



# Ivins City News

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## July 24, 2010 Pioneer Day Celebration Judy Gubler, City Manager

The Ivins Old Fashioned 24<sup>th</sup> of July Pioneer Day Celebration is a wonderful summertime event in Ivins City. Thank you to all the parade participants, vendors, and volunteers for the special activities. Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended this celebration of our Utah heritage.

### THANK YOU TO:

- Daren Barney and family for serving as Grand Marshal
- The Ivins Volunteer Fire Department for sponsoring the Pancake Breakfast and the Flag Raising Ceremony
- The Ivins Stake Auxiliaries for participating
- The Ivins Princesses for participation and assistance
- The Stake Presidency for handling the running events
- Snow Canyon Dance Company for handling the Slip 'N Slide
- The Heritage Park Branch for handling the Baseball Throw
- Don Martindale for serving as Announcer
- The Rogers Family, Spotlight Entertainers and Jerone Wedig for providing the Entertainment
- Home Depot for providing the Kids Projects
- Ivins Stake Primary and Ivins Stake Young Womens for providing free activities for the kids



### Meeting Schedule 5:30 PM

#### City Council

August 5, 2010  
August 19, 2010

#### Planning Commission

August 3, 2010  
August 17, 2010

### Post Office

#### Main Branch/New Service

Santa Clara: 628-2112

#### Satellite Post Office

Ivins: 628-1381

### Utility Payment Drop Boxes

City Hall (north side)  
Ivins Satellite Post Office

### City Hall Drive-Up Window (north side)

Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

All transactions welcome

### Phone Numbers:

<i>City Hall</i>	628-0606
<i>Animal Services</i>	628-1049
<i>Building/Zoning</i>	634-9753
<i>Justice Court</i>	634-5728
<i>Parks &amp; Rec</i>	634-0689
<i>Police Dispatch</i>	634-5730
<i>Public Safety</i>	674-5503
<i>Public Works</i>	634-0689
<i>Emergencies</i>	911

And a special thanks to the Ivins City Parks and Recreation staff who work hard every year to coordinate and facilitate this great community event. Thank you Benny, Tami, Stephanie, Terry, Kelly, and the many unmentioned volunteers – you make it all possible. THANK YOU.



# POWER TO THE PEOPLE— (Solar Power that is)

Chris Hart, Mayor

It's been six months since the Ivins Solar City America Project (ISCAP) was introduced. One of the objectives of that program was to convert our City buildings to solar power. I'm excited to announce that we are about to begin that conversion. Three months ago we applied for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant through the Utah State Energy Program to improve the efficiency of our office lighting and to install a thirty kilowatt (30 KW) photovoltaic (PV) system to power our Public Works building and Animal Shelter. Three weeks ago we were awarded \$203,000.00 for that project.



An RFP or Request for Proposals has been published that will lead to our contracting for the work to be done. The solar panels will be installed on the roof of our Public Works facility equipment shed that just happened to be ideally suited for the purpose. When completed the system will provide roughly fifteen percent of the power used by our City Government.

A second application has been submitted to Rocky Mountain Power under its Blue Sky program requesting funding for an even larger system to provide power for the City Offices and Public Safety building. There are many other applicants and only so much money available but we remain optimistic. Should that effort fail we will continue to seek funding for the project through various State and Federal renewable energy programs.



The City is fortunate to have targeted municipal programs available to it. But for those of us who are considering solar power generation on our homes or businesses there are some significant incentives and tax credits available as well. Jack Scully, a friend of mine in the residential solar business put together the following list.

- The U.S. Department of Energy offers grants for 30% of qualified projects including solar power generation.
- Rocky Mountain Power offers rebates of up to \$30,000.00 for commercial and \$6,000.00 for residential solar projects.
- Rocky Mountain Power offers rebates for appliances and overall energy efficiency associated with solar power production.
- Federal tax credits for solar and other alternative energy projects are 30% of the total cost with no cap.
- The State of Utah offers a tax credit of \$2.00 per watt for private solar systems.
- Questar Gas has a residential rebate program for total energy efficiency including that gained from solar power production.

