

Ivins City News

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Night Sky Update

Chris Hart, Mayor

Ivins City committed to a dark night sky nearly fifteen years ago by adopting a restrictive lighting ordinance that prohibited “up-lighting” of any kind and “back-lit” commercial signs. “Cut off” or shielded high pressure sodium street lighting fixtures, the energy efficient option of its day, was selected as the City standard and was used until LED technology displaced it. The problem LED created for us was that lamps for street and parking lot lighting were only available in “white” and were high in their intensity.

With no option available to replicate the “warm” high pressure sodium look the City Council and Staff have been wrestling with what to do ever since. Our first experiment was the pathway bollard lighting on the south side of Center Street from Docena Drive to 200 East. You’ve no doubt noticed that they have a “Halloween” flavor to them. That was not our intent but it was the closest LED color match to high pressure sodium available at the time.

The frequency of light that determines color is measured on the “Kelvin” scale. The higher the number the whiter the light is and the greater the intensity. High pressure sodium on the Kelvin scale is 2,200, the Center Street bollards are 2,000 Kelvin, white light begins at 3,000 Kelvin and the parking lot lights at Rocky Vista are 4,000 Kelvin by comparison.

With no LED options and Chuck Gillette our City Engineer needing to authorize street lighting at the entrances to new subdivisions coming on line in the City, Wilson Jimenez who maintains our fleet of vehicles brilliantly came up with the idea of installing colored lenses over the white LED lamps. Experimenting with various colored plexiglass lenses Wilson put together sample fixtures that look remarkably like the high pressure sodium that we’ve become used to at the entrances to our City.

Coincidentally, a small fixture manufacturer finally realized that with most of the world’s streets having been lit with high pressure sodium fixtures it might be a

good idea to produce a 2,200 Kelvin lamp to match them. LED technology makes it simple to produce a variety of color options so I’m mystified that it didn’t happen in this arena early on. LED revolutionized everything from sophisticated theater lighting to the strands of holiday lights that grace our Christmas trees long ago. So now the discussion centers on which of the fixture options gives us the best long term results. Stay tuned for the final word on that but the rest assured that the City will continue to have the soft golden glow it has had for years.



The City Council will soon consider amending the lighting ordinance further to require commercial parking lot lighting to conform to the 2,200 Kelvin standard as well. There are technical requirements in the building code regarding security lighting that must be looked into but the Veterans Home parking lot is lit with high pressure sodium fixtures so I’m hopeful we can establish that standard.

In addition I was approached several months ago by Mike Scott who serves on our Planning Commission about seeking “International Dark Sky” designation for Ivins City. In his usual way he dug deep into the subject including having conversations with International Dark Sky executives concerning our eligibility. He is convinced that we could achieve that goal. I’m excited about the prospect believing that it would be another defining feather in our cap further distinguishing Ivins City from nearly all other cities in the State and beyond.

I recognize that we walk a fine line between safety & security and lighting levels in the City but there is ample evidence that our standards do not compromise either. Over time you will see the old

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Planning Commission

December 4, 2018
December 18, 2018

City Council

December 6, 2018
December 20, 2018

POST OFFICE

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

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DROP BOX

Ivins City Office:
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

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

Website: www.ivins.com

“cobra head” street lights replaced with poles and fixtures to match those at our entrances. New developments including commercial will be lit with matching fixtures and 2,200 Kelvin lamps to maintain the ambiance of the rest of the City.

I wish that our neighboring cities would amend their lighting ordinances particularly for the areas adjacent to Ivins to minimize the light pollution that is migrating our way. I appeared before the Santa Clara City Council two years ago and made that request to no avail. Perhaps letters

and emails from those of you who have come to cherish our dark night sky would be helpful. As development continues along our boundaries I fear that it is in jeopardy.

