



Ivins City News

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DELUGE! Chris Hart, Mayor

I noticed there was rain in the 9/11 forecast and was pleased to hear it begin to fall that morning. By seven thirty it was raining hard so I drove around the city to see how well our drainage systems were working. Particularly relieved that the township area was shedding water I called Dave Glenn our Public Works Director to voice my relief. He agreed but mentioned a couple of other problem areas that he and his crews were dealing with.



We're in the process of rebuilding the roads and improving the storm drains in the neighborhood behind Lightfoot's. With the project not yet completed I was concerned about how that area would fare. We also have issues where developed and undeveloped properties come together and sure enough water was accumulating in low lying areas and pouring off the fields and vacant lots carrying mud onto the streets. The storm drainage system was overwhelmed and the over flow found its way into the sewer system and backing it up into a hand full of homes.



It was obvious this was no ordinary storm. I've experienced a number of heavy rains here but couldn't remember one that lasted as long. Concerned residents were calling City Hall and our Public Works and Public Safety personnel were working furiously to place sandbags and deal with other problems. Residents in Amber Estates watched the water build up nearly four feet in an adjacent low lying undeveloped parcel eventually undermining the block wall that separated them and flowing through one home and three yards.

Water was broiling down the Tuacahn wash eating away its banks as it came. Fortunately with the new culverts under Tuacahn Drive and Center Street the roads didn't flood as they have in the past. Other washes overflowed their banks and the roads in their path. The worst damage occurred at their discharge points into the Santa Clara River. Damage assessments reveal \$280,000.00 in needed repairs as a result of the flooding not including personal property losses. Thanks to storm water projects completed in recent years and the Historic Township improvements that number isn't considerably higher. Dave Glenn stated that the "Discovery" development would have been under water and the township roads seriously damaged with multiple homes flooded without them.



It turned out to exceed the five hundred year storm threshold in case you were wondering. We received five months worth of our average annual rainfall in five hours, three and a quarter inches to be exact. All that water found its way to the river but not without tearing apart the ninety three year old Laub Wash detention structure in Santa Clara flooding sixty one homes and sixteen businesses below it. Thanks to the watchful eyes and quick response of Santa Clara Public Works and our combined SCI Law Enforcement personnel there were no injuries or loss of life. But they've suffered over three and a half million dollars in public infrastructure damage with no private damage assessment numbers yet confirmed. Surely it will be in the millions of dollars.

Our hearts go out to our neighbors who've suffered terrible personal losses. Muddy water flowed through homes filling basements and destroying everything in its path. Yards were washed completely away. I'm grateful to all of you who've helped in the clean-up efforts that have followed. Literally thousands of volunteers have joined in that effort. Our City staff has provided much needed assistance both during and following the crisis and are to be commended for stepping in where needed.



We've learned a couple of important lessons through this event. First, well engineered storm water projects are crucial to the well being of the City. All the time and money spent on hydrol-

Meeting Schedule 5:30 PM

City Council
October 4, 2012
October 18, 2012
Planning Commission
October 2, 2012
October 16, 2012
October 30, 2012

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:

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| <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>SCI Public Safety</i> | |
| <i>(Ivins)</i> | 674-5503 |
| <i>SCI Public Safety</i> | |
| <i>(Santa Clara)</i> | 652-1122 |
| <i>Public Works</i> | 634-0689 |
| <i>Utilities</i> | 628-0606 |
| <i>Emergencies</i> | 911 |

ogy studies, developing capital facility plans and building needed projects is worth it when the inevitable happens. Secondly, this storm reminded us where our remaining vulnerabilities lie. Among them is the outflow from the Tuacahn wash.

We began work on that last piece of our watershed detention system in 1995. The Tuacahn Wash Detention Dam was identified as a critical component of our storm water management plan so property was purchased and design work begun on the structure over fifteen years ago. Located in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve environmental issues needed to be addressed and design approvals needed to be obtained. Neither of those went well. HCP opposition to the project was clear and the State Engineers Office rejected the first dam design. Eventually habitat mitigation was worked out with the HCP but the dam morphed into an overly expensive and visually unacceptable structure. With an obnoxious looking two hundred feet long, thirty feet high stepped concrete spillway and a price tag of over a million and a half dollars the project was tabled.

