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Meeting Schedule 5:30 PM

City Council
February 3
February 17

Planning Commission
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Post Office

Main Branch/New Service
Santa Clara: 628-2112

Satellite Post Office
Ivins: 628-1381

Website: www.ivins.com

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>Utilities</i>	628-0606
<i>Emergencies</i>	911

A Ground Breaking Month

Chris Hart, Mayor

Beginning in January and continuing into this month and beyond, the City is involved both literally and figuratively in ground breaking projects. Work has begun on the Historic Township improvements with 200 West slated to be the first street completed. The schedule calls for construction to flow generally from south to north and from east to west beginning at 200 South and 200 West and finishing in August at the top end of 200 East. The full length of the north/south streets will be completed in sequence with the east/west streets filling in one block at a time.

In conjunction with that project the Ivins Good Samaritan Fund has been created to help qualified applicants make their Special Assessment Area payments. You'll notice on this month's utility bill an added line item entitled "Ivins Good Samaritan Fund" inviting all residents to contribute what they can on a monthly basis to help those for whom this assessment is especially burdensome.

We have broken ground on the new Community Garden located at approximately 900 South between 200 East and 400 East. This change of venue was prompted by the sale of Pond Park where the garden was originally located. Larger garden plots are available and the City is tilling the soil, providing mulch and installing a watering system for gardeners to use. We are pleased with the success of the garden in its first year thanks to many dedicated residents who braved the elements and worked hard to harvest a bumper crop last season. They've helped us shape new policies and design the new garden layout. We invite all Ivins residents to become involved by coming into the City offices and signing up for a plot.

We're also on the verge of installing three solar photovoltaic systems with panels contracted to be installed on the maintenance structure at the Public Works yard, the indoor recreation and maintenance buildings at Unity Park, on the shade structure behind City Hall and on the roof of the Public Safety building/Fire Station. By summer we will be generating approximately two thirds of the power consumed by City facilities using this clean and renewable energy source.

Part of the funding was provided by Rocky Mountain Power through a generous 'Blue Sky' grant as a show of support for our Ivins Solar City America Project (ISCAP). They have extended an invitation to the City to become a "Blue Sky Community". That program requires a certain percentage of our residents to voluntarily sign up to be participants along with the City. Many of you have already become involved putting us within reach of qualifying. We need several more to commit to the program to hit the target however. Since it would be a questionable use of public monies we're asking supporters of the concept to pay an extra dollar a month (\$12.00 per year) to cover the Cities obligation. If you have an interest in becoming part of this effort please contact Kai Reed at kaiallenreed@gmail.com. More information will be forthcoming.

It's exciting to see these changes materialize that will enhance both our image as a City and our lives as residents as we enjoy the benefits of these efforts for years to come. Our City staff deserves a lot of credit for their thoughtfulness and concentrated effort in bringing these projects to fruition. We have a team of committed and caring people serving us in a variety of ways as employees of the City. I've been impressed not only with their expertise and dedication but perhaps even more with their genuine concern for the well being of our City and its residents. When you're breaking new ground somebody has to hold the shovel and we have an exceptional team doing the work required to make worthwhile things happen. Kudos to them.



Street Maintenance Postponed until Spring

David Glenn, Public Works Director



Many of you received a letter in the mail last fall informing you of upcoming street sealing in your neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the weather decided not to cooperate and the temperature for the planned maintenance dropped below acceptable levels before the work could be completed. The maintenance will take place, but is being postponed until this spring when temperatures rise to a level needed for the application. We will keep you informed.

Vista Lottery

Nicole Richins

Vista is pleased to announce that the lottery for the 2011/12 school year will be held on Friday, Feb. 24th at 2:00 pm. The deadline to enroll for the lottery is Thursday, Feb. 23rd at noon. Students can enroll for the lottery on our website www.vistautah.com and click on enrollment. We invite any K-8th students who are interested to stop by the school and see if Vista is right for them. Please visit the calendar on our website to view events at the school. There are many school and community performances for all ages and interests throughout the year.

The Pet Corner

Aggie Smith, Animal Control Officer/Shelter Mgr.

