

# IVINS CITY

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March 31, 2026  
April 14, 2026

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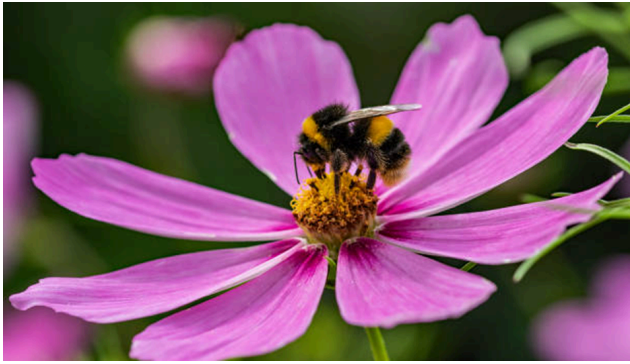
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# THE 'BUZZ' AROUND IVINS!

There is a buzz around the city, and it isn't only the bees spreading pollen and driving our allergies crazy!

The buzz is related to our Ivins City Firehouse 32 on Center Street.

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.

## WHAT?

The City is moving forward with plans to remodel the Center Street Fire Station.

## WHY?

Our current "Public Safety Facilities Plan" identified the long-term need to improve the Center Street Fire Station to serve a growing population, but did not indicate the project would be needed in the near term. As a result, the project was not included in the city's current five-year capital plan, adopted in June 2025.

However, in September 2025, the "Santa Clara-Ivins Fire Rescue Comprehensive Study" was completed and presented to the two cities. The study highlighted the rapid growth occurring in both cities and concluded that the fire department needs expanded facilities to safely meet the increased demand for emergency services and to ensure the health and well-being of our FIRE/EMS teams.

The study results elevate the priority of addressing a Center Street Fire Station remodel/expansion in the near term, and we should begin planning for it.

The catalyst for WHY NOW is the incredibly generous \$2 million private donation from one of our own Ivins residents, Geoff Schmidt! This provides a unique opportunity to advance the project sooner while reducing the financial burden on residents.

## WHAT IS THIS GOING TO COST TAXPAYERS?

Nothing more than what you are already contributing.

This remodel is the city's responsibility; our first obligation to our residents is public safety. We are looking at a total cost of approximately \$5,000,000. (Remember, a new building would be \$8-10 million!) We believe that, through this generous gift, finding state, federal, and public safety grants to help, readjusting our capital project goals, and with regular impact fees paid by developers, we've got this! We believe that this remodel is both feasible and fiscally responsible.



## WHAT WILL THIS INCLUDE?

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 (it is very well built!), expanding its capacity, and ensuring it can serve Ivins well for decades to come.

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 (not just the taller buildings like Rocky Vista but making a difference with 1-2 story buildings, allowing greater access to the roof), and their impact fees are paying for that truck, 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 to us every day.

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



## THIS IS A GREAT BUILDING!

Built by the Community, from the Very Beginning, this is a historical building.

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 was 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.

It has served as City Hall, held council meetings, housed part of the police needs and more!

## NEXT STEPS?

Former 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.

Those initial plans are now with an architectural firm for finalization, then will go to engineers and building specialists for the final plans needed to break ground and get started.

Our goal is to launch this at our May 8th USA 250 Celebration in Heritage Park and we hope to have plans and drawings available for you to see. Meanwhile, the council will be openly reviewing and discussing the information over the next few weeks before making decisions and preparing agenda items for approval.



## DID I HEAR SOMEONE SAY..." HOW CAN WE HELP?"

As previously stated, "we've got this." It is our responsibility to manage the costs that come with this obligation of public safety to our residents. But that is the "bare bones." Where we hope the Ivins residents will want to help is raising some funds to contribute to the safety, health and well-being of the teams that jump up at 3:00 AM when you need them to answer that call for help, or fire. These folks spend a third of their life in this building, so few creature comforts go a long way.