The new Ivins City logo that appears on our vehicles and uniforms features two main elements the first being our iconic “Big Red Mountain” and the second being a black “swoosh” above it representing our dark night sky. Both are beautiful beyond measure and worthy of preservation. I’m grateful for a Staff and City Council that recognizes that and has worked hard to insure it.

DECEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the December 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 December 4, 2018

- Discuss & consider approval of Final Plat for Taviawk XI-R located at approximately Paiute Drive and Wicasa Way
- Discuss & consider proposed Zoning Text Amendments to Chapters 7 and 8 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding districts and overlays
- Discuss relevant portions of Chapter 12 of the Zoning Ordinance dealing with Accessory Dwelling Units

Planning Commission December 18, 2018

- (Nothing currently scheduled.)

City Council December 6, 2018

- Report by Washington County on results of voting by mail this last election
- Public hearing, discussion and recommendation on proposed zoning text amendments regarding introductory chapters to districts and overlays
- Discuss & consider Justice Assistance Grant application
- Discuss & consider Resolution maintaining level of employee benefits
- Discuss & consider Water Conservation Plan
- Discuss & consider sewer pretreatment regulations

City Council December 20, 2018

- Public hearing, discussion and consideration of proposed budget amendment
- Review & discuss five year strategic plan update
- Discuss and consider proposed budget schedule for 2019



School Updates

Vista School

Mr. Gibbs, Principal

Vista School recently participated in a MathCounts competition with several local schools and earned the top three spots in team competition. In addition, eight of the top 10 individual finishers were Vista students.

A group of Vista students traveled to Snow College to participate in the VEX Robotics Competition with other middle schools.

Dixie Direct books are available for sale in the school office.

The community is invited to attend our Holiday Spectacular, Polar Express, featuring performances from Orchestras, Choirs, Dance Companies, and more. Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Band students will present a concert on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. Vista's choirs will perform at Tuacahn on the mini-stage at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15. In addition, our performing groups are visiting the Southern Utah Veterans Home and a number of assisted living and other community organizations during the month.

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

We are looking forward to the month of December. Our code club students will participate in DSU's Hour of Code event and we will be hosting an evening event at our school as well. Anyone in the community is invited to join us for this.

We would like to thank everyone who bought a Dixie Direct book from a student at our school. We appreciate the money that is generated from this fundraiser. Books can still be purchased in our school office.

Upcoming events:

December 4 - Hour of Code Family Night - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

December 13 - 4th and 5th grade Holiday Performance

December 20 - January 2 - Winter Break (No School)

Construction Update

Tom Jorgensen - Assist. Public Works 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.





PARKS AND RECREATION

Benny Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director

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!

Date: December 15, 2018

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per child

Register at City Hall (55 N Main) Your child must be at least in 1st grade to attend. Parents are welcome to join!



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 to help 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



Ivins Soccer Association – 2019 Youth Soccer for all youth ages 3 1/2 to 16

Online registration for the Spring 2019 season will open January 1, 2019 at www.ivinsoccer.com.

Stay tuned for more information.

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 (NEW CLASS)

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 is not just about rehabilitation, but also regeneration and wellness. Tai chi practice helps improve balance, increases stamina, flexibility and improves posture.

About the Class

Wear loose comfortable clothing, flat supportive shoes suit-

able for exercising, water and a positive attitude are all that are needed for this 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 Ivinshealer@tdsmail.com.

Zumba (NEW CLASS)

Join us for Zumba! Zumba is a fun and great way to get in shape. Join us as we dance to the rhythm of pop remix music. It's an easy-to-follow, calorie burning dance fitness party! Bring a friend and come on over!
When: Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at
Taught by Zumba loving Elizabeth Hernandez
\$4 for a single class
\$15 for 4 classes
\$30 for 8 classes



Ivins City Emergency Preparedness Seminar

Pandemic

What happens in Washington County and how to prepare?

December 13TH . 7PM - 8PM

Ivins City Offices 55 N. Main St., Ivins

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



Every month Washington County quarantines and confines many persons with communicable diseases. How does the County keep us safe? What do we need to know and do for ourselves and our families in the event of a wide spread PANDEMIC?

