



# IVINS CITY NEWS

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## **Meeting Schedule**

5:30 p.m.  
Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

### **Planning Commission**

January 3, 17, 31

### **City Council**

January 5, 19

### **Arts Commission**

January 11

## **Blu Can Dates:**

January 2, 16, 30

## **Dumpster Dates:**

January 14, 28

## **Neighborhood Meetings**

January 10th - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81582652265>  
200 East to the East Boundary

January 11th - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88369315478>  
200 East to 400 West

January 12th - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81759744141>  
400 West to West Boundary



## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

ARTICLE BY: CHRIS HART, MAYOR

Our “Let’s Plan Ivins’ Future Together” survey is now complete. Almost fifty three percent of you responded giving us a pretty clear picture of how you feel about the future of our community. Patty Dupre did a remarkable job analyzing and reporting the survey results at our last City Council Meeting. That report is now available on the Ivins City website at [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com). After logging in, click on the “General Plan Survey Results” tab to get to the reports. In addition to the report that Patty delivered to the City Council and Planning Commission in a joint meeting held on December 15, there is a second report containing all of the hand written comments that were received as well as a link to her recorded presentation. Both reports allow you to see the results in total as well as by neighborhoods so you can compare your area’s results and comments with others in the city. There is a map included in the report showing the fourteen survey areas that coincide with our Emergency Response Areas.

It is interesting and educational to read them. As you might expect a number of survey questions were answered with considerable consistency and others reflected very diverse opinions. Some answers varied by neighborhood and others not so much. Each survey question is analyzed on a separate page in the report with charts and graphs included to illustrate differences by demographics and by neighborhood.

The report is really quite easy to follow, but it’s a hundred and fifty seven pages long so give yourself a little time to get through it. The written comment summary is a separate one hundred and nine page report that is also well worth reading. Only a few expletives were removed in the summary but you can certainly get an idea of what was on everyone’s mind.



I won’t attempt to review the details of the report here but urge you to go online and read it for yourselves. After reading it, if you have any questions I invite you to email them to me at [chart@ivins.com](mailto:chart@ivins.com) so they can be answered at our upcoming Neighborhood Meetings.

As in years past we will hold three back to back to back Neighborhood Meetings beginning at 7:00 PM at City Hall starting on Tuesday, January 10th for residents who live from 200 East to our east border, Wednesday, January 11th for residents living between 200 East and 400 West and Thursday, January 12th for residents living from 400 West to our west border. These meetings will also be available via Zoom. The Zoom address for the meeting on the 10th is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81582652265>, for the 11th is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88369315478> and for the 12th is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81759744141>. Any questions relating to neighborhood responses will be reviewed only at that Neighborhood Meeting so come to yours if you can, but please attend any one of them that will fit your schedule.

I received a couple of emails questioning the authenticity of our survey suggesting that it might have been manipulated in some way. For those of you who are skeptical or simply curious we will be conducting a survey audit on Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 PM at City Hall. Questions will be answered and the surveys will be made available for your inspection and/or selected to be audited. All of the survey data is stored by survey number and can be quickly retrieved and reviewed for accuracy. Our Finance Director, Cade Visser, who oversaw and was involved in all phases of the survey will conduct the audit.



Having witnessed much of the data entry, the proofing and correcting process, and having participated in the newly received survey opening and coding process I can personally attest to the validity of the survey tabulation and analysis, but I want all of you our residents to be equally satisfied so please attend the audit if you have any questions.

I want to thank all of you residents that participated in the survey for taking the time to let us know your opinions about our future. Almost half of you that returned the survey also took the extra time to write comments as well. Those also have been helpful in our gaining understanding as to where we need to go moving forward. From here the Planning Commission will first begin the formal process of updating the General Plan during which you will be invited to comment on their recommendations in a future Public Hearing. Their final recommendations will then be forwarded to the City Council for their deliberation and once again you will be invited to comment on their proposed General Plan revisions in yet another Public Hearing. During those discussions issues like State requirements and budget issues will come into play. Therein will lie some of the frustrating realities facing us as we contemplate our future.