We are currently putting together a fundraising team to also launch at the May 8th event.

Our primary donation from Geoff Schmidt reflects exactly what this project is about: neighbors stepping up, pitching in, and taking pride in the community they've helped build. We hope you will want to help too! The result will be a safer, more functional station that supports our community's needs for decades to come.

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."



# April Agenda Items

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the April 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 before the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours before 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).



## Planning Commission Meeting - March 31, 2026

- Reappointment of Planning Commission Member and election of new Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Public Hearing on a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 15.05.204 of the Ivins City Amendment to Section 15.05.204 of the Ivins City Code Regarding Flaglots.
- Discuss and consider recommendation of a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 15.05.204 of the Ivins City Amendment to Section 15.05.204 of the Ivins City Code Regarding Flaglots.
- Ordinance 2026-10 Flag Lots
- Public hearing regarding a Class IV Conditional Use Permit, located at approximately 300 East and 200 South. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-Owner. Chad Spencer-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider approval of a Class IV Conditional Use Permit, located at approximately 300 East and 200 South. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-Owner. Chad Spencer-Applicant.
- Discuss and consider recommendation of a Special Height Exception for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at approximately 300 East and 200 South. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint-Owner. Chad Spencer-Applicant.
- Discussion regarding the Resort Commercial Zone.

## Planning Commission Meeting - April 14, 2026

- Nothing scheduled at time of publication

## City Council Meeting - April 2, 2026

- Proclamation regarding National Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Public Hearing and Ordinance on the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the termination of an easement by release between Ivins City and Enclave Red Mountain Row LLC, a Utah Limited Liability Company regarding easements originally granted by Document #0376429 and #0376421 recorded with the Office of the County Recorder Washington County, Utah
- Public Hearing and discussion on the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a Concurrent Map Amendment from MDR ( Medium-Density Residential) to HDR (High-Density Residential) Land Use, and R-1-10 (Residential Single Family minimum lot size 10,000 sq ft) Zone to R-2-10 (Residential Two-Family District, minimum lot size 10,000 sq ft) on approximately .23 acres – Justin Bennett Applicant/Owner – 320 North Main Street
- Discuss and consider the Planning Commission's recommendation of a Special Height Exception for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at approximately 300 East and 200 South
- Continued discussion to consider approval of selection of vendor for the Water Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System Implementation project
- Continued discussion to consider approval of the Restated Interlocal Agreement Governing Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Services
- Discussion of fire station remodel and expansion fundraising

## City Council Meeting - April 16, 2026

- Possible continued discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2026-04, an Ordinance of Ivins City, Utah, amending and completely restating Title 10, Chapter 4 of the Ivins City Code regarding Backflow and Cross Connection regulations
- Possible Public Hearing and Ordinance on the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 15.05.204 of the Ivins City Amendment to Section 15.05.204 of the Ivins City Code Regarding Flag lots

# Building Department



**Left to Right:**

*Troy Behunin, Rob Dalley, Sharon Allen, Wil Wagner, Kaitlynn Kraus*

## **Will Wagner, Building Inspector**

Will plays a key role in keeping construction projects on track and up to code. He conducts on-site inspections to ensure that all building work meets safety regulations and approved plans.

## **Troy Behunin, Building Inspector**

Troy performs detailed inspections throughout various stages of construction. His attention to detail helps maintain high standards for safety and quality across all projects in Ivins.

## **Kaitlynn Kraus, Code Enforcement**

Kaitlynn works to uphold City codes that keep Ivins neighborhoods clean, safe, and well-maintained. She addresses code compliance concerns and works with residents to resolve issues while promoting community standards.

## **Sharon Allen, Subdivision Coordinator & Zoning Administrative Assistant**

Sharon helps guide subdivision projects from planning through approval, ensuring all requirements are met. She also provides essential administrative support for zoning matters, assisting residents and developers with questions and applications.

