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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Chris Hart, Mayor

Rapid growth and a strong economy have resulted in a critical housing shortage in Washington County. Housing affordability has long been an issue and cities across the country have tried to come to grips with it by developing Moderate Income Housing Plans that are now required by Federal Law. Because housing prices are driven by market forces and cities do not build their own housing inventory finding solutions is complicated.

Habitat for Humanity and other self-help housing programs have provided meaningful assistance over the years. Selected families have truly benefited from them but homes built under those programs most often are eventually sold at market value thus removing them from the affordable housing pool. Federally subsidized housing is highly targeted and very limited leaving the much larger group of median income households to fare for themselves. Caught in the trap are people we rely on for important services such as teachers, law enforcement officers, nurses and etc.

Without available workforce housing we face the precarious situation of needing positions filled in those areas and not being able to do so because of the lack of moderately priced housing. That situation is already a major problem for the Washington County School District that struggles to keep newly hired teachers here long term for that very reason. With new schools scheduled to open soon and others to follow as the County continues to grow this will become an even more critical issue for them in the future.

The crux of the problem is that the components of housing cost, those being land & associated development costs, permitting

fees, materials & labor, overhead & profit, financing costs and real estate commissions, are generally unavoidable. Building more units per acre reduces land & associated development costs, permitting fees are somewhat lower on smaller units & multi-family building types as are hard construction costs that can be further moderated through discounts & donations as evidenced by the Habitat model. That model also reduces or eliminates overhead & profit, financing fees and real estate commissions. However, as great as the self-help programs are their capabilities are limited by land availability, donated materials and volunteer labor.

As cities across the nation have grappled with this problem over the last several decades they have produced some ideas that have proven successful such as allowing basements & casitas to be rented, holding land in trust to keep affordable units in the pool, requiring major employers to participate in workforce housing programs, enacting fee structures supporting moderate income housing and others.

Recently our Planning Commission and City Council met in a special combined Work Meeting to hear presentations from State and local experts on the subject. It was enlightening to hear the severity of the problem State and County wide. With the median cost of a new home in Washington County now exceeding \$350,000.00 a growing number of our current and future residents are simply priced out of the market. We've witnessed an explosion of large scale multi-family projects in St. George in response to the growing demand and now we have three less massive ones in various stages of approval coming to Ivins, something we haven't seen before.

The issue of affordable housing will appear on our November 1st City Council agenda for discussion. They could decide

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Planning Commission

October 30, 2018
November 13, 2018

City Council

November 1, 2018
November 15, 2018

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Parks & Rec.	634-7719
Police Dispatch	634-5730
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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

to appoint a task force to study the problem and recommend actions the City might take to address it. We're fortunate to have Council Member Ron Densley who has extensive experience with multi-family housing and Council Member Miriah Elliott who has been studying the issue and helping to coordinate the effort so far as resources. We also have residents and others who live nearby with expertise in this area that we might call upon to help. Regardless of how it is approached it is an issue that we must address.

Hopefully we can do so successfully for the sake of those who now and in the future are or will be faced with few options when it comes to satisfying this basic need.

OCTOBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may 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. 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 October 30, 2018

- Public hearing, discussion and recommendation on proposed zoning text amendments regarding introductory chapters to districts and overlays
- Discuss & consider approval of Final Plat for Palisades at Snow Canyon Phase 6
- Discuss & consider approval of Amended & Extended Final Plat for Coyote Gulch Commercial

Planning Commission November 13, 2018

- (Nothing currently scheduled)

City Council November 1, 2018

- Discussion regarding streetlighting
- Discuss & consider approval of amendment to Lighting Design Standards
- Discussion regarding affordable housing
- Discuss & consider revisiting regulations restricting the rental of accessory dwelling units

City Council November 15, 2018

- Possible discussion regarding recommended zoning text amendments regarding introductory chapters to districts and overlays



School Updates

Vista School

Mr. Gibbs, Principal

Vista School recently held a Drone Tournament, allowing students to use the skills they are learning in programming, computational thinking and piloting through precision skill challenges.

Vista's Advanced Choir, Rising Stars, and MDT students will be attending the fall musicals of the local high schools. Science will be studied by 7th and 8th grade students on field trips to Zion National Park and Snow Canyon State Park.

November begins the holiday concert season, starting with a Choir Concert on Nov 2. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students present a delightful concert on Nov 6, 7, and 8.