Greetings from the Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center

In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. In the U.S. as a whole, there are an estimated six to eight million homeless animals entering shelters every year. About half of these animals are adopted and tragically the other half are euthanized. These are healthy, sweet pets that would have made great companions. The number of homeless animals varies by state. In some states there are as many as 300,000 homeless animals euthanized. These are not offspring of homeless street animals, these are the puppies and kittens of cherished family pets and even purebreds.



The number of homeless pets can be reduced by spaying and neutering your pets. This is also the best thing for your pets because animals that are altered tend to live longer and healthier lives. No More Homeless Pets of Utah runs a discounted spay and neuter program called The Big Fix. As a way to help reduce the number of animals in shelters the Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center handles the sign-up for this program for both the Ivins and PetCo locations. The Big Fix will be coming to Ivins on February 28, 2011. The Ivins Shelter with the cooperation of the Washington Family Veterinarian will also be holding its own spay and neuter clinic on March 1, 2011. Please call Ivins Shelter at 628-1049 or Linda Elwell at 673-1718 for additional information.

February Agenda Items

By Judy Gubler, City Manager

The following are some of the topics that will be discussed at the February 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 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 for Planning Commission questions and Kari Jimenez at 628-0606 or kjimenez@ivins.com for City Council questions.

Planning Commission February 1, 2011

- Public Hearing for Class IV Conditional Use Permit for LDS Chapel/Church located at approximately 300 East 200 South
- Consider a recommendation to the City Council on granting a Special Exception to increase allowed height for LDS Chapel/Church Steeple
- Continue Discussion on Commercial Zoning
- Continue Discussion on Beekeeping

Planning Commission February 15, 2011

- Continue Discussion on Commercial Zoning
- Continue Discussion on Beekeeping

City Council February 3, 2011

- Annual Update on the Binnie Program and Presentation of Money Earned
- Discuss and Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2010-19, an Ordinance of Ivins City, Utah, Amending Section 16.11.134 of the Ivins City Code Regarding Site Grading and Drainage
- Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2011-02 R, a Resolution of Ivins City, Utah, Reopening 600 East at the Ivins City/Santa Clara Municipal Boundary
- Discuss and Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2011-01, an Ordinance of Ivins City, Utah, Regarding Maintenance of the Right-of-Way and Sidewalks
- Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2011-03R, a Resolution of Ivins City, Utah Regarding the Good Samaritan Fund
- Consider granting a Special Exception to increase allowed height for LDS Chapel/Church Steeple
- Discuss and Consider Approval of UDOT's Federal Aid Agreement and Local Government Contract for Snow Canyon Drive Roundabout Project and Approval of Expenditures of City Matching Funds.



City Council February 17, 2011

- Financial Report



News from Red Mountain Elementary

Cheryl Hutchings, RME

Red Mountain students are reading up a storm for the Kite Festival Reading Competition. The competition started in January and will end in April at the annual Kite Festival held at Sun River in St. George.



Dates to remember:

- Now to Feb. 28** -- recycle old phone books competition. Join Red Mountain Elementary and Rocky Mountain Recycling in recycling old phone books. Just drop them off in the green dumpster in the parking lot at the school or send them with one of our students.
- Feb. 21** – Presidents Day – no school
- Feb 28** – Family Literacy Night / Book Fair opens
- Feb. 28 – Mar. 4** Beach Book Fair
- Feb. 28-Mar. 3** SEP Week
- Mar. 12 – 21** Spring Break no school
- Mar. 24, 31** – Kindergarten and Preschool registration



To register for kindergarten or preschool you will need the following:

Kindergarten:

- Child must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2011
- Certified Birth Certificate (8 1/2 x 11)
- Up to date immunizations:
- 5 DTP
- 4 Polio
- 2 MMR
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 1 Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 2 Hepatitis A

Preschool:

- Children must be 3 or 4 before Sept. 1, 2011
- Certified Birth Certificate (8 1/2 x 11)
- Up to date immunizations:
- 5 DTP
- 4 Polio
- 3 HIB
- 5 Pneumococcal
- 2 MMR
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 1 Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 2 Hepatitis A

You will need to bring the birth certificate and shot records with you to register your child/children. Please watch for exact dates on our marquee and emails. If you still have questions, please call the school at 656-3802.