- Solar power can in some cases be converted to into REC's (Renewable Energy Certificates) and sold directly to businesses or through an exchange in lieu of a Rocky Mountain Power rebate.

Even with these incentives private solar systems are still out of reach for many of us.

Large scale projects like a solar farm remain under consideration but with Rocky Mountain Power owning the distribution system in Ivins the power it generated could not be delivered directly to our residents at a reduced cost.

Last year the State Legislature passed House Bill 145 allowing systems up to 25 KW to be shared by contiguous property owners so neighbors could co-op a system together. That is already being done in other areas of the country to take advantage of the cost savings associated with larger installations and might be worth considering here.



We are also looking at the possibility of installing smaller neighborhood solar generating systems under a U.S. Department of Agriculture renewable energy program that provides both grants and Federal loan guarantees. Under this program the loans would be repaid using the proceeds of the solar power generated. Yet another program offered by the U.S. Department of Energy invites a city like ours to present a proposal illustrating how we could serve as a "carbon reducing model city" and receive funding to implement our program. Not yet authorized by the City Council these and other ideas are just opportunities in their formative stages but they do offer some exciting possibilities.

As I've talked and shared e-mails with many of you over the last few months I'm encouraged by your enthusiasm for the Solar City concept. Some of our ISCAP objectives still have a long ways to go and others may never take root but it is rewarding to see parts of it beginning to take shape. I'm always interested in your ideas on the subject so send an e-mail to me at [chart@ivins.com](mailto:chart@ivins.com) if you have a thought to share. I'm convinced that working together we can continue to bring solar power to our people.

## Red Mountain Elementary Cheryl Hutchings

New Student Registration: Aug. 3 & 4 from 9am - 2pm.  
Watch for student class assignments on August 4th from 3:30 - 5:30.

School Starts at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 11th.  
Back to School Night August 11th.

We are excited for the upcoming school year.  
For questions please call 656-3802.



## Position Opening

### Part Time Animal Control/Shelter Worker

Performs a variety of duties related to animal control, animal care, and shelter operation/maintenance. Interested persons should inquire at [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) or [jobs@ivins.com](mailto:jobs@ivins.com) or contact the Human Resources department for any questions at (435) 628-0606.



## From the Public Safety Department

**Bob Flowers, Public Safety Director**



### Crime Warning

We are experiencing a "rash" of car burglaries in Ivins City. The criminals who are committing these acts are simply walking down the streets in an organized fashion checking for open car doors and taking everything inside! We are simply making it very easy and rewarding for these thieves. **DO NOT** leave valuables in your car and lock your car doors even if you have removed items of value.

It is extremely helpful in tracking down lost items if you have written down serial numbers or have marked the items in some unique fashion. You will hear this message a lot during the next few months. If you have any questions about issues just give us a call at the Public Safety Department at 674-5503.

### Crime Reporting

The Ivins City Public Safety Department has implemented an email address for citizens to report crime in Ivins City. The email will go directly to one of our officers for investigation and follow-up. You can leave the information anonymously, but remember, the success of the action taken will rely on the information you give. In other words, the more information you give, the better chance the crime will be solved. If you choose to leave your name and number, rest assured an investigator will contact you. Log on to [ivins.com](http://ivins.com), click on the Public Safety banner and then click on "contact us". You can submit a crime tip or report a crime to the Public Safety Department.



If you have witnessed a crime, or have information beneficial to law enforcement, please contact us as soon as you can. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

## August Planning Commission and City Council Agenda Items

By Judy Gubler, City Manager

The following are some of the topics that will be discussed at the August 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) 5 to 7 days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. If you have questions regarding any of the agenda items please call or e-mail Kevin Rudd at 634-9753 or [krudd@ivins.com](mailto:krudd@ivins.com) for Planning Commission questions and Kari Jimenez at 628-0606 or [kjimenez@ivins.com](mailto:kjimenez@ivins.com) for City Council questions.