The community is invited to attend all Vista School performances, including our tribute to Veterans on Nov 9 at 9:00am.

The Dance Concerts on Nov 16 and 17 will be The Nutcracker, followed by an Orchestra Concert on Nov 20 and a Band Concert on Nov 27.

Vista School is presenting Oliver at the Dickens Festival this year.

Please consider the Vista School Foundation in your holiday and end-of-year giving. The Foundation seeks to enhance and enrich the quality of education and facilities provided to Vista School students. For more information, contact Principal Gibbs at sgibbs@vistautah.com or 435-673-4110.

Red Mountain Elementary

Jenny Leavitt, Principal

October was a busy month of learning at Red Mountain Elementary. This month students are practicing for our upcoming Storytelling Festival and Code Club participation at Dixie State. We are enjoying the presence of our Watch Dogs (Dads of Great Students) in the school. Students love having the dads here to spend the day with them.

Every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. some of our students participate in a Paiute language class. Others in the community are invited to attend as well.

We are having great success with the Americorps Elementary Read Graduate Succeed program at our school. We appreciate the volunteers that are coming to donate their time tutoring our students in reading. We can always use more help! If you would enjoy helping an elementary school student improve their reading skills then please come and be a part of this program. Volunteer a half hour per week, or more if you want! If you can read, you can help!

If interested, please contact Sara Cox at (435)656-3802 or sara.cox@washk12.org readgraduatesucceed.org

Upcoming events:

November 7 - 1:15 Community Council meeting November 12-15 - SEP conferences and Book Fair

November 12 - Veterans Day observed: Flag ceremony and patriotic sing along at 9:30 November 15 - Picture Retakes

November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break

We appreciate everyone who takes the time to volunteer and donate to our school. This is a great community.

Construction Update

Tom Jorgensen - Assist. PW Director of Administration

Fire Lake Park: The park is open and will likely remain open during the remaining construction. There are several items yet to be constructed to finish off the park including the permanent bathrooms, some paved walking trails, landscaping, etc. Come and enjoy the park but understand that certain areas will still be closed off while construction continues.

Ivins Debris Basins 1-6: The debris basins located along the base of the Red Mountain are currently not meeting the NRCS and Utah Dam Safety regulations and current engineering standards for a high hazard class dam. Ivins City has obtained funding to rehabilitate these dams to bring them up to current standards. The project includes grading of the crests of the dams, removal of some sediment, replacement of the existing trash racks, new main spillways, and other minor improvements. The project will likely begin towards the end of the year in December.



