Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report August 6, 2026
Report Dates: June 4 – August 6

Recreation

- Working on hiring a Recreation Intern. We have one candidate that we have sent an offer letter to.

Previous Activities:

Freedom Truck – June 4-5
767 people attended the Freedom Truck in two days it was in Ivins. It was nice to have it stationed next to the Veterans Home so the staff could take the residents out and see the exhibits inside the truck.

Declaration of Independence Family Night
This was a fun community event organized by a local resident, Stacie Mehr. There were nearly 100 people in attendance. She asked the Youth City Council and the Scouts to help with the presentation and activities. Those who were in attendance learned some new things and had fun with the interactive activities.

Youth Baseball
130 kids – Ended on June 10
Leagues included
T-ball – Ages 5&6
Coach Pitch – Ages 7&8
Machine Pitch – Ages 9&10

Utah Jazz Player Appearance
For the first time, Ivins City was included in the Utah Jazz summer road trip. On June 22, former player CJ Miles came to Ivins to host a free clinic that included instruction, games, contests, autographs, and pictures.

JULY – National Parks and Recreation Month
We were able to share some informational posts online highlighting the importance of Parks and Recreation in a community.
It was fun getting together with some of the city staff on their lunch break to cool off with an Italian Ice Pop and chat to get to know them better.

Day Trip to Shakespeare Festival
Wednesday July 15, 2026
16 people ended up going on this trip with us. They enjoyed a backstage tour, a ticket to Something Rotten! play, bus ride, snacks, and activities on the bus.

Teen Water Bash









Upcoming Activities:

Heritage Days 2026



Volleyball
Registration open through August 7th for youth volleyball program! You can register online at ivins.recdesk.com or in person at City Hall (85 N Main St).
Registration Fee: $30
Grades 3rd-8th Co-ed
Games held Mondays at Lava Ridge Intermediate School from Sept 14-Oct 19
All games at Lava Ridge Intermediate School

Flag Football
Registration open through August 7th for our youth flag football leagues! You can register online at ivins.recdesk.com or in person at City Hall (85 N Main St).
Registration Fee: $30
The age divisions for this league will be as follows:
Ages – 5 & 6 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Ages – 7 & 8 Coed (Mondays & Wednesdays)
Ages – 9 & 10 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Ages – 11 & 12 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Ages determined as of October 31, 2026
Play begins week of Sept 14 and ends week of Oct 15. No games during Fall Break. Games at UNITY Park.

Family Movies in the Park
Friday evenings beginning August 1st and continuing until August 22nd the Ivins City Heritage Park baseball field will again become an outdoor movie theater! We will be showing family features, and it is free. Start time is approximately 8:30 p.m. (or when it is dark enough).
August 7th – Matilda
August 14th – Cars
August 21st – Lego Batman
August 28th –Zootopia 2

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Installed the Animal Shelter Landscape (One tree died and will be replaced either during the fall planting season, or right before the open house, whichever comes first.)
    - Tested and treated Fire Lake swimming area for E-Coli. All levels came back acceptable.
    - Stained the new concrete fence pillars at the cemetery.
    - Set up traffic control on HWY 91 and cleaned up the two medians next to Rachel Drive and Pioneer Parkway.
    - Set up and continually monitor traffic control for the landscape installation at Snow Canyon Parkway and Hamblin Parkway.
    - Set up for fireworks and cleaned up after July 24. The public was very respectful and left the area in good shape.
    - Inspected Black Stone who passed their 1-year warranty. We now are responsible for their landscape maintenance along Hamblin Parkway.
    - Mow, prune, spray for weeds, spray for bugs.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 6 burials and marked out 3 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: Helped prepare the parks for multiple community events including the Teen Water Bash, Police Day Camps, City Recreation Baseball/TBall/Machine Pitch. Other reservations include pavilion, field, and building reservations soccer, birthday parties, church groups, scouts, table tennis, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**:
    - Addressed community concerns and inquiries involving weed cleanup, tamarisk removal, trees, wasps, sight lines, water leaks, and more.
    - Local resident Deb Larson is willing to donate ~$4,000 to resurface the pickleball courts at Desert Rose Park in honor of her late husband who the two of them loved pickleball. The total cost of the project is $14,226.
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Employees:**
    - Hired a new employee to replace Terry Erickson who retired. We would like to welcome Ivins resident David Falconburg to the team.
    - Attended a SURPA meeting in Washington City at their new All Wheels Park to hear about the lessons learned from building a 13-million-dollar park.
    - Attended City Leadership Training.
    - Whole crew was trained and earned their CPR/First Aid/AED certification. Thanks to our awesome Fire Department staff for training us.
  - **Equipment:**
    - Bought a used chipper from a local tree company. We have been using Santa Clara's old chipper. With the increase of landscaped space, it was time to purchase our own. It will be well used throughout the year.

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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