Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report May 7, 2026
Report Dates: April 3 – May 7

Recreation



Previous Activities:

Teen Blacklight Easter Egg Hunt

Around 350 teenagers from the area joined us for our first ever Teen Blacklight Egg Hunt. They all had a blast!





2026 Easter Egg Scramble
15,000 eggs took an hour to spread out, and 30 seconds to pick up.

Yard Sale
21 community members brought their goods to be sold and hundreds of community members came out to search for some new treasures.

Finish Line Event
We celebrated all the sloth-tastic athletes with us at our Slothathlon Finish Line event on Friday May 1st. It was a fun night with Live music, PRIZES, medals for finishers, food trucks

Slothathlon

This year we had 88 officially register for the Sloth-a-thlon. April was a perfect month for it, as most days were great weather to get out and be active.



BINGO in the Park

Tuesdays and Thursdays in April were busy with BINGO in the park. An average of 60 people each evening showed up for their chance to play BINGO together and win prizes mostly provided by local businesses.

Ongoing Activities:

Youth Baseball

130 kids are registered for our 2026 Ivins Youth Baseball
Games will be at UNITY Park from mid-May to mid-June
T-ball – Ages 5&6
Coach Pitch – Ages 7&8
Machine Pitch – Ages 9&10

Upcoming Activities:

American 250 Event



Parks

Arbor Day Event

Friday April 24th, we had about 70 volunteers help us plant 92 trees at UNITY Park. We would like to thank all those who attended and helped us fill in the gaps around the park. We are well on our way to planting 250 trees this year for the America 250 celebration.



Ivins City Park Superintendent and Arborist Joseph Rawlinson demonstrates the steps in planting a tree for volunteers at Arbor Day project at Unity Park.



Vounteers of all ages joined in to improve Ivins with new trees to offer shade, beauty and privacy for neighbors across the street from the park.

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Completed the Cemetery Fence in Section 5
    - Tested and treated Fire Lake swimming area for E-Coli. All levels came back acceptable.
    - Set out and check traps for gophers at the Community Garden.
    - Sandblasted the hard water stains on the splashpad. Will repaint the fixtures this spring, and the surface this fall. Splash pad will open the first week of May, after the paint on the fixtures cures.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 3 burials and marked out 1 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: Helped prepare the parks for multiple community events including: Hop and Jog 5K, Teen Easter Egg Hunt, Family Easter Egg Scramble, Ivins Soccer, Community Yard Sale, Cross Country meet, Arbor Day, Sloth-a-thlon finish line/concert in the park. Other reservations include 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 involving weed cleanup, park access, dog park shelter, gophers, water leaks, and more.
  - **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.
  - **Employees:** We would like to welcome our new hire, Robert Ramsey. He has been a great fit thus far.
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- **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 multiple meetings with the Fire Station architect and Landscape architects 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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