Just over a year ago we pulled it off the shelf and at the suggestion of Chuck Gillette our City Engineer invited Dave Marble who oversees dam safety for the State Engineers Office to meet with us. We voiced our frustration with the way this project had progressed, or more accurately not progressed. We'd spent



nearly half a million dollars on land acquisition and design engineering for an albatross that didn't fit on our property or fit visually in its pristine setting and that we couldn't afford. I requested that he and his dam specialists help us find a solution. As we sat around the conference table looking at the map and talking about dam structures and spillways a hopeful alternative to the existing design emerged.

As promised Mr. Marble took the idea to his staff who reviewed it and responded to us with recommendations for a new design. With new life breathed into the project we brought back the design engineers and charged them with the task of delivering us a dam design patterned after the State's recommendations that would fit on our property, look as natural as possible and meet our budget constraints. We now have State approval on that design. All that remains is to build it.

With \$240,000.00 in the bank dedicated to the project we're short an estimated \$325,000.00. Due to HCP requirements based on desert tortoise activity patterns we only have December and January to build the dam so we've been beating the bushes for the additional funding. Until the recent storm nothing was forthcoming. But since the Tuacahn Wash flows directly into Santa Clara's Laub Wash detention area now unprotected for at least a year and a half until that structure is re-built it is critical that we get the Tuacahn detention dam built to minimize the risk of future flooding to those who have already lost so much. We have petitioned State and Federal agencies to provide the balance needed and have officials from NRCS who would have funded it as recently as two years ago and the Governor's Office working to that end. I hope they're successful. It's time to get this dam project done.



October Agenda Items

Judy Gubler, City Manager

The following are some of the topics that will be discussed at the October 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 435-634-9753 or krudd@ivins.com for Planning Commission questions and Kari Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or kjimenez@ivins.com for City Council questions.

Planning Commission October 2, 2012

- Continue discussion of Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 33

Planning Commission October 16, 2012

- Continue discussion of Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 33

Planning Commission October 30, 2012

- Continue discussion of Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 33

City Council October 4, 2012

- Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a Proposed Zone Change from CN 9 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-2-6 (Two Family Residential District – Minimum lot size = 6,000 sq. ft.) and approve a Zone Change from CN (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-1-5 (Single Family Residential District – Minimum lot size = 5,000 sq. ft.)
- Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve amending Title 15, Chapter 5, Section 15.05.906 of the Ivins City Code amending the Warranty Period for Subdivision Improvements
- Consider approval of a Resolution or Ordinance regarding electronic meetings

City Council October 18, 2012

No agenda items at press time.

Upcoming Dumpster Date

This month's dumpster date will be held on:
Saturday October 13th, 2012

Dumpsters are located next to the Public Works Yard behind the City Cemetery. They are available on a first come first served basis beginning at 8:00 a.m. and close that same day once full.



Red Mountain Elementary

Betty Barnum, Principal



We have had a great start to the new school year! We are really excited for this year and have a lot of fun and great things planned for the school year. This year we are celebrating Red Mountain Elementary's 15th year! It is hard to believe that it has been 15 years since we first opened our doors. What amazing things have happened over those years as well. We had our School Carnival on the 28th and what a success it was. There isn't any way we could have had a successful carnival if it weren't for such great support from our community. Thank you to all of you that helped in any way.

Our schools theme this year is "Super me, super you. Everyday superheroes make dreams come true". By the end of the year the students will know what it means to be a "superhero" on the playground, in the classroom, in the community, at home, and wherever they may be. It is going to be a fantastic year!



Vista Charter School

Mike Webb, Principal

Vista School's Upcoming Calendar Of Events:

- October 5th** Kindergarten Educational Field Trip to Staheli Farms
- October 26th** PTO Chili Cook Off Fundraiser
- November 8th - 10th** Vista's Performing Arts Department presents "Fantasia"
- November 14th - 17th** Vista's Drama Department presents "Julia Caesar"

Yearbook, Math Counts, Student Council, and Shakespeare are keeping Vista's 7th and 8th grade students busy this month. Vista's Math Counts team is prepping for a great 2012-13 season. Vista's Student Council is busy planning service projects to help students in the community, and a young man battling cancer, as well as organizing a book drive. The Yearbook Staff is using state of the art technology to once again produce a fantastic digital yearbook. Rehearsals are in full swing for Vista's Fall Shakespeare production of "Julia Caesar."



