Ivins City Parks & Recreation - Staff Report July 7, 2016

Summer is here and it has been HOT!
Fire Lake Park at Ivins Reservoir has been a very popular place! So far people have been very good about keeping the beach clean by picking up after themselves and packing out most everything that they packed in! People have been getting used to the rules that do not allow dogs on the beach or in the water of the new beach and swim area (Fire Lake). Dogs are allowed in the larger part of the reservoir, but only if they are on a leash and under physical (not voice) control of the owner at all times.
The parks staff have been spending quite a lot of time picking up trash, cleaning restrooms and filling in the giant holes that people dig in the sand at Fire Lake Park.
The Parks Staff did an algae treatment on June 28 because we were starting to get algae in the swim area. This required that we close the area for at least 24 hours.
Swimmers itch has been reported in Fire Lake.

The Parks Staff have been replacing plants in parks and landscape buffers around town where plants have died over the past year or so. Some areas have required some repairs to the drip system, but everything is looking good. The plants were donated to us by St. George City when they were clearing out their greenhouse/nursery.

Staff also continues to mow, weed, trim and make repairs as needed.

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!

On June 18 UNITY Park was host to the Rockwell Relay finish. This is a bike ride from Moab to Ivins that started on Friday at 7:00 a.m. and the last Finisher came in at 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening. They had lots of games for kids, booths for those waiting for a team to finish and food for the finishers.

Cemetery – We had 3 burials in the month of June.

Vandalism – on the weekend of June 25 & 26, we did have people purposely plug toilettes and urinals and smear feces on the walls in the restrooms at Fire Lake Park. It was pretty bad and my guess is that they went and washed their hands in the water as a present to all swimmers!
So far our water tests have indicated that the water in Fire Lake is safe to swim in.