Once again I want to thank Patty Dupre, Council Member Mike Scott and the team of volunteers that made this remarkable effort possible. This survey is both historic and exceptional in its response percentage. It provides us so much to think about as we move into the formal General Plan review process. I used the analogy in our combined meeting that we on the City Council were elected and those on the Planning Commission were appointed to drive the Ivins bus. Now that we know where you, our residents, want to go, it's our job to take you there. It could be a bumpy ride at times, but we'll do our best listen to what you've said and will say and to thoughtfully respond. Let's talk about it further at the upcoming Neighborhood Meetings.

I look forward to seeing you there.



## January Agenda Items

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the January 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](http://www.ivins.com) a few 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 agenda items on the Planning Commission, please call or email Sharon Allen at 435-628-0606 or [sallen@ivins.com](mailto:sallen@ivins.com). If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or [kjimenez@ivins.com](mailto:kjimenez@ivins.com).

### Planning Commission - January 3, 2023

- Desert Willow Townhomes Concept Plan, located at approximately 400 West and Hwy 91.
- Public hearing, discussion and consideration of a Zone Amendment from RA-5 to RE-15 on approximately 17.533 acres, located at approximately Hwy 91 and 1000 West.
- Public hearing on revisions to the “goals” section of the 2022 Moderate Income Housing Plan.
- Training on Open Meetings and requirements for disclosure of conflicts.

### Planning Commission - January 17, 2023

- Possible public hearing, discussion & consideration of proposed Class V Conditional Use Permit for Mojave Village, located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane.
- Possible discussion & consideration of Mojave Village Preliminary Plan, located at approximately Fitness Way and Guy Lane.
- Continue discussion & consideration of regulations for Resort Commercial zone.

### City Council - January 5, 2023

- Desert Willow Townhomes Concept Plan, located at approximately 400 West and Hwy 91.
- Discuss & consider waterwise options vs. grass for new cemetery section.
- Discuss & consider approval of First Amendment to Development Agreement for Black Desert Resort.
- Discuss & consider FYE 2024 proposed budget schedule.
- Discuss & consider Planning Commission’s recommendation revising the “goals” section of the 2022 Moderate Income Housing Plan to cure deficiencies identified by the state.
- Continued discussion and consideration of Ord. No. 2022-18 amending Maximum Building Height Regulations for One or Two Family Dwellings.
- Election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2023.
- Training on Open Meetings and requirements for disclosure of conflicts.

### City Council - January 19, 2023

- Public hearing, discussion & consideration of Planning Commission’s recommendation revising the “goals section of the 2022 Moderate Income Housing Report.
- Possible public hearing on Planning Commission’s recommendation on a Zone Amendment from RA-5 to RE-15 on approximately 17.533 acres, located at approximately Hwy 91 and 1000 West.
- Discuss & consider Arts Commission recommendation for distribution of 2022 RAP Tax Arts Funds.
- Presentation about creating a Veteran’s Memorial at the Ivins Cemetery.

# Ivins City History

Article by: Cherise Ence Spencer

*In celebration of the 100 year settlement of Ivins I am sharing with you some of the stories about the original pioneer families of Ivins. For the next 12 months I will be putting a spotlight on each of the families and their accomplishments. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as I have. I want to thank Emma Fife who wrote "History of The Santa Clara Bench - Ivins Our Home Beneath the Red Mountain", Kay and Ellen Ence who wrote "Lillie and Milo Ence Pioneer Stalwarts", The Washington County Historical Society, and the website Familysearch.org where I am able to read and learn about all these wonderful pioneers. - Cherise*

