Ivins City Parks and Recreation

Staff Report November 5, 2026
Report Dates: October 1 – November 5

Previous Activities:

Volleyball
Grades 3rd-8th Co-ed – 96 participants, 12 volunteer coaches

Flag Football
The age divisions for this league were as follows:
Ages – 5 & 6 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays) – 68 participants, 8 volunteer coaches
Ages – 7 & 8 Coed (Mondays & Wednesdays) – 56 participants, 6 volunteer coaches
Ages – 9 & 10 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays) - 54 participants, 6 volunteer coaches
Ages – 11 & 12 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays) – 28 participants, 4 volunteer coaches

Current Activities:

Pickleball
Jonathan Gonzales, our Recreation Intern, has started our first ever Pickleball league. We have 2 divisions, beginner and intermediate. The beginner league has 13 participants, and the intermediate league has 20 registered with 3 on a waiting list. We are super excited to continue this program for years to come. We need to build a pickleball complex if we want to expand our offerings. We are currently renting the court space from Santa Clara for these leagues.



Bingo in the Park
Come join us for some Bingo fun!

Ivins City Heritage Park West Pavilion
Tuesdays/Thursdays from 5-5:45pm
October 20th to November 12th
Regular prize Bingo from 5-5:30pm and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45pm!
Free! No pre-registration required

If you know of a local business interested in donating prizes or grand prizes, please have them contact the Parks Department.

Upcoming Activities:





2027 Youth Basketball Registration Open

Sign ups for our 2027 Youth Basketball season are open!
Find more information and sign up online at ivins.recdesk.com
For grades 1st-6th
Games at Lava Ridge Intermediate School

Reptile Club

Shell-ebrate the holidays with us as we kick off Reptile Club!
Wednesday, November 11th
Wednesday, December 9th
5:30pm-7pm
UNITY Park Recreation Room - 400S 200W Ivins, UT

Reptile Club is THE place to learn about, and share, your love of reptiles. Join Lacey, owner of Leaping Lizards Reptile Experience, as she and her scaly friends explore the wonderful world of all things reptile. Each club night we will have an animal or two join us for up close encounters, do a fun craft or activity, and have all kinds of wild fun!



Parks

Tennis and Pickleball Courts resurfaced

The tennis courts at UNITY Park and the pickleball courts at Desert Rose Park have been resurfaced and are officially ready for public play!

This project was partially paid for by a generous donation from a local resident – Deb Larson

"In Memory of Mike Richardson" who loved playing pickleball at the Desert Rose courts!

We are so grateful for this donation that helped push this project forward. The rest of the cost was covered by R.A.P. Tax funds.
We may be a little biased, but it's hard to beat the views from these courts. There's something special about getting out, playing your favorite sport, and enjoying the incredible red rock scenery that makes Ivins such a great place to live.
Grab your racket or paddle and come enjoy the parks!





- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Planted trees, mow, prune, aerate, spread woodchips for weed control, fix irrigation, spray for weeds, spray for bugs, dial back water for wet/cold weather.
    - Shut down splash pad for the winter
    - Hosted a field trip in the park for Red Mountain Elementary 1st graders.
    - Working with the Up and Atom homeschool group on the revitalization of Mojave Estates Park and Community Garden. https://www.abc4.com/news/ivins-kids-park-proposal/
    - Did a walking tour of Fire Lake with St. George News to highlight the park. The episode should air in November.
  - **Community Garden:**
    - Taking registrations for the 2027 season. Will continue to plant at the 200 East Garden while the Main St. Garden gets improved.

- **Cemetery**: Prepared 1 burial. Fixed section 5 after the rainwater washed out portions of the chat. Mowed, trimmed, weeded, pruned, watered.
- **Reservations**: Helped prepare the parks for multiple reservations including Halloween special event, Sr. Games softball and races, pavilions, baseball fields, building reservations, flag and tackle football, birthday parties, church groups, scouts, table tennis, RVU intramurals, and more.
- **Citizen Requests**:
    - Addressed community concerns and inquiries involving cameras in the parks, weed cleanup, Fire Lake water levels, sight line issues, trail cleanup after rain, water leaks, and more.
- **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
- **Employees:**
    - Barry and Brann took the Traffic Control Technician course. Barry earned his Technician Certification
    - Barry and Rober took their Pesticide Applicator test. Barry earned his Applicator License. (Waiting on the results for Robert)
    - The whole crew went to the Defensive Driving Training put on by the ULGT.
    - Joseph presented a “Lessons Learned from Installing Water Wise Landscape” at the Southern Utah Greens Conference.

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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