## **Rob Dalley, Building & Zoning Administrator**

Rob oversees the department's operations, managing both building and zoning functions. He ensures that city codes are properly enforced while helping facilitate responsible growth and development within the community. He plays a critical role in interpreting zoning regulations, helping residents and developers understand land use requirements and how they apply to specific projects.

## **Meet the Team:**

### **Ivins City Building Department**

The Ivins City Building Department is dedicated to ensuring that our community grows safely, responsibly, and in alignment with city standards. Behind the scenes, our skilled and committed team works every day to support residents, contractors, and developers through the building and zoning process.

**Together, this Building Department works diligently to support Ivins City's vision of a safe, well-planned, and thriving community. Contact them with any questions or concerns at (435) 634-9753.**



## Gastrointestinal (GI) health By Dr. Steven Harmon, Rocky Vista Health Center

Gastrointestinal (GI) health is essential for everyone, from seniors to young children, as it affects digestion, nutrient absorption, and overall comfort. Maintaining a healthy GI system involves eating a diet rich in fiber from fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, which can promote regular bowel movements and prevent issues like constipation and diverticulitis.

- **Probiotics** found in yogurt and fermented foods can also support a healthy gut microbiome, which is crucial for digestion and immune function.
- **Staying hydrated** by drinking plenty of water is key to supporting digestion and preventing dehydration-related GI issues.
- **Regular physical activity** and stress management also play vital roles in promoting a healthy digestive system.

For those with specific dietary needs or GI conditions, such as IBS or lactose intolerance, finding suitable food options and consulting with a healthcare provider or nutritionist can make a significant difference in maintaining GI health.



THE HEALTHY IVINS COALITION



**Strong Towns Founder**  
Chuck Marohn



**Scan QR code or visit [ivinsinspired.org](https://ivinsinspired.org) to get your tickets today!**

Building Strong Towns in Washington County:  
A Conversation with Chuck Marohn

**April 22, 2026**  
**Dixie Technical College**



Hosted by Strong Towns WashCo and Ivins Inspired

Healthy Ivins Coalition Presents

## Mental Health Awareness: Suicide Prevention Training

QPR: Question. Persuade. Refer.

QPR is a three-step method to identify, support & refer individuals who are struggling with their mental health.

**Benefits of QPR:**

- ✓ Early Recognition of Warning Signs
- ✓ Confidence to Take Action
- ✓ Connection to Resources

Session Details:  
May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM to 7PM  
Ivins City Hall, Ivins UT

Facilitated by: Jamy Dahle, LCSW

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### 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 eleven weeks. In March, the contractor finished the entire west side of the roundabout and has now shifted over to the east side of the roundabout.

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

#### April milestones (center & east side):

- Paving will be completed on the east side the final week of March
- Traffic will shift again around April 1st, and traffic will now be split between both the east and west sides to accommodate work in the center of the project.

**Traffic impacts:** Expect delays. The traffic configuration beginning on the first of April will likely be the final configuration until the project is nearly complete. Please use alternate routes when possible and allow extra travel time.

**Pedestrian/bike access:** The paved trails on the east and west side of the parkway will be open. Please continue to follow posted signs and stay alert in the area. Also, it would be helpful and safe for those using the bike lanes in the roadway to exit and use the asphalt paved trails as an alternative through the construction area.

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

**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

The project is nearly complete, and is anticipated to be fully complete by the end of the first week in April. Due to some right of way issues, some portions of the trail were not constructed. City staff is working to resolve those issues with the hopes that a trail will eventually be constructed.

## let's talk about Water Pressure

Our water system relies on gravity to maintain consistent pressure. Water tanks are located at higher elevations. Our system has remarkably few pumps to keep the system operating as we can take advantage of the natural terrain.

Homes at higher elevations may experience lower pressure because of the nature of how water pressure works. Homes at lower elevations may have higher pressure, which is why all properties are required by building code to install pressure-reducing valves (PRVs) to prevent excessive stress on indoor plumbing.