Looking ahead . January 10th at 7PM
Gardening in Southern Utah

Time to plant for spring! What grows well and what does not. How to enrich the soil.

Right Choice Prepared organizes these seminars for the second Thursday of each month.

Come early to check out the preparedness displays before each meeting.
Doors open at 6:30 PM. Go to www.rcprepared.com for more information.
Or call Kent at the Ivins City Offices (435) 628-0606 Ext. 701



Santa Clara-Ivins Fire & Rescue

90 West Center St.
Ivins, Utah 84738
(435) 674-1083

It's the holidays, folks, that most wonderful time of the year when 32 million families across the United States resurrect ornaments, twinkle lights and motorized Santas from garages and basements, and get ready to tackle that favorite December pastime: decorating.

Lights and Decorations

- When shopping for lights, electrical decorations and extension cords, purchase only the ones that are UL-listed.
- If you're planning to decorate outdoors, make sure that you use lights and decorations that are rated for outdoor use. Putting indoor-only products outside in the weather can result in electric shock and fire hazards.
- If you're in doubt as to whether light strings are rated for indoor or outdoor use, check the color-coded UL mark on the product's package. A green holographic UL mark says, "indoors only, please," while a red one indicates that the product is safe for both indoor *and* outdoor use.
- Whether they're brand new out of the box or seasoned veterans from holidays past, before you put them up, inspect all lights, electrical decorations and extension cords for signs of damage to wire insulation, plugs and bulbs. If the damage can be repaired (i.e., broken bulbs replaced), do not use the item until the repair has been made. If cords and plugs are damaged, discard and replace the decoration.
- Always unplug lights before changing bulbs and replacing fuses, or making any other repairs.

Setting Up Your Christmas Tree

The way you set up and care for your tree has a big affect on how long it will last, how beautiful it will stay, and, ultimately, how safe it will be to have in your home.

- Before putting your new Christmas tree into its stand, cut a couple of inches off the bottom of the trunk to expose fresher (and far more absorbent) wood. Taking a few minutes to do this will improve your tree's water intake, and make it harder for your tree to catch fire.
- Your tree stand should have a capacity of at least one gallon, which is the amount of water that the average 6-foot Christmas tree can consume in a day's time. As a general rule of thumb, live Christmas trees require one quart of water for every inch of trunk diameter.
- Water live Christmas trees daily.
- Position tree a minimum of 3 feet away from candles, fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, heat vents, and other heat sources.
- Because nearly half of all Christmas tree fires involve electrical malfunctions, it's extremely important to check that light strands and other electrical decorations are in good condition (free from insulation cracks, fraying wires or damaged bulbs and plugs) before decorating your tree with them.

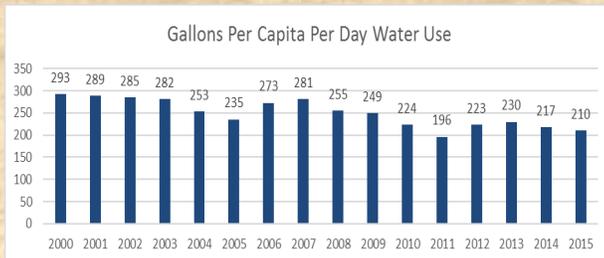
Ivins Water Conservation Plan

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

Yes, most of us know that we live in a desert. If you're not sure, let me assure you that it's true. Water is scarce in this environment and we need to treat our usage of water with great care.

The Ivins City Council is currently updating the city's water conservation plan. By the time you read this newsletter, the city should have a draft available online for all residents to review, and a public hearing is planned to be scheduled for December 15 at the City Council meeting. We encourage all residents that have interest to participate in this process.

Since the year 2000, Ivins City has achieved some significant reductions of water use, achieving a 25% reduction based on per capita usage as shown in the following chart.



