Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report December 4, 2025
Report Dates: November 7 – December 4

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Bingo in the Park**
  Ivins City Heritage Park West Pavilion
  Tuesdays/Thursdays from October 21st to November 13th

- **Holiday Shopping Day Trip**
  Even the rain and false fire alarms couldn't keep us from having fun during the Las Vegas day trip to complete our holiday shopping! It was held on Tuesday November 18th. We had a blast on the trip.

Ongoing Activities

- **2026 Youth Basketball**
  Teams are formed and coaches are starting practices soon for our 2026 Youth Basketball Leagues. This year we have 4 different leagues with a total of 236 kids participating and 26 volunteer coaches.
  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!

Upcoming Activities

- **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)

- **Run Run Reindeer 5K Fun Run**

Mark your calendars! The 14th Annual Run Run Reindeer 5k will be Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 9:00 am at Ivins City Heritage Park. To register and learn more, visit runrunreindeer.com.

- **2026 Youth Running Club – Grades K-8th Coed**

Join the 2026 spring Youth Running Club!
Spring club runs January – April with practices 2 or 3 times per week:
Mondays/Wednesdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm
2nd & 4th Thursdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm
All practices held at Canyon View Park (1400 N Canyon View Dr, Santa Clara, UT 84765)
Registration deadline and first practice January 5th!
$30 registration fee - Includes required jersey

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Employees:** Hired 2 new full-time employees. We welcome Barry Fant and Ashden Winder to the team!
  - **Projects:**
    - Set up Christmas lights at City Hall, 200 E Roundabout, and Docena Roundabout.
    - Marked out and painted 5 new soccer fields with the robot painter. What would've taken 3 employees one day to complete, took one employee ½ day to complete.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 4 burials and marked out 2 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: Managed and followed up on over 80 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Bingo, Youth Base/Softball, Soccer, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Special Events, Scouts, Table Tennis, Kindergarten Club, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including broken drinking fountains, gravel on pathways, fire breaks and clearance for maintenance issues, algae at Fire Lake, vegetation pruning and watering, and more.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Clean up leaves from all maintenance areas. Performing a production pruning job on all city-maintained properties. Winterized irrigation on all outdoor watering for parks and ROWs.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Professional Development:** The whole crew participated in the 2025 Utah Municipal Forestry Fall Workshop. Bryan, Kelly, Brann, and Mike earned CEUs as they participated in multiple classes of a Utah State University UDAF Pesticide webinar. The whole crew trained on how to safely operate the boom lift truck to help with Christmas lights and tree work.

- **General Plan Implementation – Both item on the agenda tonight.**

    - **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.

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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