Water pressure can fluctuate throughout the day based on city-wide demand. For instance, you might experience a morning and evening rush--when everyone is showering, cooking, and using water at once, where water pressure can dip.

If you're experiencing water pressure lower than usual in your home, check for these common culprits:

- Partially closed main valve: Make sure the main shut-off valve is fully open.
- Mineral buildup on showerheads and faucets: Use a 1-1 ratio of baking soda, vinegar, and water. Allow to soak for 2-12 hours to dissolve mineral/hard water build up!
- Old pipes: Check for outdated pipes, especially galvanized!
- Faulty pressure-reducing valve: A failing PRV can limit pressure too much.

We know high water pressure is very desirable. We get it. But if you're hearing banging pipes or experience frequent leaks, your water pressure might be TOO high. Believe it or not, your plumbing system does have a lifetime that will expire one day. So don't let excessive water pressure beat up your plumbing system more than necessary.

Test your water pressure. A pressure gauge on an outdoor hose bib can tell you if it's over 80 PSI. Talk to your neighbors. If they experience similar water system pressure to you, it might be a city-wide or more localized problem. Call Ivins City Public Works at 435-634-0689 if you have questions or concerns about your water pressure! We are here to help.

# Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash



## SLOTHATHLON 2026

**Follow a sloth's example and join our slow-paced Ironman in April!**

Instead of only a few hours, you'll have 30 days to do the **RUNNING, BIKING and/or SWIMMING** of a triathlon!

Can complete **FULL, HALF or SPRINT** triathlon

Register online below or in person at Ivins City Hall:

**FREE!** 

Join our **Fitness Festival** kickoff event!  
Monday March 30th at 5:30-7:30pm @ Heritage Park 100N 100W  
Wellness Fair, Music, Activities, Food Trucks, **FREE SMOOTHIES**

Join our **Slothathlon Finish Line** event!  
Friday May 1st at 6pm @ Heritage Park 100N 100W  
then stay for the Concert in the Park 7-9pm!  
Live Music, **PRIZES**, Medals, Food Trucks



## FINISH

### Finish Line Event

Come celebrate all the sloth-tastic athletes with us at our Slothathlon Finish Line event!

**Friday May 1st at 6pm**  
**Ivins City Heritage Park (100N 100W)**

Then stay after for our Concert in the Park from 7-9pm!  
**Live music, PRIZES, medals for finishers, food trucks**



## Little Picasso art classes

THURSDAYS STARTING APRIL 2ND  
FOR 4 WEEKS  
11AM - 12:00PM  
FOR KIDS 5-11 YRS OLD

@IVINS REC CENTER  
REGISTER ONLINE  
[HTTPS://IVINS.RECDESK.COM](https://ivins.recdesk.com)



## TEENS ONLY BLACK LIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a night of games, egg hunting and fun prizes!

**Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Activities at 7pm  
**BLACK LIGHT EGG HUNT**  
STARTS AT 8:30PM  
100 N 100 W Heritage Park  
Ages 13-18

**THEME IS NEON!**

THE FIRST 80 TEENS TO THE PARK GET A FREE BLACKLIGHT FLASHLIGHT!

FREE PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES!



## FLOW STATE ART STUDIO

MONDAYS, STARTING APRIL 6TH FOR 5 WEEKS  
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM  
12-16 YRS OLD

@IVINS CITY REC CENTER  
register online <https://ivins.recdesk.com>



## 2026 CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

Ivins City Heritage Park (100N 100W)

**FRIDAY MAY 1ST**

6PM - SLOTHATHLON FINISH LINE EVENT  
PRIZES & FOOD TRUCKS  
7PM - CONCERT STARTS  
**JULIE WRIGHT**

**FRIDAY MAY 8TH**

5PM - AMERICA 250 EVENT  
GAMES/ACTIVITIES & FOOD TRUCKS  
7PM - CONCERT STARTS  
**ERIC DODGE**

Follow

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



# Parks & Recreation Department

By Marc Christensen and Sarah Nash

## Youth Baseball Registration

2026 Ivins Youth Baseball registration will be open from March 1st to April 10th  
Games will be at UNITY Park from mid-May to mid-June

