

Ivins City News

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100 YEARS OLD

Chris Hart, Mayor

Ivins Reservoir turns 100 this year. Not only is it the oldest reservoir in Washington County but at least one prominent local historian believes it is the only "off stream" reservoir still in use in the Western United States. The story of its planning and construction as part of the irrigation project that brought water from Gunlock to the Santa Clara Bench is a big part of our history. Most of our founding families at great sacrifice worked on the canal that supplied the reservoir in exchange for an acre of ground in the newly created Township that later became Ivins.



We're planning a birthday party as part of our Heritage Days celebration the second week in September that we hope will also involve the Washington County Water Conservancy District, the two Irrigation Districts that represent the water users and the Shivwits Band of Paiutes that have been our partners in the creation of Fire Lake Park at Ivins Reservoir. In preparation for the event we have a lot of work to do. Currently construction is progressing on a new access road from Highway 91 and a new parking lot. Additional parking stalls are being added along the access road as well as a paved trail from Highway 91 to the swimming lagoon. Many thanks to Terry Marten who graciously sold some of his prime ground at a more than reasonable price to the City for the improvements now under way.

In addition the Washington County Commission voted to provide \$300,000.00 of tourism funds to help with the construction because of the number of out of State visitors that use the park. We are so appreciative of their generous contribution to this important project. And our thanks continue to go out to the Water Conservancy District that has already paid for and built the causeway that separates the swimming lagoon from the main reservoir and the fresh water inlet structure that made Fire Lake Park possible. They have now offered to replace the rugged old spillway at the entrance to the park that has been a less than positive part of the Fire Lake Park experience to date.

Beyond that we plan to build the permanent bathrooms this year, complete the landscaping

of the peninsula adjacent to the swimming lagoon with trees & grass, remove the old concrete boat ramp, expand the sandy beach-front around the nose of the peninsula adjacent to the main reservoir and add some needed picnic tables for those who bring food. Long term plans include building a trail surrounding the reservoir that will likely happen in sections with volunteer help.

Fire Lake Park has proven to be a very popular destination so following the posted rules is critical. It is only open from dawn to dusk and a locked gate will close the parking lot after hours. As a potentially dangerous wildfire zone no open fires are permitted in the park. Dogs are not allowed on the beach areas at all and must be on leashes elsewhere in the park. Dumpsters are provided for trash so please use them to keep the park clean for all who come to enjoy it. Those and other rules are posted in several locations around the park.

For now the access road is closed while the new one is being built but will re-open before the swimming season begins. If you've never been there and want to go when it warms up just follow the signs as you near Kayenta on Highway 91. The turn off is just east of the reservation border. We invite you to join us September 6th during Heritage Days for the Ivins Reservoir 100th birthday celebration. Watch for detailed information coming later this summer.



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Planning Commission

February 27, 2018
March 13, 2018

City Council

March 1, 2018
March 15, 2018

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. 634-7719
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

MARCH AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the March 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 February 27, 2018

- Public hearing, discussion & consider recommendation on proposed Land Use/Zoning Amendment for property located at approximately 200 West Center Street
- Public hearing, discussion & consider recommendation on proposed Land Use/Zoning Amendment for property located at approximately 580 West Normandy Road
- Public hearing, discussion & consider recommendation on requirement for undergrounding power lines
- Public hearing, discussion & consider recommendation regarding setback requirements in the Twinhome and Townhouse zoning districts
- Discuss & consider recommendation on a Preliminary Plan for Red Mountain Vistas Townhomes located at approximately Highway 91 and 300 West
- Discuss & consider approval of a Final Plat for Haven at Heritage Acres subdivision located at approximately 400 West and 400 South

Planning Commission March 13, 2018

- Continued public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation on proposed Land Use/Zoning Amendment from School/RA-5 to Medium Density Residential / R-1-10 with Lot Averaging (average lot size 10,000 sq. ft.) for property located at approximately 200 West Center Street.
- Continued public hearing, discussion & consideration of recommendation on proposed Land Use/Zoning Amendment from School/RA-1 to Medium Density Residential / R-1-10 with Lot Averaging (average lot size 10,000 sq. ft.) for property located at approximately 580 West Normandy Road.

