Ivins City Parks and Recreation
Staff Report May 1, 2025
Report Dates: April 1 – April 30

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Bingo in the Park**
  Bingo was a big hit again this year. There was an average of 50 people who attended each night. We played Tuesdays/Thursdays in April from the 1st – April 24th
  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.

- **Community Yard Sale**
  The Community Yard Sale was on Saturday, April 12. We had 15 community members come and sell their goods in one big, localized yard sale.

- **Hog and Jog 5K**
  A great way to start an Easter Saturday morning. The Hog and Jog Family Fun Run was full of festivities, music on the course, Hog and Jog Selfie Stations, the Easter Bunny, and of course, Bacon! Everyone who participated had a great time.



- **Easter Egg Scramble**
  15,000 eggs…gone in less than 3 minutes! It was a beautiful morning with a park packed with children, parents, grandparents, and great volunteers who helped set up the event and make it special. The Youth Council was there raising money for the ADA Swing project by taking pictures of families with the Easter Bunny. We can't wait to do it again next year.

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!

- **Ivins Youth Soccer**
  The parks team mows, paints, and ensures all 11 soccer fields are in playing condition each week. This year Ivins Youth Soccer has 108 teams ranging from 3–15-year-olds. There are around 1,000 kids participating in the Ivins Youth Soccer league.

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 closed. Games start on May 14.

- **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**
  - **Projects:**
    - Built a pedestal at the Docena Roundabout for a piece of Public Art to be installed on.
    - Testing out a growth hormone to be applied to lawns that should reduce water needs and mowing needs to the turf (will report the results after the mowing season.)
    - Helped set up Ivins City's 'Featured City' Display at the County Fair.
    - Working with a bike safety group to improve safety for the multi-use path that leads into Snow Canyon Park.

        - The Parks Crew continues to help the garden maintain the water, weeds, and spreading wood chips.
        - Installed River Rocks at the Fire Lake reservoir to cover potential hazards within the reservoir.
    - **Cemetery**: Prepared 1 burials and marked out headstone location for 2 headstones. Disinterred one cremation vault.
    - **Reservations**: Marked out and painted 11 soccer fields for Ivins Youth Soccer. Managed and followed up on over 50 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Weddings, Easter Egg hunts, Pickleball Tournaments, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Youth Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse, and more.
    - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including vegetation pruning, cemetery inquiries, trail clearance, sight line issues, weed removal, water leaks, running toilets, special events, and more.
    - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Mowing areas weekly, or as needed on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Tested Fire Lake for e-Coli levels (tests came back with acceptable levels).
    - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards. Fixed broken parts of the rope climber at Ivins City Heritage Park.
    - **Highway 91:** 400 W Roundabout landscape was installed and accepted. The Parks crew started landscaping areas that remain from the Phase 1 road project. The first area was installed along Red Mountain Terrace.
    - **Landscape Inspections:** Inspections for Black Stone, Serenity Estates', Onix Canyon, Onix Valley, and Hidden Springs RV for irrigation and landscape.
- **Professional Development and Trainings**
    - **Grant Submittals**: Waiting to hear if we received the ADA Swing set grant for $38,500. Waiting to hear if we received the Arrowhead Park Road Access grant for $560,000.
    - **Employees**: Performed interviews to fill a vacant position for a Parks Maintenance Worker.

- **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 - DONE
        - 200 W
        - Red Mt Vista
        - 400 W Roundabout - DONE
        - 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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