We are also excited to announce the acquisition of additional property to expand play areas and parking for our theaters.

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The Pet Corner

Greeting from the Ivins Animal Shelter Aggie Smith, Ivins Animal Shelter

Recently I was asked to again remind our citizens of the ordinances that pertain to Ivins City regarding animal problems and issues in Ivins. It is the responsibility of all owners whether domestic or livestock to properly take care of them and follow city and state laws.

One of the biggest problems we have is dogs running at large. This is not only dangerous for the citizens and other animals, but for the pet itself. I have had numerous calls with complaints about cats wandering neighborhoods. We all know that it is in a cats nature to wander, however if it is causing a neighborhood disturbance by going in neighbors yards and causing fights or using the yard as a litter box this could call for intervention of Animal Control. Owners of cats need to be aware they are allowed outside only if they stay in their yard. Continual complaints of a cat at large may lead to a citation for the owner, or the cat may be trapped by the complaining homeowner or Animal Control and taken to the shelter.



The Ivins City Ordinance **ANIMALS AT LARGE (6.05.102)** states: It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow such animal to run at large. The owner or person charged with the responsibility for an animal found running at large shall be strictly liable for a violation of this section regardless of precautions taken to prevent the escape of the animal and regardless of whether or not he knows that the animal is running at large.



The Ivins City Ordinance **DOGS AND CATS DISTURBING NEIGHBORHOOD (6.05.111)** states: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any dog or cat which is loud, continued or frequent barking, howling, yelping, meowing, screeching or by noxious or offensive odors shall annoy, disturb or endanger the health and welfare of any person or neighborhood.

We live in such a beautiful community and it is a shame that some of us refuse to pick up our dogs waste while walking them. The practice of letting pets run in the neighborhood to defecate on your neighbor's lawn without removing it is strictly prohibited and unhealthy. Most of the trash barrels around town provide bags for feces removal. This is such an easy fix and makes good neighbors and a more pleasant walking experience in our parks and in the Reserve.

The Ivins City Ordinance **6.05.108** states: It shall be considered an infraction for the owner or custodian of an animal to permit the animal to defecate upon a public street, sidewalk, park or other area, or upon the property of another owner unless the owner or custodian removes and properly disposes of all animal waste that may result.

Tethering of an animal for more than ten hours a day is prohibited. This includes goats and sheep. All tethered animals must have adequate food, water, and shade. The Ivins City Ordinance **6.05.103** states:

- 1) Tethering may be allowed up to maximum 10 hours per day with adequate food, water, and shelter from extreme temperatures (hot or cold).
- 2) It shall be unlawful for any person to chain, stake out or tether any animal in such a manner that may be dangerous to the animal or that would allow the animal to go beyond the owner's property line.

The Animal Shelter Policy for found stray animals in Ivins is as follows:

- 1) If you find a stray animal, please call Washington County Dispatch at 435-634-5730 to have the animal picked up.
- 2) Only animals found in Ivins will be picked up for entrance into the Ivins Animal Shelter.
- 3) Ivins Animal Shelter cannot accept stray animals from other cities. We do not accept walk in strays to the shelter unless proof of Ivins residency is shown.

If anyone has any more questions about laws pertaining to the ownership of animals in Ivins, please contact: Aggie Smith at 435-628-1049. Thanks for the continued support of the shelter.

Greetings from Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter

Linda Elwell, Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter

The "Wish for the Month" seems to never change. We need kitten chow and scoopable litter. It doesn't seem possible our wish for October carries the same message, so many homeless and unwanted beautiful cats. Please be responsible pet owners and spay/neuter your pets. We still have space available in our Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program. Please contact FIAS for more information at lindafias@msn.com or 435-673-1718.