Edward and Rhoda Frei were married Dec. 12, 1917 and they were the fifth family to move into Ivins. Before they were married Edward worked on the farm and peddled produce and also worked on the Ivins canal. In September 1921 Edward and Rhoda moved up to the Shivwits Band of Paiutes Reservation where Edward taught school and Rhoda taught the girls homemaking. Each day she prepared dinner for the school children. Edward always told his own girls that their mother was a wonderful cook. In February 1922 they moved onto the bench (Ivins). Each family had a tract of land where they raised hay and grain and each family had a garden plot next to their home. They all had several cows and a few chickens. Most of the families shipped their cream and eggs (to northern Utah). Edward Frei, along with Milo Ence, hauled wood from the West Mountain and sold it in St. George. They were able to get a contract to furnish wood for the temple, elementary, and high school. This helped make their living in the winter months.



Rhoda enjoyed playing the piano and even sang in many programs. Edward was a hard worker and always provided for the family. In 1924 a baby girl was born and in 1927, another daughter was born. In January the following year when their baby was one month old she came down with pneumonia and was seriously ill. Grandma Frei came up to help care for the baby. With her constant care and with mustard plasters she used, Grandma Frei was able to break the fever and save the baby's life. In the summer of 1930 Grandma Agnes Frei became very ill so Edward and Rhoda rented their house in Ivins and moved to Santa Clara to care for Grandma Frei, who later passed away. They had been trying to buy a home in Santa Clara since they moved down from Ivins and in December 1930 they signed the final papers. In 1931 their youngest daughter was born. Rhoda became seriously ill the next spring and summer. It was a very sad day when Rhoda died of blood poisoning on August 1, 1932 at thirty three years of age leaving three little girls - eight, four, and ten months old. Edward had a long prosperous life, he remarried and had three more children. He passed away in 1984 when he was eighty eight years old.



The Santa Clara Bench Canal was an important project for the prosperity of the families that would someday live in Ivins. Many of the local families that lived in Santa Clara helped with this project. Leo A. Snow and Clarence S. Jarvis (both civil engineers), conceived the idea of bringing water from the Santa Clara creek onto the Santa Clara Bench for irrigation purposes. They made a survey and filed an application in 1908 for thirty second feet of water. The water was to be taken out about one fourth mile above what is now known as the Winsor Dam near the site of the old Shem smelter. The first ground for the canal was broken in June 1911. Work did not commence in earnest until that fall, when most of the spring and summer work was over on the farms. This was a great undertaking, since there were eight miles of canal to be built, some of it along steep mountain sides, and some over deep ravines that would have to be flumed or siphoned. However, they went courageously to work. They had no modern equipment, as there is today. Teams of horses, plows, and scrapers along with shovels were used. During the winter months, men and boys from Santa Clara left home on Monday mornings with primitive tools and scant provisions to spend the week working on the canal. At times, inclement winter weather would delay their efforts. Leo Reber wrote – “I worked on this canal for many days, I was only fifteen years of age but we worked hard, and instead of getting money we subscribed for water stock at fifty dollars per share”. Friday or Saturday evening, they would return to spend Sunday at home and again stock up with provisions for the next week. The canal was completed in 1914, Leo wrote “It was a very thrilling experience when the water was turned in the canal and it flowed through the canal out on the large plot of land known as the Santa Clara Bench.”



# School Updates

## Red Mountain Elementary

Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

January is a great time in education! We enjoyed a nice break and are ready to get back to work.

Red Mountain Elementary has two LEGO League teams participating in the Southern Utah Qualifier on January 7th.

Both teams have been working extremely hard on their projects and robot missions. In December, both teams participated in a scrimmage at Utah Tech. They each did well in the robot games running their missions. They learned a lot from the experience that will help them at the qualifier event.

This month students will submit entries for our Evening of the Arts event. Parents can get more information from the school.