Ivins City Parks & Recreation Department February 2011

Benny Sorensen, Parks & Recreation Director



It is nearly Spring time again! The trees will blossom, the grass will turn green and we will be looking for people to help with the planning, organizing and implementing of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, The Ivins Fitness Festival and the Pioneer Day Celebration.

For the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on April 23rd at 9:00 a.m., we mainly need people to help get the 12,000 + eggs filled with prizes/candy and to help on the morning of the event placing eggs in the hunting area and help with crowd control. For the Ivins Fitness Festival there are many opportunities to volunteer. We have many different committees where you could help from entertainment to crowd control, so please contact us if you feel like you would like to help. Last year was a lot of fun.

For The Pioneer Day Celebration, which will be held this year on Saturday, July 23, we have three separate activities going on that overlap each other just a little. We have the Pancake breakfast at 7:00 a.m., the Parade at 9:00 a.m. and the activities/vendors in the park at 10:00 a.m. We would like to have a few people to help organize each of these activities and also be there to make sure the plans are carried out on the day of the event. We hope this will help make these events better and more fun each year.



If you would like to be involved and can commit some of your time to help with one, or all of these events, please call Tami or Jennifer at the Parks & Recreation Office 634-0689.

Community Garden

The Ivins Community Garden will have a new home this season; it is located at approximately 900 South on 200 East. The garden plots are larger than they were last year, ranging in size from 8' x 20' (160 Sq. Ft) to 20' x 20' (400 Sq. Ft.). We are planning to use irrigation water again but it will not be available until April, so if you plant before then, you will have to carry your own water.



Ivins City will administer the Community Garden and require registration and compliance with Community Garden Guidelines. Gardeners must register with Ivins City prior to working in the Community Garden. All garden plots are assigned on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be kept for future garden plot availability.

An annual refundable deposit of \$30 and an annual non-refundable deposit of \$20 are required at registration. The annual refundable deposit of \$30 will be returned (or held for the next year) if the garden plot is cleared by October 31. The annual non-refundable deposit of \$20 will be used to cover costs of plot preparation, irrigation material and mulch. The refundable deposit may be returned or rolled over for a garden plot for (cont. on next page)

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- * Pay Your Utility Bill Online
- * Register for Recreation Activities
- * Download Forms
- * Find Out About Upcoming Events, Activities and more!

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the next year. Deposits may be made with cash, check, or credit card. If a garden plot over-waters, has weeds, or is not in compliance with these guidelines, the refundable deposit will be forfeited and the gardener's right to use of the garden plot will be revoked. We will begin taking reservations on February 1, 2011

Classes and program updates

Acro Gymnastics/Tumbling Classes

These classes are designed to help 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 ongoing with new sessions beginning February 14th, 2011.

Dance & Musical Theater Classes

We are offering Dance and Musical Theater Classes for Children and Teens. Classes are ongoing with new sessions beginning every six or seven weeks. Classes in Tap Dancing, Ballet & Jazz Technique are currently being taught. Next session will begin February 14th, 2011.

Zumba/Strength Training – Monday–Thursday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

Classes are held at the recreation building at UNITY Park or when weather permits, Zumba classes are held on the tennis courts with instructor Julie Thompson.

Zumba - Tuesday's & Thursday's

Zumba eliminates the "work" from "working out" by combining amazing, irresistible Latin and international music with dynamic, yet simple exercise moves, using their unique intermittent training format. You'll have so much FUN you won't even realize you just got a great cardio workout.

Strength Training - Monday's & Wednesday's - Monday's class focuses on lower body & abs / Wednesday's class focuses on upper body/abs.

Strength Training is a vital part of a balanced exercise routine that includes aerobic activity and flexibility exercises. Regular aerobic exercise, such as ZUMBA, running or using a stationary bike etc... makes your muscles use oxygen more efficiently and strengthens your heart and lungs. When you strength train with weights, you're using your muscles to work against the extra pounds (this concept is called resistance). This strengthens and increases the amount of muscle mass in your body by making your muscles work harder than they're used to. Some of the benefits you will see from strength training are an increase endurance and strength for sports and fitness activities, Improves focus and concentration, reduces body fat and increased muscle mass, helps burn

more calories even when not exercising, may reduce the risk of short-term injuries by protecting tendons, bones and joints and helps prevent long-term medical problems such as high cholesterol or osteoporosis (weakening of the bones) when you get older.