FIAS will participate with Best Friends, local rescue groups and other local shelters in a holiday adoption event on December 7th & 8th at PetSmart, sponsored by Best Friends. It will be a family event, so please mark your calendar early and plan to attend. Along with same day adoptions FIAS will have emergency preparedness information available free of charge. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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Connie Butterfield

Mark this on your calendar and don't miss the Furr & Purr Bash at Xetava Gardens! Sunday, October 21st from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Live and silent auction items include works by noted area artists in various mediums, craft work, as well as exceptional handcrafted Native American Art. Hearty Appetizers and Cash Bar. Entertainment by Steve Lemon, Lyndy Butler and more. Tickets available in advance \$30,



or at the door \$35. Please mail check to INKAS – (Ivins No Kill Animal Supporters), at P.O. Box 242 Santa Clara, UT. 84765), we will hold your name at the door. For questions and to RSVP contact Connie at 435-628-1882.

Pets of the Month



I have a beautiful name, Violet. I am a good girl. Please give me a chance to show you how great my breed is for a family, Staffordshire Bull Terrier. I need a "forever home" NOW. I have been in the shelter for a long time and I need the freedom of having my own home where I will feel safe and

loved. If you cannot adopt me please consider giving me a foster home until I can find my new family. I will love you "forever". Please call to make arrangements to meet me and all of my friends at the shelter. You can reach Aggie at the Ivins Animal Shelter & Adoption Center by calling 435-628-1049 or Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter at 435-673-1718.



Hello, my name is Shy. I am not sure why my family named me Shy because that does not fit my personality. I am a very good girl and love to play with kids and other dogs. Please no cats. I am 3 years old and out of the puppy stage. I would make a wonderful addition to your family.

Please call Aggie at 435-628-1049 or Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter for more information about me and to arrange a time when we can meet. All of us at the shelter are looking forward to meeting YOU!

Trick or Treat - Ivins City Hall
Wednesday, October 31st
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ivins Parks & Recreation

Benny Sorensen, Parks & Recreation Director

All of us here at the Parks & Recreation Department want to express our thanks to the many volunteers who help all year long to make our programs work! Throughout the year we have 40 to 50 volunteer coaches who give many hours of their valuable time to work with our youth to teach them good sportsmanship and how to play basketball, baseball or flag football. We have others who volunteer to help at special events, to hand water out at a running event, help fill Easter eggs, help with traffic control at the Pioneer Day Parade, serve as committee members for Heritage Days or greet people at the Fitness Festival. All of these



volunteers help to make life better in Ivins and we sincerely thank all of you!

One issue we are having now is that people are using our parks to practice golf. Golf is not allowed in City Parks because it is dangerous and can potentially injure people, damage the park and the equipment that we use to maintain the parks. Our staff has been finding large divots taken out of the grass that cause damage to the grass and can possibly cause injury to a person. I found a divot a few days ago that was deep enough to turn an ankle in. Quite often people do not always pick up all of their golf balls and staff hit them with one of our mowers. This can damage the mower or send the ball flying where it could injure a person or damage property. Please do not practice golf in City Parks.

The Splash Pad will close on September 30.



Fall Tennis lessons:

Classes begin on Saturday, October 13 and end on November 10, 2012

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

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 & Recreation at 435-634-0869 or e-mail Mr. Christensen at dylanrc@msn.com.

2013 Youth Basketball Registration Begins in October

- 1st & 2nd Grade Division (co-ed) Thursday Evenings
- 3rd & 4th Grade Division (co-ed) Tuesday Evenings
- 5th & 6th Grade Division (co-ed) Wednesday evenings
- Registration begins – October 1
- Registration ends – November 18

Our 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th grade divisions are very recreational and instructional, where volunteer coaches play a big part in teaching players basic basketball skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and how to have fun playing basketball!

Our 5th & 6th Grade division is a bit different from our younger divisions; we will draft all players onto teams to keep teams evenly matched. The draft practice is currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Lava Ridge

Games are held weekday evenings at Lava Ridge Intermediate School or possibly Red Mountain Elementary
Registration Fee - \$25.00

Volunteer Coaches Needed! We would like to have all coaches selected before November 1st so we can get everything ready for the league to start. If you would like to help coach, please let us know when you register your child.

We will only be able to take the number of players that we have coaches for. If we have more players than we have coaches for, we will issue refunds to those we do not have coaches for. Registration is taken on a first come-first serve basis! Space is limited. We only have spaces for 8 players per team and only 8 teams per division.

