



Ivins City News

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Meeting Schedule 5:30 PM

City Council

January 7

January 21

February 4

Planning Commission

January 5

January 19

February 2

Post Office

Main Branch/New Service

Santa Clara: 628-2112

Satellite Post Office

Ivins: 628-1381

Utility Payment Drop Box

Ivins City Office

(north side of building)

Ivins Satellite Post Office

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 & 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



Mayor's Message—Solar City Initiative

Chris Hart, Mayor

One of my major goals as your new Mayor is to bring additional commercial development to Ivins. That has been and will continue to be a challenging task. Our City is unique in Washington County. Surrounded by the red mountain, the reservation and BLM land, it stands alone at the end of the "beaten path". Ivins accurately describes itself in its general plan as a "destination community". Existing commercial development supports that thesis. The Tuacahn Center for the Arts, Red Mountain Spa, Fitness Ridge and the Snow Canyon Clinic are all destination businesses. With traffic flowing "to it" not "through it", conventional businesses will rely primarily on Ivins residents for support. Given its projected population, Ivins will likely not attract commercial development on a scale that communities situated in "hub" locations or along significant traffic corridors often do, a welcome fact for many of us who do not want to see that type of development occur.

What Ivins does have to offer business is its astonishing beauty, its peace and quiet, and its nature based recreational opportunities. That is what attracted our current health & fitness, medical and performing arts businesses, and continued growth in those areas can be expected. I think we can entice hospitality businesses like inns, restaurants, art galleries etc. to locate here for the same reasons, and as our population grows we'll inevitably get a measured number of basic service businesses. But in order to secure an adequate long term economic base we'll need to explore and promote other less conventional "clean" commercial development.

One area of immediate economic opportunity for which Ivins is ideally suited is solar power research and development. Ivins offers the scientific community, private industry, public utilities and federally funded renewable energy programs precisely what they need, sunshine, lots of it, three hundred and thirty days a year of it on average. In addition to its consistently sunny weather, Ivins topography, established zoning, population profile and public mindset support such a concept.

This month I will be discussing with the City Council a comprehensive plan entitled the "Ivins Solar City Initiative" designed to promote solar related development in Ivins. I believe that if such a program is adopted and proves successful that the benefits will mushroom over time as hi-tech & medical research companies, data & call centers and other environmentally friendly businesses begin to look seriously at Ivins as an expansion location. Firms like these would bring scientific and technical personnel to the area and offer a variety of desirable employment opportunities to our residents. They would also stimulate additional commercial development as support businesses of all kinds congeal around them.

Ivins has the potential to become a solar power epicenter by simply being the right place at the right time with the right plan. Pursuing the Ivins Solar City Initiative will attract precisely the type of businesses Ivins declares as "desirable" in its general plan, and in the process establish a tax base that will sustain us into the future. Remarkably this can be accomplished without a negative financial impact on Ivins City or us as residents. By utilizing existing incentive programs, government funding for renewable energy research and development projects and private investment capital the objectives of the Ivins Solar City Initiative can be met. Consider the benefits. We as residents could learn to use energy more efficiently, choose to participate in programs already in place to upgrade the energy performance of our homes, even install private solar systems at a dramatically reduced cost, and have cheaper power using the cleanest possible generating source – the sun. It's an exciting prospect.

Parks and Recreation

Benny Sorensen, Parks Director

Happy New Year from the Ivins Parks & Recreation Department! We hope this will be a great year for all of you! Thank you to those who took the time to respond to our Parks & Recreation survey. We received over 250 surveys! One of the things that many people asked for was more classes for adults. We would like to offer more programs, however, in order to do any classes we need people who would like to teach them, so we are asking for people who would like to teach a class to step forward and teach. If you have an idea for a class that you are qualified to teach and that you think other people would enjoy learning, please contact the Parks and Recreation office.

Classes and program updates

New Classes

Cake Decorating

Classes will be taught by Howard Keele. A session will consist of 6 two hour classes at a fee of \$50.00. Tools for the class are \$25.00. For more information, contact Ivins Parks and Recreation at (435) 634-0689.

Geology of Southern Utah

When: 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 10, 17 and Saturday morning February 20

Where: Ivins City Hall

Instructor: Marc Deshowitz

Session 1 - Introduction to the Rock Types of our Area - 2/03/10 (Wednesday)

Session 2 - Plate Tectonics and its impact on Ivins - 2/10/10 (Wednesday)

Session 3 - The Geology of Snow Canyon - 2/17/10 (Wednesday)

Session 4 - Field Trip to Snow Canyon - Johnson Canyon Trail - 2/20/10 (Saturday)

Course Description

Marc's class will start with the basics of Geology and then move on to illustrate the forces which shaped our area utilizing concepts of Plate Tectonics. You will be introduced to the principles of Ancient Geography that will provide you with clues of what our area looked like during the time when Dinosaurs roamed this area. You will even be able to tell which way the wind was blowing during the Jurassic in Snow Canyon. The class will conclude with a field trip to Snow Canyon (Johnson Canyon Trail) where all of the concepts shown in class will be illuminated. Take this journey through time and develop a whole new appreciation for the place we call home.

