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IVINS

Chris Hart, Mayor

During our Heritage Days celebration held in September the organizing committee scheduled a Mayor's Walk as it has in years past. It was a modest event attracting only a few participants who walked with me and Council Member Jenny Johnson (she is an active member of the Ivins Historical Society) around a few blocks in our Historic Township passing by several homes built by our founding families which are mostly remodeled and enlarged now. As we walked we talked about the humble beginnings of our community and the sacrifices made by those who settled it.

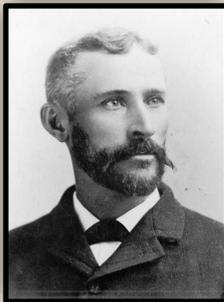
The walk commenced beside the monument erected in our City Park in honor of the original thirteen families and five more who came a few years later. The Santa Clara Bench, as our town site was formerly known, was an arid uninviting place with no water source for irrigation and precious little forage for grazing. It was only after two civil engineers named Leo A. Snow and Clarence S. Jarvis conceived the idea that an eight mile canal could be cut across the base of the mountain from the Santa Clara Creek below Gunlock to the bench, and the offer was made of an acre of ground in the new township in exchange for a year's labor building it that the notion of Ivins came to be.

Imagine toiling through the summer heat with horse drawn plows and scrapers cutting into the steep hillside to accomplish that feat. The canal took three years to build at a cost of \$8,000 and endless hours of volunteer labor. In addition to carving the canal, they built flumes across washes and ultimately the Ivins Reservoir, the oldest in Washington County completed in 1918. The St. George/ Santa Clara Bench Irrigation Company from which the Ivins Irrigation Company eventually emerged was established in 1911 and managed the irrigation water.

With a water source in place, the next challenge these hardy settlers faced was the task of building homes and plowing the parched ground to begin raising crops. As homesteaders they were required to remain on their claims for three years before they could call the land their own. Those were years of extreme deprivation. Some lived in tents for a year or more before they could erect one or two room adobe houses. Nothing grew well in the beginning and fruit trees took three or four years to produce so food

was pretty scarce. But they banded together and faced their adversity with determination, courage and faith in the future.

As overwhelming as their workload was individually, as a community they banded together and built a number of projects for their common good. They were their own Public Works Department, if you will. They had no choice. At different times they built gravel roads through the township, ran a pipeline from Tobler Springs near Johnson's Arch across the lava beds to provide the first running water to the community, purchased and erected poles for the first power and telephone service, and they built a small church that doubled as a town hall and a place for social gatherings. When the building was complete \$100 was donated to purchase a bell by a prominent resident of Washington County named Anthony W. Ivins.



Anthony W. Ivins was a remarkable individual. As a young child he came here with his parents who were among the early families sent by Brigham Young to settle the area. He became a very successful rancher. He educated himself in the law and eventually became the

Washington County Attorney, never losing a case during his tenure. He was a Deputy Sheriff, served as Mayor of St. George, and he served several terms in the Territorial Legislature helping to draft the Utah State Constitution. He also held many important ecclesiastical positions in the LDS Church, eventually being called to serve as a Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church under President Heber J. Grant.

Ivins was a great leader in whatever capacity he served. He was recognized as a fair and honest individual, often called upon to reconcile disputes. He was also a trusted friend and champion of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes living in Washington County, who defended their interests on many occasions and was instrumental in securing the appropriation of land for the reservation they now possess.

So is it any wonder that when it was decided that our fledgling community needed a name other than the Santa Clara Bench the residents approached Anthony W. Ivins for his consent to name the town after him? Although he'd never

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MEETING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. (Ivins City Hall, 55 N Main St.)

Planning Commission
November 14, 2017

City Council
November 2, 2017
November 16, 2017

Post Office
Main Branch/New Service
Santa Clara: 628-2112
Satellite Post Office
Ivins: 628-1381

Utility Payment Drop Box
Ivins City Office:
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)
Ivins Satellite Post Office
555 S 200 E

PHONE NUMBERS
City Hall 628-0606
Animal Services 628-1049
Building/Zoning 634-9753
Justice Court 634-5728
Parks & Rec. 634-0689
Police Dispatch 634-5730
SCI Public Safety (Ivins) 674-5503
SCI Public Safety (Santa Clara) 652-1122
Public Works 634-0689
Utilities 628-0606
Emergencies 911
Anonymous Tip Hotline 673-8488

Website: www.ivins.com

actually lived here he graciously consented and here we are now, the fourth largest City in Washington County and certainly one of the most desirable. The church bell that Tony Ivins donated all those years ago is enshrined in a small “wishing well” appearing structure in front of the LDS Chapel on the corner of Main and Center Streets for all to see.

