Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report September 4, 2025
Report Dates: August 7 – September 4

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Family Movies in the Park**
  Fridays in August, Ivins City Heritage Park turned into an outdoor movie theater.
  August 1st – Brother Bear
  August 8th – Moana
  August 15 – Moana 2 (Rained out – Will make up at a later date)
  August 22nd – Cinderella

Ongoing Activities

- **Youth Flag Football**
  The age divisions for this league will be as follows:
  Ages – 5 & 6 / 39 kids registered
  Ages – 7 & 8 / 67 kids registered
  Ages – 9 to 12 / 70 kids registered
  Play begins week of Sept 15 and ends week of Oct 6. Games at UNITY Park.

- **Youth Volleyball**
  Grades 3rd-5th / 40 kids registered
  Grades 6th-8th / 56 kids registered
  Games are held on Mondays at Lava Ridge Intermediate School from Sept 15-Oct 27

Upcoming Activities

- **Heritage Days – September 6-13 – 'Planting Seeds, Harvesting Unity'**



HERITAGE DAYS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 6 - 13

Full Schedule https://ivinsutah.gov/ivins-heritage-days-2025/

Event	Location	Time
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025		
Coyote Tales	Ivins Heritage Park	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025		
Heritage Days Scavenger Hunt Begins	Ivins Heritage Park	See Website for more info
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025		
Free Swim at Sand Hollow Aquatic Center	SHAC, St. George	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025		
Youth Street Hockey Clinic	UNITY Park (400 S 400 W)	Grades 3-5 (6-6:45 p.m.) Grades 6-8 (7-7:45 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025		
Mini Miss Heritage Days Princess Pageant	Main St. LDS Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025		
National Day of Service	Various Locations	Visit website for more info
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 (IVINS HERITAGE PARK-100 N 100 W)		
Car Show	Ball Field	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Art Exhibit	Ivins City Hall (85 N Main)	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Community Dinner - JDAWGS $5.00/person	West Pavilion	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Contests on Stage	Stage	7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Talent Show	Stage	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Root Beer Floats	Ball Field	8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Movie in the Park	Ball Field	8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 (IVINS HERITAGE PARK-100 N 100 W)		
Parade	Ivins City	9:00 a.m.
Vendor Booths	Ball Field	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Pie Baking Contest	Ball Field	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
The MIXX Live Entertainment	Stage	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Home Depot Craft	West Pavilion	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Art Exhibit	Ivins City Hall (85 N Main)	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Childrens Games	East Pavilions	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Concert - Runaway Fire	Stage	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Drone Show	Ball Field	8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Face Painting - Inflatables - Pony Rides - Public Safety Open House Produce Contest - Balloon Twisting - Vista Orchestra Cake Walk - Bingo - Produce Eating Contest - Magic Show

All events are FREE unless otherwise noted

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Crew worked on pruning all the trees at Heritage Park in preparation for Heritage Days.
    - Coordinated Community Service projects – A group of approximately 70 students from Utah Tech came to Ivins on 8/16 and helped us spread wood chips at Desert Rose Park, clean up the Community Garden, and trash and weed pickup from Fire Lake. We would like to thank Tiffany from Ivins Inspired for her help with coordinating the volunteers.
    - Prepared Cemetery Section 5 for plantings under the trees. There will be a service project on 9/11 from 5-7pm at the cemetery to get the plants in the ground. Everyone is welcome to come and help.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 3 burials and marked out 3 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: Managed and followed up on over 70 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Youth Baseball, Soccer, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Special Events, Scouts, Company Picnics, Table Tennis, Kindergarten Club, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including vegetation pruning and watering, cemetery inquiries, trail maintenance, weed removal, garbage removal, water leaks, sightline issues, and more.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Weed control at all maintained properties. Mowing on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Tested Fire Lake for e-Coli levels (tests came back with acceptable levels), treated Fire Lake two times with Earthtec and Algicide. Raked the Fire Lake beach weekly.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Professional Development:** Brann Winkel (hired in May) passed his Pesticide Application Exam and received his applicators license.

- **General Plan Implementation**
  - **Appendix D – Action Step #37 – Recreation Planning and Expansion –** ***The City will ensure that parks, trails, dog parks, and recreational amenities are maintained and expanded to meet community needs.***
    - I am working with Sunrise Engineering to update the Parks and Trails Master Plan Table VII-2 which would allow us to purchase the Fitness Way Park with 100% Impact Fee funds.

- **General Council Updates**
  - The Parks Department has purchased the Tiny Mobile Robot Painter, funded through the RAP tax budget at $51,600. The final purchase price came in at $50,600. Training on the new painter is scheduled for September 2. This machine can paint a full soccer field in just 30 minutes, a task that currently takes staff about two hours to measure and paint. With 11 fields that must be laid out before each soccer season and repainted weekly, this equipment will save staff multiple hours every week and significantly improve efficiency. Some other tasks this painter can be used for are marking sprinkler heads before aerating, marking the temporary softball fence posts, and marking out booth spaces for community events. This will no-doubt improve our services.

  - I submitted the paperwork to secure a $1,500 stipend from the State, which will help fund a community event celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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