration.



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# EXPLORE THE ARTS IN TUACAHN AMPHITHEATER

## TUACAHN AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

### **ABBA REVISITED**

Date: November 3, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$19

### **JAY LENO**

Date: November 4, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$60

### **THE FAB FOUR - THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE**

Date: November 5, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$19

### **SAWYER BROWN**

Date: November 10, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$15

### **POSTMODERN JUKEBOX**

Date: November 11, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$20

### **BILL ENGVALL: HERE'S YOUR SIGN - IT'S FINALLY TIME, THE FAREWELL TOUR**

Date: November 12, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$50

### **THE MORE THE MERRIER CHRISTMAS TOUR WITH DAVID ARCHULETA**

Dates: November 18,19

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$39

### **LIVE NATIVITY**

Dates: November 25, 26, 28, 29, 30

Time: 7:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Tickets \$4

### **RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER - PREVIEW**

Dates: November 25, 2022 at 8:15pm

November 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hafen Theatre

Tickets \$24 - \$66

### **RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER**

Dates: November 28, 29, 30

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hafen Theatre

Tickets \$24 - \$66

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA

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

### **Stories from the Desert - Art Exhibit**

Dates: November 2 - December 28

Center for the Arts Kayenta

Free

### **Soiree Musicale of Piano Trio**

Date: November 5, 2022

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$10 - \$30

### **Chess the Musical: A rock musical with a strategic battle of wits, love, and deception**

Dates: November 10-19, 2022

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$10 - \$35

### **Voyager Lecture Series: Climate Change**

Date: November 29, 2022

Time: 6:30 P.M. - Optional Social Hour  
with light snacks and beverages

7:30 P.M. - Lecture

Tickets: \$10-\$15



**EVEN IF YOU MISSED THE SHOW YOU CAN STILL GET THE WHOLE STORY!**

**Visit <https://coyotetalesstories.com/tradition-audio-clips/> to hear September's show**

*"After I got my drivers license, my friends and I would pile into my parent's 1982 blue Buick Skylark and drive around downtown Portland where I grew up searching for something to do..."*

Ten storytellers took the stage at Ivins City Park last month for last month's Coyote Tales event at the City's Heritage Days Festival. The warm and encouraging crowd welcomed the mildly anxious but willing performers to the spotlight to share their true tales of Tradition. Stories ranged from the importance of a game ball, to the hope and healing a flight of butterflies brought after the events of 9-11, to a 23 mile an hour drag race. The evening began with a pre-event pack-your-own picnic soiree with toe tapping bluegrass music provided by Stillhouse Road. The pre-show picnic provided a celebratory atmosphere for attendees to pony-up and put their name in the hat in the hopes of being chosen to get on stage.

### **GET THE WHOLE STORY**

If you were unable to attend but want to hear the stories, please visit the Coyote Tales story archives on our website at <https://coyotetalesstories.com/> and let us know what you think! While there you can get tips and tricks for telling a great story and find out more about upcoming live events.

The evening was a roller-coaster of emotions. We laughed, we were inspired, we reflected, but overall we were mesmerized by the authenticity of each story and its presenter. As always, the goal of each of these events is to foster community spirit through the telling of well-crafted stories. Coyote Tales hopes to build on the shared connection between the teller and the audience. Our stage is a no-pressure arena to celebrate our diversity, our community and our experiences.

Coyote Tales events are generously sponsored by Petite Feast, Utah Division of Arts and Museums, Utah Humanities, Desert Dweller Realty and Summit Sotheby's International Realty. All proceeds from previous events have been donated to local nonprofits

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