City Council March 1, 2018

- Discuss & consider approval of purchase of Public Safety vehicles
- Discuss & consider approval of new Purchase Agreement and transfer Deed for property adjacent to Red Rock Park wash replacing previously approved documents with property owner on Cordero Drive
- Discuss & consider notice/bidding requirements in the Purchasing Ordinance

City Council March 15, 2018

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of a proposed Subdivision text amendment regarding requirement for undergrounding power lines.
- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of a proposed Zoning text amendment regarding setback requirements in the Twinhome and Townhouse zoning districts.
- Discuss & consider approval of Preliminary Plan for Red Mountain Vistas Townhomes located at approximately Highway 91 and 300 West.



Construction Updates

Tom Jorgensen, Assistant Public Works Director

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Kayenta Debris Basins: Construction is well underway for both the east and west debris basin dams. The footings, walls, box culverts, headwalls, and impact basins have all been poured, with the majority of the concrete work complete. The next phase of the project includes the earthen structures of both the dams and additional concrete work. The project is on track for completion this April or May.

600 West 400 South Gap Fill: The subgrade has been installed at the proposed design level. It is anticipated that base course, the structural material beneath the asphalt, will be installed by the beginning of March. Asphalt will be installed soon thereafter, but is weather dependent and may be delayed if the temperatures aren't warm enough.

2MG Tank Project: Landscaping up at the tank site began in February. The irrigation system to feed all the existing and proposed trees is anticipated to be completed by the end of February. The new trees are anticipated to be installed by the beginning of March, completing the landscaping portion of the project. Once the landscaping is complete, a perimeter fence will be installed. This will likely be installed in March.

Ivins Reservoir: The reservoir will be closed until the end of April. Work on the entrance and parking facilities are underway. The City is working to have these improvements completed for a reopening by the end of April. There will be continued construction after the reopening in April to install restrooms and landscaping.

Help Us By Keeping Your Vegetation Trimmed

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



We want our streets and sidewalks to be in the best condition possible for everyone's use. All home owners have a responsibility to maintain their own yards. It's not only to make your own property look nice, it makes the whole city look nice. Also, we need to make sure that you don't block the streets and sidewalks with overgrown vegetation.

As a general rule, if your trees are overgrowing over the sidewalk and street, there should be a 8-foot clearance over the sidewalk and a 14-foot clearance over the street. There are also sight triangles at the intersections of the streets that need to be maintained with no objects or vegetation with a height over 2-feet within a 30-foot by 30-foot triangle drawn along the edges of the asphalt pavement.

Please help us (and yourselves) keeping the city in good walkable and drivable condition.

School Updates



Vista School

Mr. Gibbs, Principal

Vista's musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr, runs March 1-10. Tickets are available on Vista School's website.

Vista will be hosting an honors orchestra towards the end of the month, which includes students from around the county.

Many of our performing groups will participate in SUPAF (Southern Utah Performing Arts Festival), offering students the chance to perform for their peers and receive professional adjudication.

Vista Rising Stars show choir will be performing at Disneyland on Monday, March 12th.

Please join us at our Piano Showcase Concert on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Vista School. Enjoy performances from Vista faculty, current students, alumni, and community performers as we honor Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dahle for their generous contribution to our music department.

Red Mountain Elementary

Amy Mitchell, Principal

March 6: STEAM NIGHT - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us for a fun filled evening with activities and demonstrations from the community that relate to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. See the inside of a pig's heart, learn what makes a race car go fast, check out our solar system through a telescope, play a ukulele or a video game, make an arcade game out of cardboard, and SO MUCH MORE!

March 12-16th: SPRING BREAK (no school)

March 22: CODE CAMP JR. RMES is hosting the first Washington County Code Camp Jr. We will host over 160 participants from around the county as they competing in code at RMES.

March 28 & April 4: Preschool and Kindergarten Registration at RMES (Please see February's newsletter for registration times and requirements or call 435-656-3802.)

