Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report March 5, 2026
Report Dates: February 5 – March 5

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **ADA Swing Set Ribbon Cutting**
  We had a wonderful turnout to our ribbon cutting event. The weather and the free hot dogs brought out the people. We would like to thank all of the many people who donated to make this project a reality. Over 100 people donated money toward the project, and we raised over $19,000 to help fund the swing set. The swings are being used non-stop by the residents and we are happy with the way they turned out.

- **2026 Youth Basketball**
  Games finish Monday, March 2 for our 2026 Youth Basketball Leagues. This year we had 4 different leagues with a total of 236 kids participating and 26 volunteer coaches.

- **Day Trip to Hoover Dam – March 3**
  As of February 26, we have 40 people heading to the Hoover Dam. I will report in the meeting how it went, because as of the time I need to submit this report, it hasn't happened yet.

Ongoing Activities

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

Upcoming Activities:

Geology Lecture



Fitness Festival

Get ready to get active! April is World Health Awareness month and we're going to kick it off with a Fitness Festival!
Monday March 30th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Ivins Heritage Park (100N 100W)
Come for food, games and to learn more about how to get healthy!

If you have a business/organization focused on improving health and would like to be involved, sign up at: https://forms.gle/YpkSPLTSAjSdyXp98
Partnered with Southwest Utah Public Health Department



Slothathlon

Follow a sloth's example and join our slow-paced Ironman over the month of April! Instead of only a few hours, you'll have 30 days to complete the running/biking/swimming of a triathlon.
You can complete the Full, Half or Sprint Slothathlon. Alternative activities available.
Register for FREE at https://forms.gle/y9QGf3dhPaQEweoR9



Finish Line Event

Come celebrate all the sloth-tastic athletes with us at our Slothathlon Finish Line event!
Friday May 1st 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

Youth Baseball Registration

2026 Ivins Youth Baseball registration open March 1st – April 10th
Games will be at UNITY Park from mid-May to mid-June

T-ball – Ages 5&6	$30
Coach Pitch – Ages 7&8	$30
Machine Pitch – Ages 9&10	$35

Register online at ivins.recdesk.com or in person at City Hall

Teen Blacklight Easter Egg Hunt



2026 Hop and Jog 5k Fun Run
Saturday April 4th at 8am
Come out to the Hop and Jog Family Fun Run!
Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/UT/Ivins/HogAndJogK

2026 Easter Egg Scramble
Saturday April 4th at 9:00 a.m. after the Hop & Jog 5k at UNITY Park (200 W 400 S) on the large baseball/soccer field.
All participants must provide their own Easter Basket.

Ages Groups:
Ages 4 & under (must have the ability to walk and pick up eggs without assistance from parents. One parent may be in the hunting area with their child to give guidance and direction)
Ages 5, 6, 7 and 8 No parent help!
Ages 9, 10, 11 and 12 No parent help!

American 250 Event



Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Fixed drainage along Tanaya Sands on Center Street
    - Concreted the inlet at Fire Lake Park
    - Spread woodchips at City Park
    - Relocated donated trees from residents home to parks. Also from new Snow Canyon Pkw. Center island to the roundabout.
    - Grind concrete lip at skate park for safety
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 4 burials and marked out 3 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Community Garden:** We full with 19 plots booked for the 2026 planting year. Parks crew continues to help with maintenance and spreading compost at the community garden.
  - **Reservations**: At UNITY Park alone, we hosted three weekend soccer tournaments for a total of 219 games played. Managed and followed up on over 50 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Yoga, Youth Base/Softball, Soccer, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Special Events, Scouts, Table Tennis, Kindergarten Club, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including weed cleanup, dead tree removals, broken sinks, vandalism, and general information.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Professional Development:** 3 employees attended the Qualified Water Efficient Landscape (QWEL) classes and tested to receive the certification. Crew received monthly in-house trainings.

- **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 meeting with the Fire Station architect to start designing the transition between the Fire Station and Heritage 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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Ivins City Parks and Recreation Director