Ivins City Parks and Recreation
Staff Report December 5, 2024
Report Dates: November 1 – November 26

General Update

As the holiday season approaches, Ivins City Parks and Recreation is excited to bring our community together with some of our favorite traditions. We'll kick off the season with Santa in the Park and the Christmas Light Parade on Thursday, December 5th, featuring hot chocolate, s'mores, and visits with Santa and the Grinch. Later in the month, the 13th Annual Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run on Saturday, December 21st will keep the holiday spirit alive while promoting health and wellness.

These events are more than just celebrations—they foster community, create lasting memories, and highlight the joy of the season. Thank you for your continued support of Parks and Recreation and our mission to enhance the lives of our residents.

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Bingo in the Park**
  Every Tuesday and Thursday beginning on October 22 going through November 14 we held BINGO in the park. Yes, even on Halloween! The attendees loved it, and they can't wait for BINGO to start back up in the spring.

Ongoing Activities:

- **Youth Basketball**
  Registration has closed for our Youth Basketball leagues. This year, we have three full leagues. 222 players are registered and on teams. Games start the first full week of January.

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.



- **<u>Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run</u>**
  Mark your calendars! The 13th Annual Run Run Reindeer 5k will be Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 9:00 am at Ivins City Heritage Park. To register and learn more, visit runrunreindeer.com.

- **<u>December Yoga</u>**
  December 16-19 at the Unity Park Rec Room. Free Yoga by a certified Yoga instructor.

Parks





- **Maintenance**
    - **Staffing**: The seasonal part-time employee finishes his time on the week of Thanksgiving. He has been a huge help to the staff, and we would love to have his position upgraded to a year-round position.
    - **Burials**: Conducted one burial.
    - **Reservations**: Managed and followed up on over 60 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks were prepared for events like the Birthday Parties, Friend Gatherings, Youth Football, Rugby, Softball, and more.
    - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including downed trees, water leaks, cemetery inquiries, trail clearance, malfunctioning equipment, and reservation requests.
    - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Put up Christmas Lights at City Park, 200 East Roundabout, and changed the lights at the Horse Roundabout.
    - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
    - **Install Project**: Oversaw the installation of the landscaping at the roundabout on Highway 91 and Kwavasa Drive.
    - **Weed Removal:** Spent 4 hours a day for 3 weeks removing tumbleweeds on Highway 91.

- **Professional Development and Trainings**
    - **CPSI:** Bryan Tobler completed the Certified Playground Safety Inspector course in West Valley City. This certification is good for 3 years.
    - **Grant Submittals**: Submitted grants to support the purchase of Arrowhead Trail Park and to fund road access improvements to the park.
    - **Grant Awards:** Was awarded $400,000 to go toward the funding of the land acquisition for the Arrowhead Trail Park Property by the State of Utah's 2025 Outdoor Recreation Initiative grant.

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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