### Upcoming Events:

January 4: Teacher Prep Day

January 5: Students first day back from Winter Break

January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School



## Vista Charter School

Vista School's highly anticipated building expansion will be opening this month! It will feature a state of the art theatre with a dance studio, orchestra and choir rooms, makerspace, 3D engineering, robotics, math and science labs. The community is invited to tour this learning environment by scheduling a time at [vistautah.com](http://vistautah.com) or by calling 435-673-4110.

Our performing groups entertained for the holidays at Rocky Vista University, Sentierre Padre Canyon Resort and Tuacahn Center for the Arts in addition to performances at Vista. This month our honor choir will travel to Salt Lake City to perform.

Come enjoy Agatha Christie's longest running play, The Mousetrap. General admission tickets are on sale at [vistautah.com](http://vistautah.com). Performances will be on Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Vista hosted 18 teams from Northern Utah and 12 teams from Las Vegas for a VEX Robotics competition last month and will hold another competition this month.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Hall	435-628-0606
Animal Services	435-634-1049
Building/Zoning	435-634-9753
Justice Court	435-634-5728
Parks & Recreation	435-634-7719
Police Dispatch	435-634-5730
SCI Public Safety	
Santa Clara	435-652-1122
Public Works	435-634-0689

**Utility Payment Drop Box**  
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

<u>Post Office</u>	
Main Branch	
Santa Clara	435-628-2112
Satellite Post Office	
Ivins	435-628-1381

Washington County Landfill  
325 N Landfill Road, Washington, UT  
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
<http://www.wcsw.org/>

Reuse Center  
575 E Brigham Road, St. George, UT  
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tree branches and yard green waste (no palm leaves)

*Heritage Days*

If you would like to join the Heritage Days committee to help plan for next year, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 435-634-7719 or snash@ivins.com.

*We would love your help!*

# Parks & Recreation



## **Ivins Soccer Association – 2023 Youth Soccer - Ages 3 1/2 to 16**

Online registration for the Spring 2023 season will open January 2023 at [www.ivinssoccer.com](http://www.ivinssoccer.com). Please go to their website for more information and registration.

## **Exploring Art**

One month long class series, One 60-minute class per week. \$75 total (all supplies are included). 10 students max for each time slot.



Wednesdays - 4:30 -5:30 p.m. (ages 6-12)  
 Thursdays - 10:30 -11:30 p.m. (ages 6-12)  
 Thursdays - 12:30 -1:30 p.m. (ages 12-18)

Are you looking for opportunities to nourish your child's creative and artistic development? Would your child enjoy exploring a variety of artistic mediums and processes with a professional artist to guide them? If so, this is the class for them! This class series is centered on working through the creative process with a variety of art materials, techniques, and approaches. The goal for this month-long course is to allow students to find art mediums they most connect with, as well as to get them moving through the creative process with confidence. In this 4-week series, we will work with drawing, painting, and sculpture as we learn to better understand composition and artistic expression. Taught by local artist and life-long teacher, Darcy Lee Saxton.

\*Class activities will change each month that the class is offered, so recurring monthly registration is welcomed and encouraged.

To learn more about the instructor visit: [www.darcyleeart.com](http://www.darcyleeart.com)

## **Community Yard Sale**

Mark your calendars and start clearing out your closet! We'll be holding a community yard sale Saturday, April 15, 2023. Register ahead of time for a space to set up and sell the things you don't want cluttering up your house anymore!

Registration for Ivins City residents will open in February  
 Registration for non-Ivins City residents will open in March. More details to come.



## **Concert in the Park**

We're looking for talent to hold a concert at Ivins City Park this upcoming May! If you are ready to bring your musical act to the stage, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 435-634-7719 or snash@ivins.com .

