Ivins City Parks & Recreation - Staff Report July 2, 2015

Summer is here and it has been HOT!
We will soon have a second pickleball court functioning on the East basketball court at UNITY Park. We had another portable net system made that we can move on and off of the court as needed. We are making a few changes to the original proto type and we will soon have both portable nets available for use.

The Splash Pad is a busy place every day. We still have to remind people about plugging the drains and climbing on the water features more than we should.

Baseball has ended and Flag football registration began on July 1! There were two soccer camps held at UNITY Park in June, one the 4th, 5th & 6th and one 23rd, 24th & 25th. Approximately 200 children participated.

We are beginning work on the landscape and lighting for the roundabout at Center & Docena.
We continue working on the Parks and landscape areas, trying to keep them watered and looking good and trying to keep ahead of the weeds.
We have had some irrigation water and irrigation controller problems, but we are doing our best to deal with them.

There was a question from a resident about the parks being watered during the day.
We have been watering during the day due to the controller malfunctions in the irrigation system and some problems with the Ivins irrigation water system. We prefer to water at night, however, with the problems we have been experiencing, we have been watering during the day so that we can see what is getting watered, rather than wait for the scorched grass to tell us where the water did not come on. We will work on doing more to try to prevent the water from running off of the grass.
We have budgeted for next year to replace the old irrigation control system at UNITY Park that is causing many of the problems.
Another issue that we have is that we are using irrigation water and it is not always available to us when we would prefer to water, so we use it when it is available to us.
We are very concerned about water and we will continue to do the best we can to conserve and still keep the parks alive.

Cemetery – We did not have any burials in the month of June.
I had a conversation with a woman on June 19 about the cemetery. She had read the article in the newsletter and took issue with not being able to place decorations outside of the concrete base of the grave marker (mainly sticking the rods for decorations next to the concrete on the grave marker). I think she felt that since we had not ever removed her decorations in the past six years, that we should not ever do it. She wanted to know why we were enforcing this now. I told her that we have always tried to enforce the rules, but with such a small staff it was never a priority and now with a full staff in the parks department we could now begin to focus on more items, especially things that can help make the staff more efficient.
We have always tried to have people follow the rules, but we do not have the staff to enforce everything. We have always leaned towards being lenient knowing that it will always be a sensitive subject for people.
Currently, if we remove any items from graves we place them in a holding area where the owner can retrieve them. We want to be as efficient as we can when we mow and trim and if we have to spend a lot of time removing items that should not be there it adds time to the job.
If we can have people keep the items that they place on the graves inside of the concrete base where they will not be damaged by mowers and trimmers it will help greatly, plus it will reduce the chance of damage to people's decorations.
We have plans to review all of our Cemetery rules and then to have signs at the cemetery to remind people what they are.

Vandalism - Nothing to report! Which is very good news.