Sign up at the Ivins City office! (55 N Main)

For more information call the Parks & Recreation Department 435-634-0689



Trick-or-Treat at Ivins City Hall

Bats, Ghosts, Sponge Bobs, Princesses and Witches are all welcome to Trick-or-Treat on Wednesday, October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or when we run out of candy) at Ivins City offices. Trick or Treaters will enter through the front doors, visit the front desk and then venture into the deep dark basement to see if they can get more candy from the scary downstairs office staff who are normally only allowed out at night. Come start your Halloween fun with us... if you dare. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For more information, please contact Jennifer at 435-634-0689.

Disc Golf Tournament

Ivins Disc Golf Association and Ivins Parks & Recreation are hosting a Disc Golf Tournament.

When: Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Ivins City Park 100 North and 100 West

Cost: \$3.00 for age 10 to 16

\$5.00 for age 17 and older

Information and registration - call Phil Moulton at 435-862-0303.

Age limit is 10 years and above, (Children age 8 and 9 will be allowed to play, provided they can throw well enough). The course for this tournament will be a 9 holes and par is 27. The entry fee includes prizes in the three age divisions; Lowest score, closest to the hole and hole in one.





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Run Run Reindeer

10K, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run
Saturday, December 1, 2012
9:00 a.m. at Ivins City Park

This is a Fun Run that will help you keep fit and provide an opportunity to help Toys for Tots, Ivins City and Red Mountain Running collect toys for deserving families this Christmas.

The first 100 runners will receive a pair of Rudolph antlers that they will be encouraged to wear on race day. Runners of the one mile fun run will have the chance to race Santa to the finish line and receive a prize if they beat him.

Registration Fees:

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| 10K | \$25 – with toy donation of one new, un-wrapped toy |
| 5K | \$15 – with toy donation of one new, un-wrapped toy |
| 1-Mile Fun Run | \$10 – with toy donation of one new, un-wrapped toy |

Entry fee for the 1mile, 10K and 5K includes a cotton t-shirt, post race hot chocolate and donuts.

Online registration closes at midnight on November 28, 2012

Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by November 25, 2012. Race information and registration can be done at www.redmountainrunning.com.

Yoga

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| Mon. & Wed | 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga |
| Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga |
| Tuesday | 9:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Power Flow |
| Thursday | 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga |
| Single class fee - \$6.00, 4 classes - \$23.00, 8 classes - \$40.00 | |
| Taught by Kim Nally | |

Community Education

Time 4 Tots—“A unique Early Childhood Program developed for children ages 3-5 yrs to help them discover an early love of learning. Our outstanding team will help your child grow and interact in an environment that is safe, healthy and delightfully fun! Come join us in our outdoor learning environment.”

Place: Santa Clara Park

Day: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Community Education 435-652-7675

Lights On!—“Open to students of all ages and their families, Help turn the Lights On for after-school awareness!”

Place: St. George City Carousel

Day: Tuesday, October 23rd.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Community Education 435-652-7675

Halloween Howl—“Dress your dog up in his/her favorite Halloween costume and join the fun. Prizes will be awarded for the most celebrated, the most creative, the most unusual, the most



colorful and the most unique. Everyone come and join the jubilating Howling Halloween Parade!”

Place: St. George Town Square near the Painted Pony

Day: Saturday, October 27th.

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Contact: Community Education 435-652-7675

Kidspace After-school program—“designed to assist students with their homework as well as fun activities for students. All activities will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Concepts.”

Who: Elementary Students

Where: Red Mountain Elementary

Day: Mondays-Thursdays

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Community Education 435-652-7675

Kreative Kids—“Come have fun being creative and socializing with friends. Projects will encourage students to use their creativity and produce original works of art.”

Who: Elementary Students

Where: Red Mountain Elementary

Day: Fridays

Time: After school dismissal

Contact: Community Education 435-652-7675

Girl Scouts

Dawn Miner, Girl Scouts



Girl Scout troops are now being formed in Ivins. Girls and their parents are cordially invited to attend a Girl Scout Princess Party held at UNITY Park Community building (220 W 400 S in Ivins) on October 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.



Join us for games, songs, crafts and light refreshments. Each girl should be accompanied by a parent. There is no cost to attend.

Register by email to dminer@gsutah.org.

Please bring a food item to donate for Dixie Care and Share.