So if you're like me, having known nothing of the origins of the city into which you moved, there's a little background for you. If you history buffs want to know more I highly recommend two books. The first is *History of the Santa Clara Bench – Ivins*,

Our Home Beneath the Red Mountain written and compiled by Emma Hafen Fife. It is a comprehensive history not only of Ivins city but of its early residents as well depicting their lives in great detail. The second is *Anthony W. Ivins, Cowboy Apostle* by Hartt Wixom, a comprehensive treatise on the life and accomplishments of Anthony W. Ivins. You can buy both books from Emma Fife directly.

NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the November 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. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding any of the agenda items, please call or e-mail Mike Rodriguez at 435-634-9753 or mrodriguez@ivins.com for Planning Commission questions or Kari Jimenez for City Council questions: 435-628-0606 ext. 705 or kjimenez@ivins.com.



Planning Commission November 14, 2017

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed Preliminary Plan and Subdivision Enhancement Overlay for Haven at Heritage Acres Subdivision at 400 West and 400 South.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed Preliminary Plan for Best Acres Twin Homes at 200 South between 100 West and 200 West.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed zoning text amendments re: RV parking & carports.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Moderate Income Housing Plan.

City Council November 2, 2017

- Discuss & consider approval of an Amended MOU regarding development, operation and maintenance of Ivins Recreation and Nature Park at Ivins Reservoir.
- Discuss and consider approval of amendment to Property Exchange Agreement regarding the realignment of 600 West at 400 South.
- Discuss and consider approval to extend the street name of Kwavasa from Coyote Gulch to Highway 91.
- Discuss and consider approval to extend the street name of Kwavasa across Highway 91 into the Indigo Trails subdivision.
- Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2017-17R formally terminating the MOU with Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter (FIAS) that ceased operations the end of May, 2017.

City Council November 16, 2017

- Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Kaventa Debris Basins: Construction on this project is to begin early November. Construction will start on Old Highway 91 on a concrete box culvert, and construction on the actual debris basins won't begin until late November or early December.

Storm Drain Improvements: The City is coordinating the design of multiple storm drain projects on the west side of Ivins that will mitigate and reduce risk for flooding. The projects are currently under design with plans to be in place prior to the monsoon season next year. The City, during the month of October, has installed portions of the project along 600 West and 400 South prior to completion of the new subdivision located at that corner.

Water Conservation Reminder

Charles Gillette P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

It's November! The holiday season is here and I am loving the feel of it. I especially love the feel of the cooler temperatures. So does your yard, and hopefully you have already started reducing your watering. Your yard doesn't need as much water as it did last month or the month before that. Each month starting in September we should start reducing the watering.

A year ago I published a basic lawn watering guide from Slow the Flow public information group that gave a loose recommendation for watering in Southern Utah. I'd like to print it again because I think it is a great tip to help us know how often we should be watering our yards. Also there is lots more great information at www.conservewater.utah.gov. Everyone should go check it out and let's be careful about how much water we use. Please conserve.

Yard Watering Guide for Southern Utah by "Slow the Flow"

Month	Water Frequency
January	No irrigation recommended
February	No irrigation recommended
March	1 watering every 7 days
April	1 watering every 5 days
May	1 watering every 4 days
June	1 watering every 3 days
July	1 watering every 3 days
August	1 watering every 3 days
September	1 watering every 5 days
October	1 watering every 7 days
November	1 watering every 10 days
December	No irrigation recommend

Each "watering" is a 5/8-inch depth application, which for a typical sprinkling system is approximately 27 minutes. If you get too much water running off your lawn when running the system for that long, consider setting the timer to run at 3 cycles, 9 minutes each, 30-40 minutes apart to give your lawn more time to soak in.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Benny Sorensen, Parks Director

Desert Rose Park is progressing. The pad is ready for the restroom to be delivered and trees are being planted and it is looking great!



2018 Youth Co-ed Basketball Registration - Now Open

1st & 2nd Grade Division, Thursday Evenings
 3rd & 4th Grade Division, Tuesday Evenings
 Registration ends November 15
 Games are held at Lava Ridge Intermediate School.
 Registration Fee is \$26.00



School Updates

Vista School

Mr. Gibbs, Principal

Our busy performance schedule begins this month. Community families are invited to attend performances, which begin at 6:00pm.