Divisions:

T-ball – Ages 5&6 (Fee: \$30)

Coach Pitch – Ages 7&8 (Fee: \$30)

Machine Pitch – Ages 9&10 (Fee: \$35)

Register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) or in person at City Hall



## 2026 Hop and Jog 5k Fun Run

Date: Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 a.m.

Come out to the Hop and Jog Family Fun Run!

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/UT/Ivins/HogAndJogK>

## 2026 Easter Egg Scramble

Date: Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. after the Hop & Jog 5k at UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field.

All participants must provide their own Easter Basket.

### Age Groups:

Ages 4 & under (must have the ability to walk and pick up eggs without assistance from parents. One parent may be in the hunting area with their child to give guidance and direction)

Ages 5, 6, 7 and 8 No parent help!

Ages 9, 10, 11 and 12 No parent help!



## Bingo in the Park

It's not spring without Bingo in the Park!

Ivins City Park West Pavilion

Tuesdays/Thursdays from April 7th to April 30th  
5 p.m - 5:45 p.m.

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

If your business would like to donate prizes, please contact the Parks and Recreation Dept.



## Community Yard Sale

Our 5th annual Community Yard Sale is coming soon!  
Date: Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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

Register online at [ivins.recdesk.com](http://ivins.recdesk.com) under Programs or in person at Ivins City Hall.



## Arbor Day Tree Planting

Help us grow our urban forest!

Join us as we kick off our goal of planting 250 trees in 2026 for the America250  
**UNITY Park!**

Friday, April 24



5:00 PM

Hosted by Ivins City Parks and Recreation

**GOLF INSTITUTE OF AMERICA**  
**GOLF SCHOOLS & LESSONS**

Hosted by:  
IVINS CITY, THE LEDGES, CRUSH, GOLF PRO, Lead After, Green Spring

AMERICAN GOLF SCHOOLS  
The address and instructor information will be provided.

An approved vendor for WellnessMyWay flex card  
[selecthealth.org](http://selecthealth.org)

CRUSH: MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS  
@ 1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

THE LEDGES: TUESDAY & THURSDAYS  
@ 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SAND HOLLOW: TBD

GREEN SPRING G.C. SUMMER CLASSES: TBD

UTAH FITS ALL PROGRAM: TBD

FOR INQUIRES, CALL  
ARNIE BILLINGSLEY  
916-412-8606  
[www.golfinstituteofamerica.com](http://www.golfinstituteofamerica.com)  
6 hours of instruction

## Youth Summer Tennis Camp

June 1st - June 4th, 2026

Little Ace: Ages 5-9

8:00am- 8:45am, \$65

Big Ace: Ages 10-13

8:45am- 9:30am, \$65

Advanced: Ages 14+

9:30am- 10:15am, \$65



**SAVE THE DATE**

UTAH  
**IVINS CITY**  
AMERICA250  
**Friday May 8th**  
**Heritage Park**  
**5pm-9pm**

GAMES  
FOOD TRUCKS  
EDUCATIONAL  
ACTIVITIES

CONCERT BY  
**ERIC DODGE!**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; Victims and witnesses of crime have fundamental rights in the criminal justice process to ensure that all victims are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity. Victims also have the right to privacy. Utah legislation and the State Constitution protect and honor victims' rights. You can locate these rights in the Utah Constitution, Article 28, and in the Utah Criminal Code at 77-37, 77-38 and 77-38b. There are specific victims' rights for survivors of sexual violence.

The Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety Victim Advocate Services aim to minimize the traumatic impact of crime. Our mission is to provide timely support, gentle guidance, helpful resources, and vital information that promotes healing and progress for victims of crime, witnesses, and their families.