**GOLF SCHOOL**  
 SPRING 2023 CLASSES:  
 \$170 per person

**BEGINNERS**

Tues/Thurs	March 7th - 23rd	10-11am
Tues/Thurs	April 4th - 20th	1-2pm
Tues/Thurs	May 9th - 25th	10-11am

**NOVICE PLUS**

Tues/Thurs	March 7th - 23rd	12:45-2pm
Tues/Thurs	May 9th - 25th	12:45-2pm
Saturdays	March 11th- 25th	1:45-4pm
Saturdays	April 8th-22nd	1:45-4pm

**INTERMEDIATE**

Saturdays	March 11th- 25th	10:30-12:30
Saturdays	April 8th - 22nd	10:30-12:30

SPRING 2023 SPECIALTY CLASSES:  
**EXPRESS GOLF**  
 \$220/person (includes lunch and drinks)

Friday	March 31st	10am-5pm
Friday	May 5th	10am-5pm

**WOMEN BUSINESS GOLF**  
 \$170/person

Tues/Thurs	April 11th - 27th	5-6:15pm
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**SENIOR PLUS W/ PT**  
 \$250/person

GOLF Tues/Thurs	April 4th-20th	3-4:15pm
PT Mon/Wed	April 5th - 19th	11am-12pm

Register at [golfinstituteofamerica.com](http://golfinstituteofamerica.com)  
 Contact Arnie Billingsley Golf Director  
 916-412-8606 for questions/concerns.



## **Santa Visit for Kindergartners**

Thank you so much to Santa and the Grinch for taking time to come visit the kindergartners of Red Mountain and Vista! We're so glad they were able to come read a story, sing songs and eat cookies!



Help the City reach its goal to reduce water use by 10% by 2028

**Outdoor Tip:** Adjust your irrigation timers as it cools. In January no irrigation is needed in most landscapes

**Indoor Tip:** When buying a dishwasher or clothes washer, look for one that is ENERGY STAR certified. They use less water too!

This is important to our future!  
For more tips go to: [www.ivins.com](http://www.ivins.com) or [www.Slowtheflow.org](http://www.Slowtheflow.org)



# Public Works

## What Should We Do in the Wintertime

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



The cold weather of winter is here. We should always be thinking about ways that we can be better prepared. We do live in a mild climate

where our problems with cold and freezing are minor compared with other areas further north and higher in elevation. However, we have had some tough cold spells, so, let's review a few tips:

- Pipes can freeze. Consider winterizing your irrigation system for December, January, and February. Your grass doesn't need the irrigation water and many of your bushes can survive as well.
  - Find your irrigation shutoff valve and close it. Then drain your irrigation system using a waste valve that is usually located near your shutoff valve. You may need to open an irrigation globe valve to let air into the system. You do this by loosening a screw in the top of the valve.
  - Disconnect and store hoses in a protected location like a shed or garage.
  - Cover above ground components. If you have above ground components, cover them with insulated covers or other similar protections.
- Prepare your home. Make sure you seal off drafts and have property insulation. Have your heating system serviced.
- Prepare winter essentials. Have plenty of warm blankets, gloves, hats, and other winter gear on hand in case of winter storms that can knock out power and heat. Keep some rock salt in case there is some dangerous ice on your walkways.
- Be careful during freezing weather for ice. If you live here long enough, then you forget how to drive in ice and snow. Yet, often in our mild weather we will have cold winter rains that wet the road and freeze overnight. So be cautious and careful in those conditions!
  - Also be aware that if we have a real snowstorm (yes, it does sometimes happen), that the City does not have any snow removal equipment. Instead, we rely on the weather being warm enough to melt everything the next day. In that situation, please stay home if possible and be patient as we try to assemble resources to at least salt the roads.

By following some of these tips you can be more certain to avoid some of the problems that come along with winter. Have a wonderful January!



# Construction Updates

by: Tom Jorgensen - Assistant City Engineer

Highway 91 Project: The HWY 91 project is set to begin construction in January of 2023 with an anticipated finish date projected to be August. The project entails resurfacing the roadway and adding bikelanes to HWY 91 from 200 East to Kwavasa, adding a 10' wide pedestrian trail on the north side of HWY 91 from 200 East to Fire Lake Park, and the construction of two roundabouts located at 400 West and Kwavasa. There will also be some utility improvements as well as some intersection improvements at 200 West and Main Street. Anticipate mild to moderate disruption along HWY 91 starting toward the end of January and continuing until August.