### Planning Commission August 3, 2010

- Taviawk IX-Y Final Plat Approval
- Continue discussion of the Zoning Ordinance, Commercial Uses
- Continue discussion of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance, Grading and Elevation of Lots

### Planning Commission August 17, 2010

- Continue discussion of the Zoning Ordinance, Commercial Uses
- Continue discussion of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance, Grading and Elevation of Lots

### Planning Commission August 31, 2010

- Meeting with Form Tomorrow on Zoning Ordinance, Commercial Uses

### City Council August 5, 2010

- Public Hearing on the Proposed Assessment Area Designation for the Special Assessment Area
- Discuss and Consider Ordinance No. 2010-13 regarding Taxi Service
- Discussion regarding beekeeping

### City Council August 19, 2010

- Utah Army National Guard Programs Presentation
- Discuss and Consider Approval of American Public Works Association (APWA) Standard Specifications

## Burn Season Closed

Ivins Fire Department

The burn season is now CLOSED for all of Washington County. The fall burn season will open in October. Burn windows are specific periods identified by State and Federal regulations where the burning of weeds and other agricultural debris is allowed. Burn windows are established to address fire safety and environmental concerns and correspond with normal yearly weather patterns. We thank you for your efforts in keeping our city safe.



## The Pet Corner

Aggie Smith, Animal Control Officer

### Greetings from Ivins Animal Shelter

When finding a stray dog or cat in Ivins, please call dispatch and they will contact a police officer or animal control officer to pick up the animal and take it to the shelter. This will protect both you and the animal. The animal control officers and police officers are trained in dealing with an animal that might be stressed, injured, or sick. The Washington County Dispatch number is 634-5730.



This spring and summer has been another year of KITTENS, KITTENS, KITTENS! Please be mindful of the importance of spaying and neutering your cats. The Big Fix offers low cost spaying and neutering. We can all be part of the solution and not the problem.

Please remember during these hot days to give your animal plenty of water and shade if they are outside. Never leave an animal in a vehicle this time of year. Have a great summer!

### Greetings from Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter

Our "Wish for the Month" is two-fold. We need scoopable cat litter! The second part of this wish is for everyone in Ivins to spay/neuter their pets. We have a serious problem right now with mom cats and kittens being abandoned. Please be a responsible pet owner and spay/neuter your pets to help us control unwanted cats and dogs in Ivins. We are taking reservations for our next low cost spay/neuter clinic on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration and payment must be received by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call Kris Neal at 435-619-4712 to make an appointment. This clinic is sponsored by Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter and One More Chance with the cooperation of Washington Family Veterinary Clinic.



We appreciate the great response to our plea for volunteers in the last newsletter. The invitation is still open for volunteers at the shelter and families interested in fostering cats and dogs while they are searching for the new "forever home". Please call FIAS for more information at 435-673-1718.



### Farewell and Best Wishes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Robin Kirker our Animal Control Officer/Shelter Manager. Robin has been a VIP in moving our shelter forward into becoming the only No Kill municipal shelter in Utah. We wish Robin much success and happiness as she begins a new chapter in her life and returns to her passion, art. We will miss you!



## Pet of the Month ~ Dino

If you are looking for the most fun, playful, happy cat, well look no further, you have found me!!! The staff at the Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center love to come to work because I can really make them laugh and brighten up their day. I can do the same for your family. Please make me part of your home and give me what I want most and that is to be your BFF. Please call the shelter at (435) 669-7043 or the Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter at (435) 673-1718 to make an appointment to meet me and all of my friends. You need a new BFF today!



## Dial-A-Ride and Meals on Wheels

### Washington County Council on Aging

The Dial-A-Ride Transportation Program is available for Ivins City residents ages **60+ or those with a disability**. Dial-A-Ride includes transportation to medical appointments, prescription pick-up, and shopping on limited routes. Dial-A-Ride service is available for a suggested donation of \$3 one way or \$5 round trip (donation recommended only, not required). The bus runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday. To make a reservation call **634-5743**.

Meals-On-Wheels is available for Ivins residents that are 60+ years of age and can't drive and/or need assistance in receiving a nutritious meal. Meals are delivered Tuesday through Friday for a suggested donation (recommended only) of \$2.50 per meal. Please call the Senior Center at **634-5743** to sign up for Meals-on-Wheels.