Santa Clara Elementary

Santa Clara Elementary is now accepting applications for the 1st Grade Chinese Dual Immersion Program for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, please call 435-628-2624.

Emergency: What Happens When You Dial 9-1-1?

Charles Peterson, Deputy Fire Chief

Santa Clara-Ivins Fire & Rescue Community News & Tips



The average person will call 911 twice during their lifetime. Fear and helplessness can be reduced by knowing when to call and what to expect. In Washington County, the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center is staffed with full-time emergency dispatchers with specialized training in crises management. You will be asked, "What is your emergency?" and to briefly explain what your exact situation is. Washington County Dispatchers are trained to provide real-time instructions such as CPR and other life-saving first aid techniques. This occurs while other dispatchers are sending law enforcement, emergency medical service (EMS) professionals and firefighters to your location. Listen to the dispatcher and follow their instructions. The 9-1-1 Center is a busy place often handling multiple 911 calls at once and tracking and dispatching over 100 emergency and law enforcement responders.

The dispatcher inputs your essential information into a CAD (computer aided dispatch) system. Other dispatchers in the same room are monitoring and communicating with law enforcement, medical, and fire department units. Your emergency is processed in real time, and the appropriate emergency responder is "paged out" to your location. To ensure the right people with the right equipment are sent to the right location, the 9-1-1 dispatcher will ask you specific questions. Sometimes in an emergency, it may seem like these questions are being asked to determine if you really need help. However, the questions are used to determine the level of help you need. Dispatchers never ask questions that are unnecessary. They know the importance of doing their job "right" and not just "fast."

Typical Questions Include:

- What is your location?**
- What is the person's problem or the type of emergency?**
- Tell me exactly what happened?**
- What is the person's approximate age?**
- Is he or she conscious?**
- Is he or she breathing?**

Getting this critical information typically takes less than 30 seconds. Be assured before your conversation has ended the appropriate emergency responders have already been paged

out. After that, you may be asked to do nothing, get out of an unsafe environment, or stay on the line and assist in providing care for the ill or injured person.

Don't call 911 for general information such as - Road conditions; Licenses; Permits; Billing; Information; Public Utilities. 911 is for emergencies, not information. However, if you have any doubt, call 911. It's best to err on the side of safety. The dispatcher can decide and help you. The non-emergency phone line for the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center is 435-634-5730.

If you have a power outage, call your power company, NOT 911. (Rocky Mountain Power: 435-508-5088, Santa Clara Power 435-656-4690, Saint George Power 435-627-4835, Washington City Power 435-656-6300, Dixie Power 435-673-3297).

During a natural disaster, do not call 911 to ask questions about what to do or where to go. Tune to your local news or go online to <https://www.facebook.com/Washcosafety>.

Washington County Emergency Services also offer a FREE 911 emergency service alert where you can receive automatic emergency alerts and important community messages. Sign up at <http://911register.com/>. This notification system enables citizens within Washington County Utah with critical information quickly in a variety of emergencies such as unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. This service is automatic if you have a landline phone. Some citizens only have cell phones. Those people that would like to receive emergency alerts need to register their cell phone. Once registered, any emergency alert for the address listed will be sent to your cell phone. Santa Clara City offers a similar service at <http://sccity.org/community-alert-2/>.

You will receive time-sensitive messages using your home, cell, or business phone, email, text message, or hearing impaired receiving devices. You decide how you want it delivered.

"WHAT IF I ACCIDENTALLY CALL 9-1-1? WILL I GET IN TROUBLE?"

If you misdial 911, don't hang up! Instead, stay on the line and tell the dispatcher you misdialed; otherwise, they will have to call you back. If they cannot reach you, a police officer may be sent to your location to be sure you are OK. This ties up valuable resources from true emergencies

If you call from a cell phone, your call is directed to the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center closest to your current location anywhere in the US. Again, the call taker will ask you the nature of your emergency and will forward your call to the appropriate 9-1-1 Dispatch Center.

When you call on your cell phone, the dispatcher may not be able to detect your location as with a residential or business 911 call. It's important to know your location when calling 911 on a cell phone so you can get help quicker.

