Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report November 6, 2025
Report Dates: September 4 – November 6

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Youth Flag Football**
  Great season this year. We had to cancel one night due to the proximity of lightning near the park. We made the games up at a later time.
  Ages – 5 & 6 / 39 kids registered
  Ages – 7 & 8 / 67 kids registered
  Ages – 9 to 12 / 70 kids registered

- **Youth Volleyball**
  Fun season with instruction from the High School Girls Volleyball coaches.
  Grades 3rd-5th / 40 kids registered
  Grades 6th-8th / 56 kids registered

- **Youth Cross Country**
  A little low on numbers this year. We had 8 kids registered. We hosted a regional Cross Country meet at UNITY park with teams from around the area. Those who participated had a great time.

- **Trail to Tranquility**
  Ribbon cutting event for the new multi-purpose trail that goes alongside Old Highway 91 phase 2. We had bikers, runners, walkers, and strollers join us for the ribbon cutting. We also had pancakes in the park, and prize drawings after. It was a beautiful morning for a community event.



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

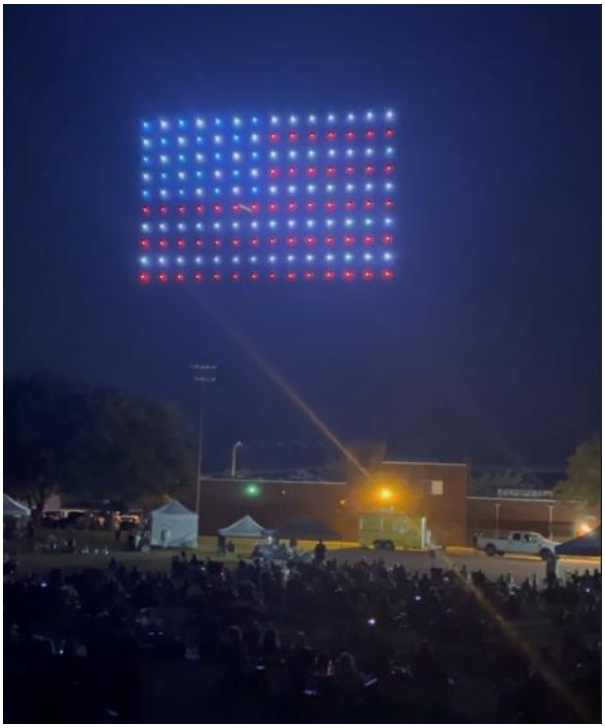














Ongoing Activities

- **Bingo in the Park**
  Come join us for some Bingo fun!
  Ivins City Heritage Park West Pavilion
  Tuesdays/Thursdays from 5-5:45pm
  October 21st to November 13th (NO Bingo on 11/11)
  Regular prize Bingo from 5-5:30pm and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45pm!
  Free! No pre-registration required

  If you know of a local business interested in donating prizes or grand prizes, please have them contact the Parks Department.

Upcoming Activities

- **Holiday Shopping Day Trip**
  Come along on a fun Las Vegas day trip to complete your holiday shopping!
  Tuesday November 18th from 9am-7pm
  Meet/return at Ivins City Hall (85 N Main St)
  $40/participant covers bus ride and snacks. Please plan to bring or purchase your own lunch.
  4 hours at Las Vegas South Premium Outlets
  Every hour, we'll take your shopping bags to the bus for you
  1 hour at the Bellagio Conservatory and Fountains
  Register online at ivins.recdesk.com or in person at City Hall

- **2026 Youth Basketball**
  Sign ups for our 2026 Youth Basketball season are open until November 14th!
  Leagues for:
  1st & 2nd Grade (coed)
  3rd Grade (coed)
  4th Grade (coed)
  5th & 6th Grade (coed)

- **Santa in the Park**
  Mark your calendars – Santa's coming to town!
  Wednesday December 3rd
  6pm
  Ivins Heritage Park (100N 100W)
  Come for hot chocolate, s'mores, kids craft, Christmas music and OF COURSE to meet and take a picture with the one and only Santa!

- **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 13th at 10am at the Ivins City Cemetery (400N 200W)

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Sod removal project at UNITY park. The Water District will pay $2 per square foot to help go toward the new landscape. We took the good sod and repaired some bad spots at Heritage Park ballfield.
    - Cemetery Section 5 – Had a community service project as part of Heritage Days. We planted 35 beds with 6 plants in each bed. The parks crew has since filled those beds in with decorative rock to give section 5 a new look.
    - Spread donated woodchips at the Community Garden and Red Rock Park to help with weed control.
    - Heritage Days – Park preparation, parade and drone show traffic control, set-up and take-down, restrooms, garbage and general cleanup during.
    - Trail Counters – Installed 2 trail counters. These counters were granted to us as part of an active transportation grant that St. George City applied for. This gives us access to the dashboard that shows data from all of the trains in the St. George and Ivins database. We installed one near the entrance to Fire Lake on Old Highway 91 and one on Snow Canyon Drive near the entrance to Snow Canyon State Park.
    - Implementing a new software for crew work orders called City Works. This will go live this week.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared6 burials and marked out 2 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: Managed and followed up on over 70 pavilion, field, and building reservations each month, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Heritage Days, Youth Baseball, Soccer, Cross Country, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Homecomings, Halloween Parties, Special Events, Scouts, Table Tennis, Kindergarten Club, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including vegetation pruning and watering, trail maintenance, weed removal, garbage removal, water leaks, improper pruning, 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).
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Professional Development:** The whole crew participated in the Southern Utah Greens conference and earned CEUs for the classes they participated in. 4 employees are earning CEUs by attending a multi-session virtual meeting from the USU and USDA on pesticide application.

- **General Plan Implementation**
  - **Appendix D – Action Step #23 – Bicycle Infrastructure and Active Transportation –** ***Bike stands will be installed at new and existing commercial developments…***
    An ordinance amendment has been drafted and moved to planning commission that will require new commercial developments to install bike stands.
  - **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 FY26 budget includes two new park maintenance workers, along with the necessary equipment to support them. We have posted the job and have received some good applicants. The interview process will begin shortly. We have also ordered two trucks, one Ford Maverick and one Ford F-150 to be included in our fleet. The combined cost of these trucks is $70,000, which matches the budgeted amount.
    - We had $22,000 budgeted for a boom lift trailer. Josh, our city mechanic found a used boom lift truck for $17,000. After he and Joseph inspected it and tested out the boom, everything checks out well. We purchased it and will use it to put up Christmas lights, do our tree work with it, and use it for street signs and poles as needed.
    - We are ready to order the ADA swing set. It is an agenda item for this meeting.

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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Ivins City Parks and Recreation Director