### Upcoming Dumpster Date:



**August 14, 2010**

\*\*Dumpsters are located next to the Public Works Yard behind the City Cemetery.

## LISTEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS!

Kari Jimenez, City Recorder

If you are unable to attend a Planning Commission or City Council meeting and would like to listen to a meeting, you can access and listen to the audio the day after the meeting was held. Visit our website, [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) for meeting minutes and agendas.

# The Parks & Recreation Department

**Benny Sorensen, Parks Director**

We at the Parks & Recreation Department wanted to thank all of those who volunteered their time to help make the 24<sup>th</sup> of July celebration a big success! Thank you all!

**There is still time to register for Flag Football - Ages 6 to 12**

**When:** Register Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m..

**Where:** Ivins City Offices, 55 North Main

**Registration ends: August 13, 2010**

**Registration Fee:** \$25



**Season begins:** the week of **September 13, 2010** - Games will be played on weekday evenings, and depending on the number of teams, games may be played on Saturdays.

**The age divisions for this league will be as follows:**

- Ages - 6 to 8 Coed - Monday & Wednesday
- Ages - 9 to 12 Coed - Tuesday & Thursday
- Ages determined as of October 31, 2010

**Movies in the Park**

Friday evenings beginning August 6 and continuing until

August 27 the Ivins City Park baseball field will once again become an outdoor movie theater. We will be showing family features and it is free. Start time will be approximately 8:30 p.m. (or when it is dark enough).



- Friday, August 6-** - Support Your Local Sheriff
- Friday, August 13** - Show Boat
- Friday, August 20** - The Fox and the Hound
- Friday, August 27** - The Emperors New Groove

**DSC - COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Parents, it's that time of year again! Community Education is offering "Time for Tots", a program for children 3 to 5 years old. Children will play at the park, do art projects, enjoy music, play games, learn social skills, and have a nutritious snack. The program begins September 7, 2010 and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at Unity Park from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m..

Also, don't miss out on our "Kreative Kids" program where children have fun creating their own original works of art. "Kreative Kids" is held at Red Mountain Elementary School every Friday after dismissal. For more information or to enroll, call Community Education at 435-652-7675 or visit our website at [ce.dixie.edu](http://ce.dixie.edu).

**Vandalism and other issues Update -**

**We had possible gang related graffiti in the restroom at Ivins City Park, the cost to clean it up was about \$500 in time and material! Thank you for your help in keeping vandalism down!**



**Sand Hollow Aquatic Center** - Ivins City has an interlocal 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!

**Recreation Classes**

Ivins City Parks & Recreation offers a number of recreation classes that are on-going all year round, these include; Dance, Tumbling, Yoga, Musical Theater, Performing Arts Mini Camps, Tennis, ZUMBA and YOGA. If you are interested in attending one or more of these classes please call the Parks & Recreation office to find out when our next session will begin.

**Fall Tennis lessons:**

**Registration begins on September 1, 2010 for fall tennis.** Classes begin on Saturday October 9 thru November 6, 2010.

- 12 to 16 yrs old - Adv. Beginner/Intermediate 8:00 to 8:50 a.m.
- 11 to 16 years old – Beginners 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- 7 to 10 years old – Beginners 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

Classes are taught at the tennis courts at UNITY Park (400 S. 300 W.) by Dylan Christensen.



Fees for classes are \$35 per participant for a five week session, class size is limited to eight students and you must register prior to attending the class at the Ivins City Offices (55 N. Main) or online at [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com).

Please bring a tennis racquet if you have one, if you don't one will be provided for you. If you have any questions please call Ivins City Parks & Rec. at 634-0869 or e-mail Mr. Christensen at [dylanc@msn.com](mailto:dylanc@msn.com).

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## Local Resident cast in movie on the Disney Channel.

Ivins Resident, Caroline Labrum, daughter of Inger and Glenn Labrum, has a role in the upcoming original Disney Channel movie, *Den Brother*. The movie makes its debut on August 13th .



You may have seen Caroline perform before, as she has been an active participant in many local programs in Ivins including the Ivins Children's Musical Theater, Tuacahn Productions such as *Les Miserables* and *Annie* and several parks and recreation programs.