**Scan the QR code for the Law Enforcement website, where you can select the "Victims of Sexual Assault" link to learn what to expect when reporting a crime for the first time, as well as available resources. For more information about victims' rights, please contact the Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety Victim Advocate at (435) 652-1122**



SCAN ME



## Animal Control

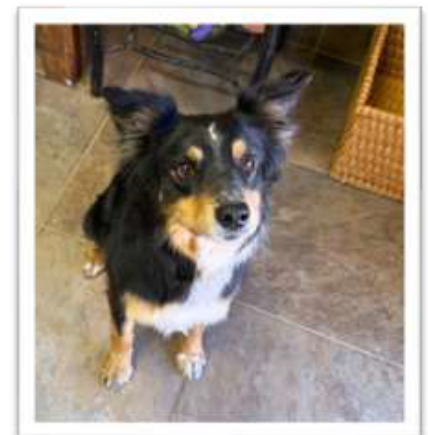
474 N 200 W  
IVINS, UTAH 84738 | PHONE: 435-628-1049  
ANIMAL CONTROL/ SHELTER MANAGER:  
MACKENZIE REID

### Meet Sadie!

She is a four-year-old Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix with a bundle of energy and joy. Sadie loves being outdoors and playing with her toys, making her the perfect companion for an active home.

She would do best in a home with a large yard or a tall, secure fence, as she is known to be a bit of an escape artist. Sadie will benefit from continued training and consistency to help her learn boundaries and stay safely with her family.

If you're looking for a fun, energetic, and loving companion, Sadie might be the perfect fit for you



## IVINS INSPIRED: BRINGING US TOGETHER, ONE CONNECTION AT A TIME

Here in Ivins, we're lucky to live in a place filled with natural beauty, friendly faces, and a strong sense of community. While it can be easy to focus on differences, what truly defines us is how much we have in common—and how powerful it is when we come together.

### WHY CONNECTION MATTERS

Social connection isn't just a "nice-to-have"—it's essential. Research shows that meaningful relationships help us live longer, feel more fulfilled, and navigate life's challenges with greater ease. Our recent AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey confirmed this: Ivins residents ranked social participation as a top-three priority. You've spoken clearly—you value a community where everyone feels seen, included, and supported.



### CELEBRATING LOCAL CREATIVITY

A huge congratulations to the winners of our Ivins Inspired Challenge! Your contributions help tell the story of the place we call home:

- 1st Place (\$100): Laura Bouziane – For a breathtaking photo of Fire Lake that perfectly captures our local landscape.
- 2nd Place (\$50): Sarah Spek – For a moving essay on growing up in Ivins, accompanied by a charming photo of a baby quail.

### NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

On March 20, we celebrated "Won't You Be My Neighbor" Day in honor of Fred Rogers. It was wonderful to see so many of you on Facebook and Nextdoor sharing stories of waves, porch chats, and small acts of kindness. These simple gestures are the ultimate antidote to loneliness—proof that in Ivins, no one has to walk alone.

### APRIL: A MONTH FOR RESILIENCE AND RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING

Mark your calendars for two great opportunities to connect this month:

- **The Great ShakeOut | April 16, 6:00 PM** Join the Ivins Emergency Preparedness Team at your local community HUB box. This isn't just about safety; it's about knowing who lives on your street. Bring a chair, meet your neighbors, and turn preparedness into a social event.
- **Utah Social and Community Health Day | April 26** This statewide initiative encourages us to look out for one another. Whether it's inviting a neighbor for a walk, organizing a park cleanup, or helping someone with yard work, these actions strengthen our collective health.

**Small Acts, Big Impact:** Even a five-minute check-in or a helping hand builds a more resilient Ivins. Every effort counts. Residents can take part in simple but meaningful ways—reach out to a neighbor, invite someone for a walk, bike ride, or picnic at a local park, or reconnect with a friend or family member. Consider organizing a small group to explore a nearby trail, clean up a park, or help a neighbor with yard work. Even a quick check-in, shared outdoor activity, or small act of kindness can go a long way in building stronger connections. Every effort, no matter how small, helps create a healthier, more connected community.

