Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report February 5, 2026
Report Dates: December 4 – February 5

Recreation



Previous Activities:

- **Santa in the Park**
  Wednesday December 3rd
  The community enjoyed a chilly evening at the park filled with hot chocolate, s'mores, kids craft, Christmas music and OF COURSE meeting and taking a picture with Santa and the Grinch!



- **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.
  We had a beautiful program this year held on December 13th at the Ivins City Cemetery

Ongoing Activities

- **2026 Youth Basketball**
  Games are in full swing for our 2026 Youth Basketball Leagues. This year we have 4 different leagues with a total of 236 kids participating and 26 volunteer coaches. We have games and practices scheduled M-Th each week.
  1st & 2nd Grade (coed)
  3rd Grade (coed)
  4th Grade (coed)
  5th & 6th Grade (coed)

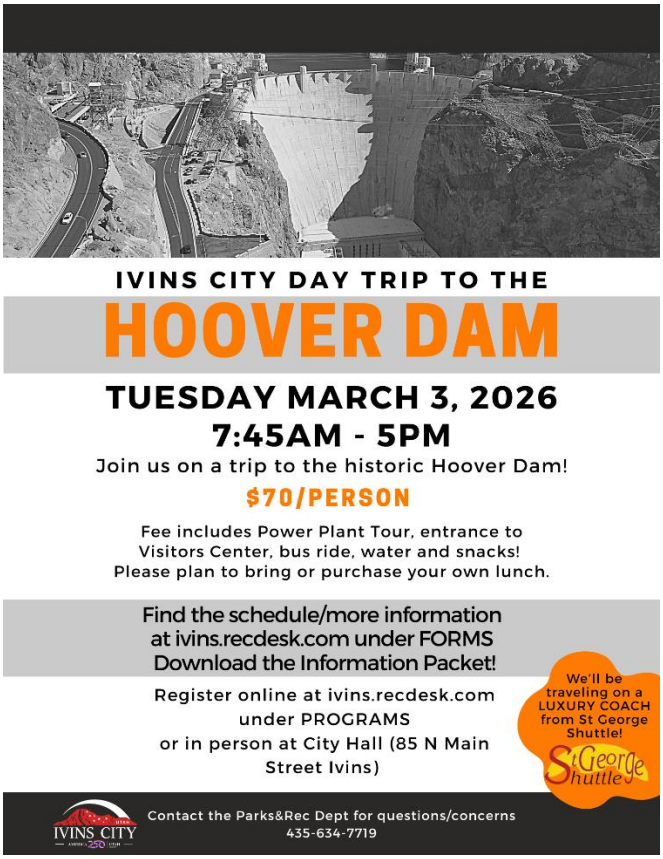
- **2026 Youth Running Club – Grades K-8th Coed**
  Spring club runs January – April with practices 2 or 3 times per week:

Upcoming Activities:

ADA Swing Set Ribbon Cutting



Day Trip to Hoover Dam



Geology Lecture



- **America250 – Ivins**
  Friday, May 8
  5pm-9pm
  Ivins City Heritage Park
  Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary
  - Family Games
  - Educational Opportunities
  - Eric Dodge in Concert

- **Fitness Festival**
  Monday, March 30
  5:30pm
  Ivins City Heritage Park
  - Wellness Fair
  - Food Trucks
  - Activities
  - Register for April's Sloth-a-Thlon

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - UNITY Park swing set installation
    - Red Rock Park Sand Volleyball court installation
    - Abby Gale Park – Cleared a 4' maintenance and fire break easement along the east side of the park.
    - Spread woodchips at City Park
    - Helped set up / clean up city events like the Run Run Reindeer and the Santa in the Park
    - Cleaned up Christmas lights at City Hall, 200 E Roundabout, and Docena Roundabout.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 3 burials and marked out 3 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Community Garden:** We have 18 out of 19 plots booked for the 2026 planting year. Lorraine, our Garden Master, is doing a wonderful job helping the gardeners learn and grow together.
  - **Reservations**: Managed and followed up on over 100 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Christmas parties, Youth Base/Softball, Soccer, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Special Events, Scouts, Table Tennis, Kindergarten Club, Yoga, HOA meetings, and more. Prepared fields for 2 weekend soccer tournaments with teams coming in from all over the region.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including firework debris, tree relocations, inspections, general information, and pruning.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Was able to make it through all of the City Parks for production pruning. (Was never able to make it through all of the City Parks in the scheduled time before the new employees!) Clean up leaves and dumpsters full of tumbleweeds from all maintenance areas. Trying to apply pre-emergent spray in all areas to keep weeds from growing over the next 6 months.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Professional Development:** 3 employees attended the Northern Utah Nursery and Landscape Association conference. Kelly attended the Certified Playground Safety Inspector course and tested on it. The crew was trained on the proper way to operate the Boom Lift truck and the Robot painter, as well as received monthly in-house trainings.
  - **Working with others:** Working with Black Desert on a concept landscape design for the new roundabout on Snow Canyon Parkway. Attended the Southern Utah Recreation and Parks Association meeting.

- **General Plan Implementation – Both item on the agenda tonight.**
  - **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.***
    - Had a walkthrough with a landscape architect to start designing Chinle Park.

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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