Make sure to say "Hello" to our movie star resident.

Ivins City Parks & Recreation is offering  
**Dance, Tumbling, & Musical Theatre Classes**  
 Classes taught By Instructors from Spotlight Performing Arts Center

**August 16-Sept 17, 2010 (5 wk session)**

If there is space available, students can register in the middle of a session and have their tuition pro-rated instead of waiting for a new session to begin. New Sessions start approximately every 4-6 weeks. Classes are available for children ages 2 years and older. **Classes are continuous and ongoing.** Students are evaluated and advanced into new classes as they progress. Classes are offered year-round. Since these classes are very popular and class sizes are kept small to offer the best quality of instruction available, it is recommended that students sign up early to reserve their spot. Interested students can audition to be part of the "Spotlight Dance Company", the "Spotlight Performers" and the "Spotlight Entertainers" groups to receive additional performance and competition opportunities throughout the year. Talent Management services are also available.

<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Tuition</b>
Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 pm	Ballet/Jazz Technique	Ages 9 & up (Beg/Int)	\$45 (5 wks)
Tuesdays 5:00-5:30 pm	Tap Dancing	Ages 9 & up (Beg/Int)	\$23 (5 wks)
Wednesdays 9:30-10:00 a.m.	Tap Dancing	Ages 2-5 yrs old	\$23 (5 wks)
Wednesdays 10:00-10:45 a.m.	Ballet (45 min)	Ages 2-5 yrs old	\$33 (5 wks)
Wednesdays 10:45-11:30 a.m.	Tumbling (45 min)	Ages 2-5 yrs old	\$33 (5 wks)
Thursdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Ivins Musical Theatre Co.	Ages 5 yrs & up	Cost varies
Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm	Tumbling	Ages 5 yr & up (Beg/Int)	\$45 (5 wks)
Fridays 2:30-3:00 pm	Tap	Ages 5-9 yr olds (Beg/Int)	\$23 (5 wks)
Fridays 3:00-4:00 pm	Ballet/Jazz Technique	Ages 5-9 yr olds (Beg/Int)	\$45 (5 wks)

**Location:** Classes are held in the Recreation Building at the Ivins UNITY Park (400 S. 300 W.)

**Dates that classes will be held during this session:**

Tuesdays for 5 weeks	Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31, Sept 7, Sept 14
Wednesdays for 5 weeks	Aug 18, Aug 25, Sept 1, Sept 8, Sept 15
Thursdays for 5 weeks	Aug 19, Aug 26, Sept 2, Sept 9, Sept 16
Fridays for 5 weeks	Aug 20, Aug 27, Sept 3, Sept 10, Sept 17



**For more info, call Ivins Parks & Recreation at 634-0689  
 or contact Spotlight Performing Arts Center at 628-8550 or 632-0614.  
 REGISTER AT IVINS CITY HALL (55 N. Main, Ivins).  
 PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**About the instructors:**

**Teresa Hill-Putnam** is a Dance & Tumbling Instructor, Musical Theatre & Performance Director, a published author, and a Talent Manager. She moved to Ivins to enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle after many years of Owning and Directing a large Performing Arts School in Denver. Ms. Teresa has three children of her own and has been teaching and directing for the past 25 years! Ms. Teresa is the owner of Spotlight Performing Arts Center (at 2309 Santa Clara Drive). She shares her talents with the community by offering high quality Dance, Tumbling, and Musical Theatre classes. Ms. Teresa directs the "Ivins Children's Musical Theatre Company", the "Spotlight Performers", the "Spotlight Entertainers, and the "Spotlight Dance Company".

**Ashley Putnam** is a professional entertainer and dance instructor. She has been dancing since 1992 and performs regularly for the community. Ashley was the only teenager chosen to perform in Tuacahn's production of "42<sup>nd</sup> Street" in 2007. She graduated in 2009 from Tuacahn High School for the Performing Arts and was the Dance Company President and Tap Company Director. This summer and fall, Ashley can be seen every evening performing at Tuacahn Center for the Arts in the Plaza Show Productions of "Wild Things" and "Music of the Night".

**The next session will begin on Sept 20.**