Santa Clara Ivins Fire Department Safety Tip

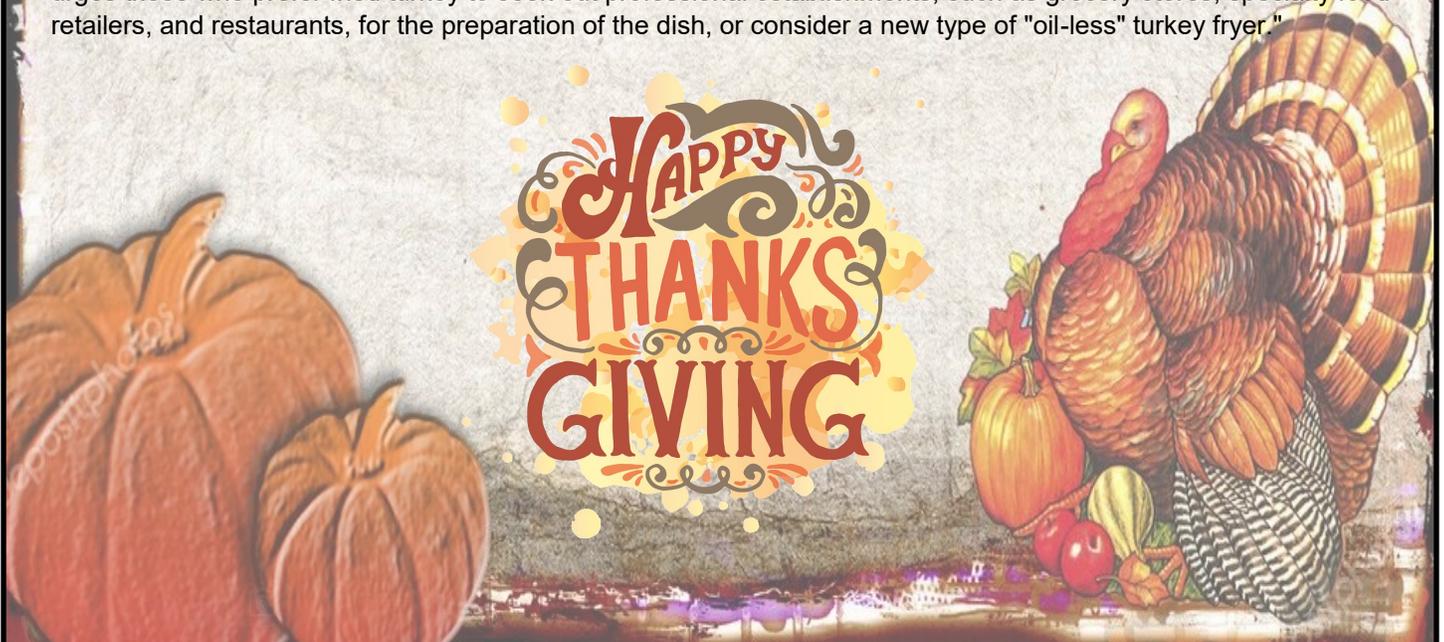
Randy Hancey - Fire Chief

Keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

Safety tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

NFPA continues to believe that turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer. These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. In addition, the burners that heat the oil can ignite spilled oil. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, and the destruction of property. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments, such as grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants, for the preparation of the dish, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer."





PARKS AND RECREATION

Benny Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director

2019 Youth Coed Basketball Registration

1st & 2nd Grade Division, Thursday Evenings
3rd & 4th Grade Division, Tuesday Evenings
Registration ends November 16

Our youth basketball program is 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!

Games are held at Lava Ridge Intermediate School.
Registration Fee is \$26.00 per child.

Volunteer Coaches Needed! We would like to have all coaches selected before November 15 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 are planning a player clinic on December 11 for the 3rd & 4th Grade teams and on December 13 for the 1st & 2nd Grade teams. We need the teams formed before the clinics.

Games are planned to start on January 8 & 10
Registration is taken on a first come-first serve basis!

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.

Sign up at the Ivins City office (55 North Main) or online at www.ivins.com

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department 634-7719.

Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run

Date: Saturday, December 22, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: 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 1) - \$35 For 1st Family Member, \$15 for each additional family member (up to 6 people).

Late Registration - (December 1 until Race Day) - \$35 For 1st 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. 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, 2018, 12 p.m.

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

If you would like, you can bring an unopened, new toy to benefit Toys for Tots!! Last year your toys benefited over 300 youngsters in need of Christmas cheer! Also, \$2 from every race entry will be going to Toys for Tots as well!

Race information and registration can be done at www.runrunreindeer.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 435-673-2372.

Kids Holiday Hike

The holiday season is soon upon us! While scheduling the cookie decorating and present wrapping, plan some time for your child to get plenty of fresh air and exercise! Sign up for our Kids Holiday Hike!

We'll be leaving from UNITY park to see the Anasazi Petroglyphs. It's only about a 2-mile walk to see the mysterious rock markings. Pack your child a sack lunch, plenty of water and a jacket before you send them on their merry way!

December 15, 2018 10am-2pm

\$5 registration fee. Register at City Hall (55 N Main) beginning November 1st. Your child must be at least in 1st grade to attend. Parents welcome to join!



FITNESS PROGRAMS



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

Gentle Yoga

Tuesdays 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Single Class - \$6.00

4 Classes - \$23.00

8 Classes - \$40.00

Taught by Kim Nally

Tai Chi for Rehabilitation - Beginning January 2019

Tai Chi for Rehabilitation is an easy to learn exercise routine. It was developed by Dr. Paul Lam, a family physician and the founder of Tai Chi for Health. This program integrates western and eastern medicine, philosophy, positive psychology and personal development. It is uniquely designed to aid recovery from surgery, illness, stress and trauma. The routine can be done standing or sitting and will help you move to a new level of health and wellness. This program is not just about rehabilitation, but also regeneration and wellness. Tai chi practice helps improve balance, increases stamina, flexibility and improves posture. Tai Chi for Rehabilitation can also be practiced by those who are in good health and wish to explore the flow and beauty of this art form.

About the Class

Wear loose comfortable clothing, flat supportive shoes suitable for exercising, water and a positive attitude are all that are needed for class. Class is one (1) hour long and includes a warm up and cool down. Cost will be \$10 per class.

