Ivins City Parks and Recreation
Staff Report November 7, 2024
Report Dates: October 1 – October 31

General Update

With the season of thankfulness here, I've been thinking about how lucky we are to have such an incredible community here in Ivins. Our parks, trails, and shared spaces aren't just places to visit, they are where we come together, make memories, and enjoy our beautiful surroundings. I'm grateful to everyone who pitches in to keep these areas vibrant, from our amazing volunteers and staff to each of you who take time to enjoy and care for them. Thanks for helping make Ivins a great place to live, connect, and play.

Recreation

Upcoming Activities:

- **Santa in the Park & Christmas Light Parade**
  Thursday, December 5 at 6pm.
  Ivins City Heritage Park will turn into a festive winter wonderland this December! The park will be decorated with lights and ornaments. This year, we want the Christmas lights to overflow from the park into a Christmas Light Parade!

  Christmas Light Parade, hot chocolate and s'mores, kids craft, Christmas music and OF COURSE meet and take a picture with Santa and his green friend the Grinch!

- **Wreaths Across America**
  Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.
  The program this year will be held on December 14th at 10am at the Ivins City Cemetery.

- **Youth Basketball**
  For youth 1st grade through 6th grade. Play begins in January

Ongoing Activities:

- **Bingo in the Park**
  Tuesdays and Thursdays, started Tuesday, October 22 will go to November 14. 5pm at the City Park pavilion. FREE



Previous Activities:

- **Halloween Bash**
  We had an incredible time at our Halloween Bash on Friday, October 25! Over 200 pumpkins were given out for kids to paint, and we served up more than 400 slices of pizza to fuel the fun. Kids enjoyed six carnival-style Halloween games; each offering candy prizes for participating. The evening was full of highlights, including a visit from the 'Reptile Lady' and her fascinating animals, a costume parade, and spooky stories to end the night.
  A huge thank you to the Police Department, Fire Department, Youth City Council, and Utah Tech students for their help in organizing and running this fantastic event!





- **Flag Football (Ages 6 to 12)**
  - 175 Players
  - 80 Games
  - 20 Teams (with 20 Volunteer Coaches)
  - 3 Flag Football Fields at UNITY Park
- **Volleyball (3rd – 8th Grade Coed)**
  - 91 Players
  - 36 Games
  - 12 Teams (with 12 Volunteer Coaches)
  - 2 Volleyball Courts at Lava Ridge School
- **Final Cross Country Meet of the Season**

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Staffing**: A new seasonal part-time employee started to assist with weed abatement and general parks maintenance tasks.
  - **Burials**: Conducted one burial and marked a burial plot for monument placement.
  - **Reservations**: Managed and followed up on over 75 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks were prepared for events like the Senior Games, Halloween Bash, Youth Football, Rugby, Softball, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed several community concerns, including weed removal, water leaks, tennis court lighting, cemetery inquiries, trail clearance, malfunctioning equipment, and reservation requests.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Shut down the splash pad for the colder months.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Sod Removal Project**: Initiated the second phase of a sod removal project at UNITY Park, with project costs to be reimbursed by the WCWCD.
  - **Sidewalk Repairs**: Filled sidewalk cracks at UNITY Park.

- **Professional Development and Trainings**
  - **SUPRA Meeting**: Hosted the Southern Utah Recreation and Parks Association at Fire Lake, providing an overview of the reservoir's history and maintenance requirements.
  - **Cemetery Expansion**: Continued preliminary design work for the expansion of Cemetery Section 6.
  - **Conferences**: The crew attended the Southern Utah Greens Conference to stay informed on industry standards and innovations.
  - **Defensive Driving**: The team participated in a defensive driving course to enhance road safety skills.
  - **Grant Applications**: Working on grants to support the purchase of Arrowhead Trail Park and to fund road access improvements to the park.



If you would like more information on any of the items on this report, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Respectfully submitted,
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