- Nov. 2 - Choir Concert
- Nov. 17 & 18 - Dance Concert
- Nov. 28 - Orchestra Concert
- Nov. 30 - Band Concert

Our students will also perform at Jubilee of Trees and Dixie State University. In addition, science and math field trips are planned to the Rock and Gem Show, Zion National Park, Snow Canyon State Park, and Math-Counts competition.

Nov 21 is a minimum day, with no school Nov 22-24.

Red Mountain Elementary

Amy Mitchell, Principal

Happening this month at Red Mountain Elementary:

- Nov. 2 & 7** OEK Parent Class
- Nov. 10th** Assembly honoring all Veterans @ 9:30
- Nov. 10th** RMES students competing at DSU Code Competition
- Nov. 12-16th** SEP Conferences
- Nov. 20** Community Council Meeting 2:45
- Nov. 21** Picture Retakes
- Nov. 22-24** Thanksgiving Vacation

Dixie Direct sales begin this month. You are welcome to come to the school during school hours to purchase your coupon book.

We appreciate your support!



Both 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!

Volunteer Coaches Needed!

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, we will issue refunds to those players who registered last until we have enough coaches for the number of players.



Special Requests: There is no guarantee that your child will be placed on the team that you requested, however, we will do our best to honor special requests for those who are registered before November 1st! No special requests can be made after October 31.

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.

For more information about this and other parks and recreation activities, visit us at www.ivins.com

Ivins Soccer



Soccer season is coming up soon! Look for online registration to start in December. For more information, please go to <http://www.ivinssoccer.com>, or call Kasey or Kristen at 673-2372.

FITNESS CLASSES (UNITY Park Recreation Room approx. 400 S 300 W)

Yoga

Tuesdays 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. is Gentle Yoga
Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is Gentle Yoga

Single Class - \$6.00

4 Classes - \$23.00

8 Classes - \$40.00

Taught by Kim Nally

Register online at www.ivins.com or Ivins City Hall (55 N Main)



Yoga Flow

Learn how to move your body and breathe efficiently and effectively as you develop strength, balance, and flexibility. Come release unnecessary tension and stress through a variation of poses, breath work, and deep stretches. Geared for ALL levels,
Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Single Class: \$5.00

4 Classes: \$18.00

Taught by Heidi Donio

Register online at www.ivins.com or Ivins City Hall (55 N Main)

PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Run for the Vets, Stan Snow 5K and 1-mile Fun Run/ Walk/Roll - Sponsored by the Southern Utah Veterans Home

Southern Utah Veterans Home is hosting its 4th Annual 5K Fun Run on Saturday, November 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event will start and finish at the Veterans Home.



9:30 a.m. - Color Guard

9:45 a.m. - The 1 Mile Walk & Roll for Veterans and individuals with disabilities that will start out the fun that day! Participants in the 1 Mile Walk or Wheel must have someone accompany them during the race.

10:00 a.m. - 5K begins

For additional information, please contact the Veterans Home at 435-634-5220. Registration forms are available at Southern Utah Veterans Home or register on line at active.com.

Proceeds go to benefit the Santa Clara/Ivins World Wide Warriors - connecting with Veterans service project.

Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run

Saturday, December 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. Start time

Ivins City Park, 100 North & Main

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



Registration Fees:

Early Registration (until December 1st) - \$35 for first family member, \$15 for each additional family member (up to 6 people).

Late Registration (December 2nd until Race Day) - \$35 for first family member, \$20 for each additional family member (up to 6 people).

Every participant will receive a **Run Run Reindeer t-shirt**, and an **AMAZING 4" Run Run Reindeer finisher medal**. Remember, the first 500 people to register will receive foam reindeer antlers as well. To guarantee yourself a t-shirt, you must register by December 17, 2017 by 12:00 p.m.! All entries received after that date are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

The race is not timed, but we will be providing prizes for the first 3 male and 3 female finishers.

If you would like, you can like bring an unopened, new toy to benefit **Toys for Tots!!** Last year your toys benefited over 300 youngsters in need of Christmas cheer!

Race information and registration can be done at www.runrunreindeer.com



PET CORNER

GREETINGS FROM THE IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION CENTER

Stacey Trujillo, Shelter Manager



The weather is getting cooler and cooler! As the weather continues to cool down, we are reminded that the holiday season is right around the corner.