This goal has been achieved by residents being more water conscientious, installing water efficient landscapes, taking advantage of rebates to update showers, faucets and toilets with more efficient products. The City Council has guided that the new plan should set a new goal to reduce usage by another 10 percent over the next 10 years. To achieve this goal, it is paramount that residents cooper-

ate and help the City. Additionally, the City Council will be discussing revising ordinances that might help the city reach it's goal. You can help us be more water efficient, please consider the following.

Outdoors:

- From May 15 to September 30, get a free water check from the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD).
- Periodically adjust irrigation timers as the seasons change, or even better, get an internet connected smart water controller that will do it for you and receive a 50% rebate (up to \$150) from the WCWCD.
- Convert irrigation popup spray nozzles to more efficient rotors and get a rebate of \$60 per watering station from the WCWCD.
- From March 1 to October 31, do not water between 6 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in order to use less water.
- Remove grass from your yard where you don't need it.
- Visit the local water-wise demonstration gardens. Water efficient landscapes are beautiful! There are three that I know of: Kayenta Art Village, The Garden at Tonquint Park, and Red Hills Desert Garden next to Pioneer Park.

Indoors:

- Update old washing machines to newer front loading versions that are rated with Energy Star ®.
- Repair leaks.
- Keep a gallon of water in the refrigerator for drinking water.
- Only start your dishwasher when you have a full load.
- Take shorter showers.

OWN A SMALL FARM?

Help protect our water:
take a quick survey

**CHANCE TO WIN
\$200 GIFT CARD!**

Survey by Utah Water Quality Task Force
For questions, visit
www.utahcleanwater.org



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PET CORNER

GREETINGS FROM THE IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION CENTER

Bailee Sleppy, Ivins Animal Shelter Manager



Please have your pets vaccinated against rabies. This is required by law for Ivins and Santa Clara City (6.12.070). This will also help make things easier on you and your pet in case your pet is bit or bites another animal or human.

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)

Tis the end of the season
And INKAS is happy to announce
A successful year for the animals
That we care so much about
A list of our accomplishments
Would make Santa cheer
Along with Santa Clara and Ivins
For our very good year!

A grateful big thank you to our communities
and a happy new year!

From INKAS directors:

*Lois, Shan, Ruth, Sara, Connie and Kim and INKAS volunteers:
Sharon, Jan and Stacey*

Lois Hewitt: President. 435-414-4802
Sara Dupre: Secretary. 206-724-5902
INKAS4pets.org

Please visit our website to read INKAS accomplishments! Please remember the pets waiting for adoptions or fostering at the Ivins City Animal Shelter. 435-628-1049. INKAS is a 501(c) 3 organization and is a Registered Utah Charity.

Upcoming Dumpster Date

Saturday,
December 8

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 Mondays

December 10
December 24

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/

EXPLORE THE ARTS IN IVINS

DECEMBER EVENTS

Kayenta Arts Foundation Events

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

Soiree Musicale! Featuring Mozart and Faure Piano Quartet – December 1, 7 - 9 p.m. –

Admission: \$30

T-Rex: The Four-Ton Roadrunner From Hell with Ron Smith – December 4, 7 – 8 p.m. –

Admission: \$15

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

Movie Night at Kayenta – December 10 at 7 p.m. – free admission; donations requested

The Enchanted World of Dolls – December 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 5:30 – 7 p.m. and December 15, 22, 12:30 – 2 p.m. – Admission: \$5

A Diamond Holiday – December 13, 7 – 9 p.m., December 14, 2:30 p.m., December 15, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., December 20, 7 p.m., December 21, 2:30 p.m., December 22, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuacahn Amphitheater Events

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

Christmas in the Canyon: December 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 29, 21, 22 from 6 – 9 p.m. 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 8 p.m.

Admission: \$3 per person or \$10 for a family up to 10 people.

Fairy Tale Christmas: November 29 – December 22 (excluding Sundays) at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. 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