Simply knowing when to call and what to expect when you phone 911 can help reduce fear and helplessness in an emergency. When calling 911, keep in mind the most important thing you can do, is to **LISTEN CAREFULLY** and **DO EXACTLY** what the dispatcher asks you to do. Emergency service professionals are always available to assist you through times of crisis and distress.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Benny Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director

The Geological History of Silver Reef

Just like a psychologist examining a patient in order to understand why they behave the way that they do, the "Silver in Sandstone" presentation will dive into the earth's history in order to provide an integrated interpretation that explains not only the presence of silver ore deposits at Leeds, UT, but also the presence of other features which were created from the same event in Earth's history.

When: 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28

Where: Ivins City Hall, 55 North Main

Instructor: Marc Deshowitz

Fee: This class is offered at no charge to the first 40 people who register at the Ivins City offices or on line at Ivins.com.

Bio

Marc Deshowitz is a native of the Boston area. After 30 years as a petroleum geologist working for Amoco and Shell Oil Company, Deshowitz and his wife, Chrystal, decided that they needed a life-style change, so they moved to Southern Utah in 2008 to be closer to family. Deshowitz and his wife lead educational excursions across the Colorado Plateau for Dixie Road Scholar.



2018 Co-Ed Baseball Registration

We will be offering coed T-ball (age 5 & 6) and Rookie (coaches pitch, ages 7 & 8) leagues this year. The age for each division is determined by the child's age on July 1st. For example: if your child turns 5 before July 1st, they are old enough to play T-ball;

if your child turns 7 before July 1st, they must play Rookie.

When: Registration Begins March 1 - Ending April 6, 2018

Where: The Ivins City Offices at 55 North Main or online at

www.ivins.com

League play begins approximately the first week in May and ends in mid-June



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. 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 (435) 634-5938.

PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Mountain 55k, 30K & Dirty Hurty Half Marathon

Date: March 3, 2018

The course incorporates the scenic dirt trails of the Santa Clara Reserve located in the west central portion of Washington County, directly southwest of the communities of Ivins and Santa Clara and east of the Shivwits Reservation. The race courses start on Gate's Lane Bridge across from the historic Jacob Hamblin home and quickly turns onto a BLM service road and climbs up to the single track trail in the Santa Clara Reserve. The course winds in clover fashion back into the Cove Wash Trailhead Aid Station 4 times (depending on the distance you are running) before heading to the finish at UNITY Park in Ivins.

Runners will meet at UNITY Park no later than 5:30 a.m. to pick up packets. Busses will leave UNITY Park at 5:45 a.m. for the start line in Santa Clara.

Go to <https://redmountain50k.com/> for more information.

2018 Hog and Jog 5k Fun Run

Date and Time: Saturday, March 31, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

Location: UNITY Park (200 W 400 S)

Come out to the 4th Annual Hog and Jog Fun Run and join in the spring festivities. With music on the course and Hog and Jog selfie stations, you'll be able to celebrate and run at the same time!

Every participant will receive a Hog and Jog t-shirt, tons of bacon and an AMAZING 4" Hog and Jog Finisher medal. The race is not timed, but we will be providing prizes for the first 3 male and 3 female finishers.

Packet pickup will be Friday from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the St. George Running Center and 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. on Saturday morning before the race. For information and registration go to www.hogandjog5k.com.

2018 Easter Egg Hunt

Date and Time: Saturday, March 31, 2018, 9:00 a.m., after the Hog & Jog 5K

Location: UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field.

The divisions for this year will be:

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! All participants must bring their own Easter baskets.



PARKS & TRAILS UPDATE

Desert Rose Park – Staff has been working on the pavilion concrete and will complete the concrete once the restroom arrives the week of February 27. After that staff will finish up the landscape and parking lot.

Cemetery addition – With only a few burial plots remaining in the existing cemetery, we are preparing to open a new section. Staff has graded the site and prepared irrigation lines. Staff will begin a retaining wall and will begin to install the mow edges as soon as we have the final grades set.

