Ivins City Parks and Recreation
Staff Report March 6, 2025
Report Dates: February 1 – February 28

General Update

As we head into spring, Parks and Recreation is busy with a variety of programs, events, and maintenance projects. Winter sports are wrapping up, while preparations are underway for upcoming activities like the Red Mountain 50K, Ivins Fitness Festival, and spring youth sports. Our Parks Crew continues to maintain and improve city facilities, including seasonal maintenance, playground repairs, and landscaping projects. We are also making progress on community initiatives, including a grant application for an ADA swing set with strong local support.

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Youth Basketball**
  Our Youth Basketball leagues started on January 6 and finish on May 3 with a final tournament. We had 12 teams of 1-2 graders, 12 teams of 3-4 graders, and 5 teams of 5-6 graders. Each league was full, with eight to nine kids per team. It was an awesome year, and we saw much growth from the participants.

Ongoing Activities:

- **Art Class**
  6 Week Series: Exploring Acrylic Painting
  Dates: 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18
  11 participants

Upcoming Activities

- **Red Mountain 50K/30K/Dirty Hurty Half Marathon**
  March 1 - The 2025 Red Mountain 50k, 30k, and Dirty Hurty Half Marathon trail races incorporate amazingly scenic running dirt trails of the Santa Clara Reserve. Runners will stage at UNITY park, and the races will finish at UNITY Park in Ivins.

- **Ivins Fitness Festival**
  Monday March 31st from 5:30pm-7:30pm
  Ivins City Heritage Park
  Get ready to get active! April is World Health Awareness month and we're going to kick it off with a Fitness Festival!
  Mark your calendars now! If you have a business/organization focused on improving health and would like to be involved, please contact the P&R Dept.
  Partnered with Southwest Utah Public Health Department and IHC



- **Sloth-A-Thlon**
  Month of April
  The Slothathlon is a slower-paced version of a traditional Ironman Triathlon. Instead of only a few hours, you have a 30-day window to complete the running, biking, and swimming requirements. The purpose of this event is to help people of all skill levels to get up and move in a fun, customizable, personal, and entertaining way. Finish Line Event will be Friday, May 2 at 6pm in conjunction with Concert in the Park at 7pm.



- **Youth Baseball**
  Registration starts March 1

- **Bingo in the Park**
  Tuesdays/Thursdays from April 1st – April 24th - 5pm-5:45pm

- **Community Yard Sale**
  April 12; 9am-12pm; City Hall
  Registration begins: Resident = February 1or Non-Resident = March 1

- **Hog and Jog 5K**
  April 19
  More information at www.hogandjog5k.com/

- **Easter Egg Scramble**
  April 19
  9am
  UNITY Park

- **Heritage Days**
  Mark your calendars for September 13. Activities will be happening from September 6-13 with the big festival day on September 13.

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Community Garden:** The Parks Crew spent multiple days cleaning up the Community Garden by pruning trees, tilling the ground, cleaning up weeds, and installing a fence. Next week they will be getting a culinary tap installed at the garden for water access during the time of year that the irrigation water is turned off.



  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 1 burial and marked out headstone location for 5 headstones.
  - **Reservations**: Marked out and painted 5 soccer fields for three different tournaments. Managed and followed up on over 50 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Birthday Parties, Church groups, Youth Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Rugby, Softball, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including vegetation pruning, playground safety, cemetery inquiries, trail clearance, sight line issues, lost and found items, light pollution, weed removal, and more.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Applied pre-emergent to all areas. This will reduce the amount of weeds sprouting up in the spring.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards. Fixed the Rock Wall at UNITY park and fixed a broken corner at Red Rock Park.
  - **Horse Roundabout:** Working on an agreement with Black Desert to where they take on the maintenance of the Horse Roundabout and the 5 center islands leading into Ivins.

- **Highway 91:** RFBs for the 400 W Roundabout landscape are being accepted.
- **Landscape Inspections:** Inspections for Black Stone development irrigation and landscape.

- **Professional Development and Trainings**
  - **Pesticide Certification:** Brian Merdes passed his pesticide test. This makes all of the Parks Crew up to date on their Pesticide Applicator Licenses.
  - **Grant Submittals**: Working with the Youth Council and Council Member Scott to apply for funding to help with the purchase of an ADA swing set that comes with shade and a rubber surface for wheelchairs. Fundraising efforts have been very successful. To date, there has been a total of $15,267 pledged to be donated from 73 different individuals. The application has been sent to the State for a completeness review and will be officially submitted on 3/15/25.

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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