Punch cards: \$40.00 for 20 classes or Individual Class: \$4

Yoga – New Class schedule

Tuesday 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. is Gentle Yoga

Tuesday 9:15 to 10:25 a.m. is Power Flow Yoga

Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is Gentle Yoga

Single class fee - \$6.50, 4 classes - \$26.00, 8 classes - \$52.00

Taught by Kim Nally



Personal Training by Katey Fielding

Katey Fielding is a Certified Personal Trainer with four years of experience helping people keep themselves fit. She takes you through a variety of fun and exciting exercises. She uses balance, core strength, weights and cardio to create the perfect workout for your lifestyle and goals. No matter what age you are or what goals you have, she will design an exercise routine just for you. Come as an individual or with a group of friends and learn to push yourself to new heights.



One hour sessions are currently available Mondays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Email Katey to see if you can work out a time that works for you.

Only \$120 for 8 sessions – (\$15 per hour per person)

2-for-1 offer until February 11, 2011.

Get 8 sessions **free** when you sign up with a full paying client.

Registration is ongoing but the 2 for 1 offer **ends** on Feb. 11, 2011. Minimum Class size – 1 Maximum Class size – 6.

All classes are taught at the Recreation Building in UNITY Park.

For more information you can email Katey Fielding at

kateyfielding@gmail.com

Youth Kickball League

This league is for boys and girls who are 4 or 5 years old and not yet in Kindergarten. This is a very recreational league designed to teach players the basics of kickball/baseball ideas and concepts (base running, catching the ball, throwing to the base or tagging players for outs, and playing positions), Learning sportsmanship, learning to play as a team, and most of all, to have fun.



REGISTRATION: February 14 through March 11, 2011

WHO: Boys & Girls who will enter Kindergarten in 2011

FEE: \$20 per participant (includes a team shirt and 6 games)

GAME NIGHTS: Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning March 29

GAME PLACE: Games will take place at Ivins City Park. This league is limited to the first 60 participants to register.

Coaches are needed!

Baseball Registration



It's almost time to get ready for 2011 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 1, 2011

Where: The Ivins City Offices - 55 North Main

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

Tennis Lessons

Classes are taught on 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 Ivins.com.

Please bring a tennis racquet if you have one, if you don't, one will be provided for you.

Spring Session #1

Classes begin on Saturday, March 19 and end on April 16, 2011

12 to 16 years old -Intermediate
8:00 to 8:50 a.m.

12 to 16 years old -Beg./ Advanced Beg
9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

6 to 11 years old -Beginners
10:00 to 10:50 a.m.



Spring Session #2

Classes begin on Saturday, May 14 and end on June 18, 2011 (no lessons on May 28, Memorial Day weekend)

12 to 16 years old -Intermediate
8:00 to 8:50 a.m.

12 to 16 years old -Beginners/ Advanced Beginner
9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

6 to 11 years old -Beginners
10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

If you have any questions please call Ivins City Parks & Recreation at 634-0869 or e-mail Mr. Christensen at dylanrc@msn.com.

Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon

This year's hunt will take place at **9:00** a.m. on Saturday, April 23 in UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field. All participants must provide their own Easter Basket.

The divisions for this year will be as follows:

Division 1 - 4 years old and Under

Children in Division 1 must have the ability to walk and pick up eggs without assistance from parents; however, one parent may be in the hunting area with their child to give guidance and direction.

Division 2 - Ages 5, 6, 7 and 8



Division 3 - Ages 9, 10, 11 and 12

No parents will be allowed to help in Divisions 2 and 3!



Red Mountain 50K Ultra Marathon and 30K Road Race

Race Date: Saturday, April 23, 2011

Race Time: 50k Race starts promptly at 6:05 am. The 30k start time is 7:05 am.

Participants will be bused to the start of both the 50k and 30k events.