It is anticipated that the roadways and roundabouts will be done in segments. Below are the general segments and the anticipated work timeline:

- Road Segment 1 – 200 East to 400 West – late January to mid April (about 55 days)
- Road Segment 2 – 400 West Roundabout – early April to late May (about 40 days)
- Road Segment 3 – 400 West to Kwavasa – late May to early July (about 30 days)
- Road Segment 4 – Kwavasa Roundabout – late April to early June (about 40 days)

A final asphalt overlay of all road segments, between 200 East and Kwavasa, is anticipated to be done in July.

The trails are also anticipated to be done in segments, below are the general segments and the anticipated work timeline:

- Trail Segment 1 – 200 East to Main Street – late January to late February (20 days)
- Trail Segment 2 – Main Street to 400 West – early February to mid March (30 days)
- Trail Segment 3 – 400 West Roundabout – mid February to late March (35 days)
- Trail Segment 4 – 400 West to Kwavasa – late February to mid April (30 days)
- Trail Segment 5 – Kwavasa to Kayenta Parkway – mid March to mid May (50 days)
- Trail Segment 6 – Kayenta Parkway to Fire Lake Park – mid April to mid June (40 days)

This schedule is tentative and subject to change, but more accurate information will be provided each month as the project progresses.



# Pet Corner

## IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER

474 NORTH 200 WEST  
IVINS, UT 84738

PHONE: 435-628-1049

OPEN

(BY APPOINTMENT):

TUESDAY - SATURDAY

8 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter has limited adoptable pets. Please visit our Facebook Page “Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center” or “Petfinder.com” to view our adoptable pets. If you see a pet you are interested in, please call the shelter at 435-628-1049 to schedule an appointment to come meet one of our sweet fur kids.

### IVINS NO-KILL ANIMAL SUPPORTERS (INKAS)



Members of INKAS became Santa's helpers last month, bringing Christmas cheer to the Santa Clara - Ivins Animal Shelter. Stockings stuffed with toys, treats and new collars were delivered to the dogs and cats at the shelter. The dogs wagged their tails with excitement and stood on hind legs to sniff at the stockings hanging on their kennel doors. The cats tumbled over each other impatiently as they tried to be first to explore their stockings. The INKAS helpers also presented gift cards to Washington County animal rescue organizations in support of their work helping homeless animals. It is your generous support that enables us to provide assistance to these animals while they are waiting to be a part of a loving family.





# Explore the Arts in Ivins

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA

### “NATURE IN ABSTRACTION” – ART EXHIBIT

Opening reception January 4, 2023

Dates: January 4th – March 1st

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Tickets: Free

### MYKOLA SUK RETURNS

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 - \$30

### VOYAGER LECTURE SERIES

#### PREDICTING & PREVENTING DISEASE THROUGH

#### HERIDIGENE & RESEARCH

#### PRESENTED BY Dr. Derek Haslem, MD

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 - \$15

### KATE MACLEOD CONCERT

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 - \$30

### TRUE WEST, A PLAY BY SAM SHEPARD

Dates: January 26 – February 4

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 - \$35

For information and tickets: [kayentaarts.com](http://kayentaarts.com) or 435-674-2787

## Ivins Arts

### Commission Update

WEBSITE: [www.ivinsartscommission.com](http://www.ivinsartscommission.com)

EMAIL: [ivinsartscommission@ivins.com](mailto:ivinsartscommission@ivins.com)

\*Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement regarding the 2023 Art on Loan selections. The Ivins City Council will select artwork to be displayed around City Hall for a period of one year starting in April 2023.

\*Local Artists: Please complete the Artist Registry form located on our website to be notified of future calls for entry.