With the holidays almost in sight, what better time is there to adopt and welcome a new pet into your home?

For the month of November:

- Dog adoption fees are only \$40
- Cat and kitten adoption fees are only \$20

All our animals are up-to-date on vaccinations, are spayed/neutered, and our dogs are micro-chipped too!

For those of you who already have a pet at home, it is important to be reminded of the Santa Clara/Ivins City ordinance laws. By law, it is required for you to have your pet on a leash at all times when you are out and about. It is equally important to be following the rules and regulations of your HOA as well. Please make sure if you are leaving your animal at home, there is plenty of food and clean water for them.

Just a friendly reminder, if your animal is picked up by animal control, or brought into the Ivins Animal Shelter, there will be a fee to pick your pet up. If it is the first time your pet has been picked up by animal control and placed in the shelter, it will be a \$20 pick-up

fee. The second time the shelter has your animal, it will be a \$40 pick-up fee. For every re-occurring pick-up, the price will continue to rise in \$20 increments.

If your pet has been picked up and placed in the animal shelter, there is a 5 (business) day window for you to come pick your pet up. If you have not picked up your pet within that time frame, your pet will become available for adoption. The Ivins Animal Shelter wants to remind the community of these laws to ensure the safety of your loved pets.

To stay up to date with what stray animals are brought into the Ivins Animal Shelter you can follow the Ivins Animal Shelter Facebook page. We use this page to update the community on what animals have been brought in. As employees of the Ivins Animal Shelter, we are constantly encouraged by the number of animals we are able to adopt out to great homes on a monthly basis.

Come out and meet the new member of your family!

Where to Meet the Pets:

Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center
474 North 200 West, Ivins, Utah

Phone: 435-628-1049

Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stacey, Shelter Manager:
strujillo@ivins.com

Upcoming Dumpster Date

This month's dumpster date will be held on:

November 18

♻️ Dumpsters are located just east of the cemetery at the top of 100 W. They are available on a first come first serve basis beginning at 8 a.m. and close by 3 p.m. or once full.

BLUCAN Recycling Days

November 13

November 27

For more information go to blucan.org



Dixie Clean Storm Water Coalition
St. George, Washington, Santa Clara, Ivins

Pollution Prevention Hotline: (435) 627-4020

Many of us mow our lawns and we always want things to look neat and clean. When you cut your grass, don't leave the clippings out in the street to be "washed down the drain" as it does not go to a treatment plant. Please keep the clippings out of the storm drain by having the mower blow the clippings up onto the lawn. Use a broom, rake or leaf blower if necessary to clean the street after mowing. Remember Only Rain In The Drain!! Brought to you by the Dixie Clean Storm Water Coalition.

For more information go to www.sgcity.org/stormwater/





GREETINGS FROM INKAS (IVINS NO KILL ANIMAL SHELTER)

By Sara Dupre & Sharon Barton

In September, INKAS sponsored booths at the Santa Clara Car Show and Swiss Days. The September weather proved ideal for games, rides, vendors and the parade. Turn out was strong and a big highlight was seeing Tess, the County Sheriff K9 dog who had been seriously injured in the line of duty, participate in the parade. Tess was with her handler, in full health and “back to work” serving the community. It was truly an inspiration for all the love and care that went into saving her life.

All of us at INKAS continue to be inspired by the generosity of the residents of Santa Clara and Ivins City. It is because of donations raised at events such as the Car Show and Swiss Days that INKAS is able to come to the aid of the homeless animals and support the Ivins No Kill Animal Shelter.



However, of course, there is just plain serendipity when coming to the aid of a homeless animal. Recently a mother and daughter were in Ivins on an errand and got lost! In an effort to turn around they ended up in front of the Ivins No Kill Animal Shelter....which until that moment they didn't even know Ivins had a shelter! On a whim, they went in only to find themselves coming out with a new member of their family! They said it was love at first sight. Stories like this keep INKAS volunteers motivated to do our best to raise funds to support the shelter and to have all "shelter stories" be successful.

INKAS kept busy in October too and on October 20th and 21st we held our second yard sale of the year. The Spring yard sale was fun and successful and so many donations came in that INKAS decided a second sale would be a fun way to celebrate fall. Again we had a huge turnout and we want to thank all those who stopped by and purchased new treasures. All the money raised will be used to support those animals in need.

INKAS Contact Information:

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