50k participants please be at Unity Park in Ivins (finish line) no later than 5:00 am to allow time to bus to Central. This should enable 20 minutes for warm-up, hydration.

30k runners, buses will leave UNITY Park at 6:10 am, so please be on time.

For more information go to www.redmountainrunning.com

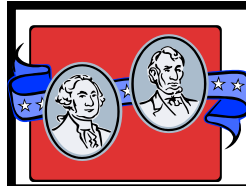


For more information about soccer, please go to www.ivinssoccer.com or Call 435-673-2372

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us by email at: ivinssoccer@gmail.com

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



***Reminder: Presidents Day is Monday, February 21, 2011. City Hall will be closed in observance. The office will re-open Tuesday, February 22, 2011 during regular office hours.



Upcoming Dumpster Date:
Saturday February 12, 2011

**Dumpsters are located next to the Public Works Yard behind the City Cemetery. They are available on a first come first serve basis and close that same day once full.

(Parks and Recreation Continued)

Vandalism Report

We are still having a problem with a number of people allowing their dogs to run off leash and out of their control while in City Parks. Parks staff, Animal Control officers and even Police officers have spoken to several violators, yet they still persist in violating City ordinance. Dogs are not allowed to be off leash at any time in Ivins City Parks. I believe that most people who use the parks with their dogs keep them on leash and are appreciated for following the City Ordinance. However, we may have to look at ways to resolve the problem of dogs off leash in City parks, leading to those that are responsible to be punished because of the actions of the few who are not controlling their dogs. We hope we can resolve this problem without more strict regulations.

Message from the Water Conservancy District

Julie Breckenridge, Coordinator - WCWCD



If you had access to a sprinkler system controller that would precisely sense your landscape's changing water needs based on soil types, plant types and variations in the weather, would you use it? SWAT controllers use a new technology that does exactly all that. Washington County Water Conservancy District is offering rebates if a homeowner purchases these types of irrigation controllers. Call Julie at (435) 673-3617 for more information or log onto <http://wcwcd.state.ut.us/Conservation.htm>.



Water Quality Public Notice

St. George Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards



Water we purchase from St. George City recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what they are doing to correct this situation.

St. George routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants and their efforts were increased during an emergency response during the December flooding event that damaged a water pipeline. The damaged pipeline normally provides water used to blend with the Snow Canyon wells to meet the arsenic standard. Testing results they received on January 7, 2011 show that water from the Snow Canyon system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 ppb. The average level of arsenic has been found to be 11.5 ppb for sampling conducted to date in response to the flood event. Customers in the northwestern areas of St. George receive water from the Snow Canyon system as do residents of Santa Clara, and portions of Ivins. The average level of arsenic over several months prior to the flood event met the standard at 7.5 ppb.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened?

- The City purchases wholesale water from the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD). On December 22nd, a large water transmission line was damaged during flooding of the Virgin River. Much of the water from this line is fed into the Snow Canyon storage tanks where it blends with water from the Snow Canyon wells to reduce arsenic levels. When blended with WCWCD sources, the Snow Canyon water meets the MCL for arsenic.
- Since St. George had to continue to meet customer demand without the additional water from WCWCD, they asked Santa Clara to turn their wells on, and sequentially operated the Snow Canyon wells to keep the arsenic levels as low as possible until the damaged pipeline can be repaired and returned to service.

What is being done?

- The WCWCD is working to repair the damaged section of piping that crosses the Virgin River. It is anticipated the problem will be resolved by February 5, 2011.
- St. George is also working with the City of Santa Clara to maximize use of their wells which are low in arsenic. Of the remaining Snow Canyon wells, those with the lowest arsenic levels are being operated to provide enough water to meet customer demand. As demand decreases, the higher arsenic wells are turned off first.
- Daily samples are taken and sent to a certified laboratory so that it is known what the resulting arsenic levels are for the blends of the various wells that are operated. The samples taken to date show that on some days, the arsenic did not exceed 10 ppb. Arsenic has averaged 11.5 ppb since the emergency began, was highest at 13 ppb from December 24th thru 26th, and was lowest at 9.3 ppb on January 7th.

For more information, please (435) 634-0689.

**This notice was provided courtesy of St. George City Water Services Department