Ivins City Parks and Recreation
Staff Report April 3, 2025
Report Dates: March 1 – March 31

General Update

In celebration of revitalizing the Community Garden, the Heritage Days committee has chosen a fitting theme for this summer's event: *"Planting Seeds, Harvesting Community."* It's a reminder that the work we put into our community, whether it's planting in the garden, volunteering at events, or simply supporting one another, helps create a stronger, more connected Ivins.

We're incredibly grateful for the beautiful community we call home. Thank you for making Ivins such a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Let's keep planting the seeds of kindness and togetherness, the harvest will be worth it!

Recreation

Previous Activities:

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

- **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!
  Partnered with Southwest Utah Public Health Department and IHC

Ongoing Activities:

- **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.
  Free!
  Registration open March 15-April 15
  Register online at ivins.recdesk.com under PROGRAMS or in person at City Hall



- **Bingo in the Park**
  It's not spring without Bingo in the Park!
  Ivins City Park West Pavilion
  Tuesdays/Thursdays from April 1st – April 24th
  5pm-5:45pm
  FREE
  Regular prize bingo from 5-5:30pm and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45pm!
  Prizes and GRAND prizes from Harmons, Digby's, Tuacahn, FeelLove, Arctic Circle, Jersey Mikes, MoBettahs, Culvers, Chick-fil-a, Costa Vida, Pizza Hut and MORE!
  If your business would like to donate prizes, please contact the Parks and Recreation Dept.

Upcoming Activities

- **Finish Line Event**
  Come celebrate all the sloth-tastic athletes with us at our Slothathlon Finish Line event!
  Friday May 2nd at 6pm
  Ivins City Heritage Park (100N 100W)
  Then stay after for our Concert in the Park from 7-9pm!
  Live music, PRIZES, medals for finishers, food trucks

- **Concerts in the Park**
  Mark your calendars! We're looking forward to holding more fun spring nights listening to some amazing local talent!
  Friday May 2nd ***Fast Eddie***
  and
  Friday May 9th ***Runaway Fire***
  Concerts start at 7pm @ Ivins City Heritage Park
  Come early for food trucks!

- **Youth Baseball**
  Registration is open – Closes April 11
  Ages 5-8

- **Community Yard Sale**
  April 12; 9am-12pm; City Hall

- **Hog and Jog 5K**
  Saturday April 19, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
  Come out to the Hog and Jog Family Fun Run and join in the Festivities. With music on the course and Hog and Jog Selfie Stations, you'll be able to celebrate and run at the same time!
  Register at hogandjog5k.com

- **Easter Egg Scramble**
  Easter Egg Scramble – Saturday April 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. after the Hog & Jog 5k at UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field. All participants must provide their own Easter Basket.
  The divisions for this year will be:
  Division 1 - 4 years old and Under
  Children in Division 1 must have the ability to walk and pick up eggs without assistance from parents; however, one parent may be in the hunting area with their child to give guidance and direction.
  Division 2 - Ages 5, 6, 7 and 8
  Division 3 - Ages 9, 10, 11 and 12

- **Youth Summer Tennis Camp**
  A fun and organized tennis camp that offers youth the opportunity to explore skills and fundamentals of tennis in a nonjudgmental, positive environment. Come join us! Taught by local tennis pro Stephanie Judd.
  Monday June 2 – Thursday June 5
  Little Ace: 8am-8:45am (for ages 5-9)
  Big Ace: 8:45am-9:30am (for ages 10-13)
  Advanced: 9:30am-10:15am (for ages 14+)

- **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 extended a water line to provide year-round access at the Community Garden.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 4 burials and marked out headstone location for 5 headstones.
  - **Reservations**: Marked out and painted 11 soccer fields for Ivins Youth Soccer. Prepared Softball fields for two High School Softball weekend tournaments. Allowed Parowan and Enterprise HS Softball teams to use our field after they were snowed out. 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, cemetery inquiries, trail clearance, sight line issues, weed removal, dog park garbage, special events, and more.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Started mow schedule. Will be mowing areas weekly, or as needed on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Turned on all outside drinking fountains.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards. Fixed a broken swing 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. Waiting for their general council to review the draft MOU that we prepared.
  - **Highway 91:** 400 W Roundabout landscape will start soon. The Parks crew will start landscaping areas that remain from the Phase 1 road project. The first area will be along Red Mountain Terrace. Installed 5 irrigation communication devices.
  - **Landscape Inspections:** Inspections for Black Stone development and Serenity Estates' irrigation and landscape.
- **Professional Development and Trainings**
  - **Certified Arborist:** Bryan Tobler attended the International Society of Arboriculture School. He took the test to become a Certified Arborist and we are waiting for the results.
  - **Grant Submittals**: The Youth Council and Councilmember Scott helped us apply for a State grant 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 $18,522 pledged to be donated from 121 different individuals/entities. The grant application has been sent to the State and we are waiting to hear if we have received the grant.
  - **Utah Recreation and Parks Association:** Marc and Sarah participated and received continuing education at the URPA conference which was held in Washington County.

- **Parks Department In-House Training:** Joseph created a monthly in-house training program. The training for March was on Small Equipment Operations and Safety.

- **General Plan Implementation**
  - **Page 75 – Action Step #6 – Enhancing Buffers and Landscaping –** ***A plan will be developed to install landscape buffers along old Highway 91 and other key streets.***
    Created a Highway 91 Plan for Landscaping (Phase 1).
    This document includes:
    - Local Landscape Architects
    - Local Installation Contractors
    - Materials List
    - Existing properties that need to be landscaped
      - 200 E. Corner
      - Red Mt. Terrace
      - 200 W
      - Red Mt Vista
      - 400 W Roundabout
      - Indigo
      - 4 center islands

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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