Bio

Marc was born in Massachusetts and went to school in the Boston area and Southern Illinois. After leaving Illinois in 1979 he went to work for Shell Oil Company where he was an exploration geologist looking for oil and gas deposits globally for almost 30 years. Marc retired to St. George in 2008 with his wife Chrystal and together they lead Exploritas (Elderhostel) Trips to all of the National Parks in Utah.

KidSpace After School Program



The KidSpace program is for Red Mountain, Coral Cliffs, Riverside, and Sunset Elementary School students. It is designed to assist students with their homework as well as make learning new, exciting, and fun. This program runs from 3:30- 5:30 pm, Monday – Thursday. The cost is a \$5.00 one-time registration fee and a small monthly fee. If you have any questions please call 435-652-7675 or contact your school principal.

Acro Gymnastics/Tumbling Classes

Acro/Gymnastics (Tumbling) helps to develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength and tumbling skills. The classes are divided into ability levels in order to give the students a more individualized program. Each one-hour class (45 minutes for the 2 to 4 age group) consists of skill training and choreography time to utilize the skills being taught. Students may have opportunities periodically to participate in performances and/or demonstrations to show what they are learning. Classes are on-going with new sessions beginning every six or seven weeks.



Dance & Musical Theater Classes

We are offering Dance and Musical Theater Classes for Children and Teens. Classes are on-going with new sessions beginning every six or seven weeks. Classes in Tap Dancing, Ballet & Jazz Technique are currently being taught.



Next session begins the week of January 4th.

Birthday Parties with Ms. Teresa

Looking for a fun birthday party that is different than your usual children's party? We may have the perfect solution for you! You can choose from any of the following: a Ballerina Party, Dance Party, Tumbling Party, Tap Dancing Party or a Theatre Party. You bring the food and supplies... Ms. Teresa will entertain and clean up the mess! Schedule early... our calendar fills quickly! For more information or to schedule your party, contact Ms. Teresa Putnam at 628-8550.



Baseball Registration

It's almost time to get ready for 2010 Recreation Baseball Registration!



We will be offering coed T-ball (age 5 & 6), Rookie (coach's pitch age - 7 & 8) and Minors (machine pitch - age 9 & 10) leagues again this year.

When: Beginning March 1 - Ending April 2, 2010

Where: The Ivins City Offices - 55 North Main

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Tennis Lessons



We will be offering tennis lessons again as the weather begins to warm up just a little. Watch the next newsletter in February and we should have the schedule ready.

Ivins Soccer League

Ivins Soccer League will be having registration soon! Please go to ivinsoccerleague.com for more information. Ivins Soccer League is a privately operated youth program and it is not an Ivins City Parks & Recreation Program.



Community Education Classes held in Ivins.

You can register for these classes through Community Education 652-7675

Fencing



Fencing is a modern sport that builds character, discipline, mental courage and promotes physical fitness and health. Fencing exercises may also attribute to muscle strength, coordination, tempo, endurance and flexibility. Students in the United States could possibly be considered for scholarships at Universities because of the well-known relationship between good fencing skills and intellectual capacities. Paul Uyleman, a PE instructor, is also a certified fencing master (Maitre d' Arms) on epee, saber, and foil from Holland (Europe). He is thoroughly educated in the methodological, pedagogical, and physiological fundamentals of the fencing sport. All the classes (2 hours in length) start with a warming up, fencing techniques / skills and tactics for about 50 minutes, and the rest of the time is for free fencing, dry or electric as a preparation for recreational or competitive fencing under the direction of the fencing master. All participants are required to sign a liability waiver and wear sport shoes and good sport clothing. Equipment will be provided.

Instructor: Paul Uyleman
 Day: Tuesdays
 Time: 6:30 – 8:00
 Date: January 19 - April 27
 Place: UNITY Park, Ivins, Recreation Building
 Age: 12 years plus
 Fee: \$59.00 per person/month
 Maximum number of students - 30

Call # 50847

Time For Tots

This is a new program geared for children 3 to 5 years old. Learning, music, snack, story, social time, and much more. If inclement weather happens, an alternative site will be used.

CLASS/SESSION I/II

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 am
 Fee: \$25.00 per person/session/month
 Day: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Date: February 2 – May 27
 Place: UNITY Park, Ivins

Call # 50947

Additional Parks Information

Easter Egg Hunt

Once again, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held here in Ivins. This event draws in hundreds of participants who swarm in on all of the colorful eggs that cover the field in the park. Come rain or shine, participants and spectators alike line up around the fields waiting for the count down to be able to fill their baskets with eggs. This years event will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010



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 - 634-5938.



Upcoming Dumpster Dates:

January 9, 2010 February 13, 2010
 March 20, 2010 April 17, 2010
 April 24, 2010



2010 Planning Commission Schedule

January 5, 19 July 13
 February 2, 16 August 3, 17, 31
 March 2, 16, 30 September 14
 April 13 October 5, 19
 May 4, 18 November 2, 16, 30
 June 1, 15, 29 December 14

2010 City Council Meeting Schedule

January 7, 21 July 1, 15
 February 4, 18 August 5, 19
 March 4, 18 September 2, 16
 April 1, 15 October 7, 21
 May 6, 20 November 4, 18
 June 3, 17 December 2, 16



Ivins City Website



Don't forget to check out our new website at www.ivins.com. Though the site is still under construction, all main areas are there for your convenience. You can log on to make utility payments, get meeting agendas and minutes, find forms, view newsletters, obtain park information and much more.



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