About the Instructor

Laura Erdmann is a Utah licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA), Certified Tai Chi Instructor and meditation teacher with over 30 years of experience in the healing arts. For more information, please visit TCHI.org or email Laura at Ivin-shealer@tdsmail.com.

INTERESTED IN TEACHING A CLASS?

We'd like to hear from you! Are you a master of performing arts and want to share your talents? Are you wishing for an adult volleyball league? Are you looking for a fun group to go hiking with? Let us know! We want to know what you're interested in teaching or joining so the whole community is benefited! Email your suggestions and ideas to snash@ivins.com.

EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Kayenta Arts Foundation Events

For information and tickets: kayentaarts.com or 435-674-2787

Mykola Suk & Friends – November 3 at 7:30pm – Admission: \$30. Chamber music and piano concerto.

Framed – November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 7pm and November 17 at 3:00pm – Admission \$30. A comedy for adults who appreciate laughter as much as art.

La Frontera/The Border – November 30 at 7pm - an environmental, multi-media performance.

Kurt Bestor Christmas, Peace on Earth – December 6, 7, 8 at 7:30pm – Admission: \$40.

Movie Night at Kayenta – December 10 at 7pm – free admission; donations requested



Tuacahn Amphitheater Events

For information and tickets: tuacahn.org or 435-652-3300

ABBA Revisited – November 2 at 7:30pm. Admission starting at \$15

Hotel California – November 3 at 7:30pm. Admission starting at \$15

The Piano Guys – November 7, 8, 9, 10 at 7:30pm. Admission starting at \$55

Christmas in the Canyon – November 23, 24, 29, 30, and December 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 29, 21, 22 from 6 – 9 pm. Activities include: Santa, train rides, synthetic ice skating, lights and concessions.

Live Nativity – same dates as Christmas in the Canyon (above). Performances at 7 and 8pm. Admission: \$3 per person or \$10 for a family up to 10 people.

Fairy Tale Christmas – November 29 – December 22 (excluding Sundays) at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday matinees at 3pm. Admission starting at \$29



Schools and nonprofit organizations in Ivins with events open to the public may be listed on this page at the Arts Commission's discretion

Contact the Ivins Arts Commission at

IvinsArtsCommission@gmail.com

Ivins City Emergency Preparedness Seminar

November 8th . 7PM . Ivins Council Chambers 55 N. Main St., Ivins



'Stop The Bleed'



Presenter is Kena Sullivan, RN, BSN, Trauma Performance Improvement & Injury Prevention Coordinator, DRMC.

A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes. Thus it is critically important to quickly stop blood loss. This month's seminar offers training in basic bleed control techniques such as direct pressure, wound packing and tourniquet application. Come early to check out the preparedness displays before each meeting and to meet other 'Good Neighbors'. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Looking ahead . December 13th at 7PM

Pandemic - what happens in Washington County?

Paulette Valentine, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Southwest Utah Public Health, is our presenter.

Would you like to become part of Ivins City disaster preparedness movement?

'Neighbors helping Neighbors' Call Kent Cook at (435) 628-0606, EXT. 701

www.rcprepared.com

Right Choice Prepared organizes these seminars.

Seminars are held the second Thursday of each month.



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PET CORNER

GREETINGS FROM THE IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION CENTER

Bailee Sleppy, Ivins Animal Shelter Manager



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.



GREETINGS FROM INKAS (IVINS NO KILL ANIMAL)

As Thanksgiving draws near there is so much for all of us involved with INKAS are grateful for. Our Fall fundraisers the INKAS booth at the Kayenta Art Festival and our annual yard sale generated tremendous donations. We are always so inspired by the people we meet, their generosity and the wonderful stories they share about the animals they rescued...or as most of them like to say, the animals they were rescued by!

INKAS would like to express a special "thank you" to the Kayenta community. It is such fun and very beneficial for us to be involved with the Art Festival. As in the past, the artists and their artwork were captivating and memorable. The Festival drew a large crowd filled with high praise for the event.

All proceeds raised by INKAS go directly to help homeless animals with shelter, food and compassionate care while waiting for their forever homes. We want you to know your donations to, and support of INKAS help those animals in need have a better and brighter future. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Lois Hewitt- President 435-414-4802

Sara Dupre- Secretary 206-724-5902

INKAS4pets.org

INKAS is a 501(c)3 organization

You can read more about INKAS on Facebook.com



Upcoming Dumpster Date

November 3

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 12

November 26

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/