Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report April 2, 2026
Report Dates: March 5 – April 2

Recreation

Previous Activities:

Geology Lecture
Around 70 people attended the Geology Lecture presented by local expert Marc Deshowitz. He taught us about the geology of the White Pocket, Paria Plateau in Arizona. If you would like to watch his presentation, reach out to me and I can send it to you.

Fitness Festival



Ongoing Activities:

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



Upcoming Activities:

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



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!

Arbor Day Event
Grab your gloves and come celebrate Arbor Day with Ivins Parks and Recreation!
Friday April 24th
5 PM
UNITY Park
Tree planting demonstration, drinks, and snacks will be provided.



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

American 250 Event



Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Aerated lawns
    - Turned on all water and drinking fountains due to the heat that came in early
    - Finished the concrete inlet at Fire Lake Park
    - Spread woodchips at City Park
    - Burned tumbleweeds on the Hamblin Parkway right-of-way near Highway 91
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 2 burials and marked out 4 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: UNITY park hosted the finish line of the Red Mountain 50K/30K/Half Marathon. Hosted a Snow Canyon High School Softball Tournament and a Rocky Mountain School of Baseball Tournament. Prepared and painted 11 fields for Ivins Youth Soccer. Managed and followed up on over 75 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, mostly involving weed cleanup.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards. Installed a slide that was purchased as a replacement for a broken slide.
  - **Professional Development:** Marc, Sarah, and Joseph attended the Utah Recreation and Parks Association Conference in St. George. We are hiring for an open Parks Maintenance position.
  - **Equipment:** Our minitruck was delivered. It will be our main piece of equipment for spraying weeds.

- **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.
        - Had a meeting with the Chile Park landscape architects who have started their design on the 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