### Stay Connected & Get Involved

Want to take the next step in building a stronger Ivins?

Sign up for the Ivins Inspired Volunteer Database and mailing list at [ivinsinspired.org](http://ivinsinspired.org) or by scanning the QR Code.



This is the best way to stay informed about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and simple ways to connect with your neighbors and give back to the community.

Whether you have an hour to spare or just want to stay in the loop, your involvement makes a difference.

# EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

IVINS CITY ARTS COMMISSION



The Ivins Arts Commission meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month in Ivins City Hall, from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and we welcome your thoughts, ideas and input. Visit our website to find out more about us or join us in person at our monthly meetings. Creativity belongs to everyone. Follow along, get involved and explore the arts and culture that make Ivins City a uniquely inspiring place to live. <https://www.ivinsartscommission.com>



Every year, up to six Ivins artists are selected for Art on Loan, to showcase their work in public spaces, for a full year, with pieces available for purchase. In 2026, the Ivins Arts Commission received 21 applications. The six selected artists will receive a stipend and are honored at the annual Art on Loan, May reception.



**The Public is Cordially Invited  
Artist's Reception**  
Meet the Artists and View the Art  
Refreshments will be Served  
Monday, May 11th  
5:00-7:00 PM  
Ivins City Hall

## Congratulations to the 2026 Art on Loan Award Winning Artists



### **Ancient Writings, Ancient Skies—Liz Fortney**

This photo was years in the making. I had been to this petroglyph panel in 2018. I immediately envisioned a Milky Way shot running parallel to the petroglyph panel. I knew that it would have to be photographed between August and November, but when I went back to do the shoot, I couldn't find the petroglyph. It took me three years of searching to find it again and finally set up the shot. It required hauling a 10-foot ladder across the desert, down a wash and up a hill to get the camera in the proper position. I shot the foreground, then waited 5 hours for the Milky Way to get into the right position.



### **Antelope Island—Alicia Vineyard**

This painting of a bison captures all of the things I love to paint, the west, color, and light. It was inspired by a photo my brother-in-law took in 2018 while exploring Antelope Island near Salt Lake, Utah.



### **Light Dance—Bonnie Cazier**

A Trumpeter Swan shows off as golden light reflects off the water.

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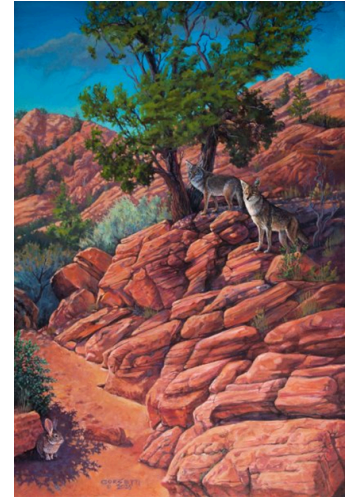
### Morrigan—Cheryl Collins & Trent Ripplinger

Morrigan was created from the trunk of a large invasive tamarisk tree removed from the Desert Rose Labyrinth Sculpture Gardens in Kayenta and was lightly carved to expose the shape of a crow near the top of one of the branches. The metal crow, crow's nest, steel base, and snake complete the sculpture.



### Where the Wild Still Runs—Tim Gillespie

A band of wild horses' surge across the high desert, manes flying and hooves drumming against sun-warmed earth. Backlit by the last golden breath of day, their bodies carve through dust and light, turning motion into poetry. In this fleeting moment, freedom becomes visible – untamed, unbroken, and endlessly alive across the Western horizon.



### Don't Move—Rob Corsetti

Nothing better for our souls than walking in the desert wilderness next to Ivins. You never know what you will encounter.



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