Fire Lake Park - We are working toward getting the road into the parking area and the parking area paved, also walk ways and landscape installed before the busy season begins.

FITNESS CLASSES (UNITY)
Park Recreation Room approx. 400 S 300 W) - Register online at www.ivins.com or 55 N Main (City Hall)

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

Emergency Management

Chief Robert Flowers, Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety Department

Mayor Chris Hart has asked the Public Safety Department to initiate an emergency management program to serve the city and residents in times of a disaster or an incident that could create a local crisis that may only affect those living in the area. I use the example of a local power outage in the summer. Those of you that have experienced the power outage in the hot and dry summer know how quickly our homes heat up. If the outage lasts more than a few hours it could be life-threatening to citizens depending on refrigeration or power for medical needs. You could be requested to respond to incidents ranging from looking for lost children to responding to a natural disaster.

The plan is to update our response information, involve and train citizens who could be available to assist the city staff in providing an emergency response. Those who are interested will receive the necessary information, training, and equipment to respond quickly and efficiently. If you are interested in participating in this effort, I encourage you to contact us at the police department at 435-634-5730. We are hopeful those of you who have experience with this concept or have participated in other areas come out and be a part of making our community better.



Traffic

Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department

We receive many complaints concerning traffic. Those grievances range from speeding to failure to stop completely at traffic devices. When a complaint comes in, we do send out a unit to work the area. However, as you know, drivers follow every rule when a police car is present. An example is in school crossing areas. Our crossing guards often complain and tell us their concern about traffic speeds when students are present. We send a unit to monitor, but unless we can find a place to park not visible to traffic, drivers tend to reduce their speed as required because they see the patrol car. We have a traffic monitoring device we place to survey traffic numbers and speeds. We can evaluate traffic patterns

which assist us in planning our traffic enforcement efforts. We receive criticism that we do not write enough citations as well as criticism that we write too many. I guess it depends on if you're the one receiving the citation. The point we want you to know is we take the traffic issues serious and will continue to be vigilant in our enforcement.

Upcoming Dumpster Date

This month's dumpster date will be held on:

March 3rd

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

March 5, 2018

March 19, 2018

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/

PET CORNER

GREETINGS FROM THE IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION CENTER

Stacey Trujillo, Ivins Animal Shelter

We would like to give a BIG "Thank You" to all of the Rescues, Volunteers, and all who donate to our shelter and continue to show support in helping our shelter with the homeless animals in Ivins and Santa Clara cities. We appreciate everything you do for us.

As the weather is getting warmer and residents are out with their dogs, we would like to remind everyone to keep your dogs on a leash. It is common courtesy and required in both Santa Clara and Ivins City.

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.

PETS OF THE MONTH



Meet Shadow. Shadow is a very gentle, sweet, senior grey tabby female cat. Come by and meet this little girl. Shadow is spayed and current on her vaccinations.



Meet Sampson! Sampson is a sweet black senior lap cat that loves every little bit of attention he can get. Sampson is neutered and current on his vaccinations.



Meet Shadow! Shadow is a black lab blend. He gets along with other dogs, loves walks and to play with his toys. Shadow is about 15 months old. He does have a little fence issue which can easily be worked on. Come on by and meet this boy. Shadow is neutered, microchipped, and current on vaccinations.



GREETINGS FROM INKAS (IVINS NO KILL ANIMAL SUPPORTERS)

By Sara Dupre

As we begin to enjoy the longer warmer days of Springtime it's important to remember we are entering kitten season. If you or anyone you know is looking for a feline companion please make the Ivins No-Kill Animal Shelter your first stop. Also, INKAS would like to remind everyone that the Ivins Shelter offers the TNR program (Trap, Spay/Neuter, Release) so if you notice a cat hanging around your area just give the shelter a call.

One of the most enjoyable Springtime events is Kayenta's Sidewalk Art Festival April 28 – 29. The INKAS booth will be there stocked with wonderful items for purchase. So, plan on stopping by, saying "Hi" and buying something nice for yourself or a friend.

INKAS Contact Information:

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