

IVINS CITY NEWS

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS - GENERAL PLAN 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION	DATES
East of 200 East	October 11 - (Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87513629527) October 25 - (Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82290865000)
200 East to 400 West	October 12 - (Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82376380115) October 26 - (Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89661968429)
West of 400 West	October 13 - (Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330732161) October 27 - (Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87806027504)

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Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.
Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

Planning Commission

October 18, 2022

City Council

October 20, 2022

Arts Commission

October 12, 2022

Blu Can Dates:

October 10, 2022
October 24, 2022

Dumpster Dates:

October 15, 2022



LET'S PLAN IVINS FUTURE TOGETHER

ARTICLE BY:
CHRIS HART, MAYOR

As we move forward with our General Plan Review the City Council hopes to obtain as much input and information from you our residents as we can, so we are currently launching our "Planning Ivins Future Together" campaign. It will commence with a series of Town Hall Meetings to informally discuss our vision for the future and subsequently talk about possible revisions to the details of our current General Plan. Following the Town Hall Meetings you will receive a survey form containing specific questions and soliciting your personal opinions that will be mailed to every residence in the city with postage pre-paid return envelopes included.

The Town Hall Meetings will take place on Tuesday, October 11th and 25th for residents living east of 200 East, on Wednesday, October 12th and 26th for residents living between 200 East and 400 West and Thursday, October 13th and 27th for residents living west of 400 West similar to the way we have historically held our annual Neighborhood Meetings in an effort to not exceed the capacity of our Council Chambers. However, any resident can attend any meeting as your schedule permits. The object is to hear from as many of you as we can so please come when you can regardless of the suggested dates. These meetings will also be available via Zoom for those who cannot physically attend. The list of Zoom invitations by sequence of dates is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

I have asked Judy Gubler, our former City Manager who masterfully conducted the first two General Plan Reviews that I participated in, to facilitate the Town Hall Meeting series and subsequently report to the Planning Commission and City Council. Thankfully she has agreed to do that and I couldn't be happier about it. She lived here for nearly twenty years, knows and loves the community and clearly understands the function of City Government and the importance of the General Plan in its decision making process.

The first series of meetings will focus on our vision for the future. The vision statement in our existing General Plan has guided my actions, our Planning Commission's recommendations and City Council's decisions for as long as I can remember. Some of you, however, are concerned that we may not have followed it as well as we should have so this is our opportunity to clarify that vision to better direct our discussions and decisions in the future.



The City Council and Planning Commission Members have been urged to attend all the Town Hall Meetings. The Council decided that we should be the "Committee" that oversaw this process and we want to fulfill that assignment. Because we will likely have quorums of both bodies present, according to "Open Meetings Act" provisions we will not be able to participate in the discussion but will be seated on the sidelines listening to what you have to say.

We deeply desire to hear from a wide cross section of our residents so please, please, please come to one or more of these meetings regardless of where you live in the city, how long you've lived here or plan to stay, your age or your family make up. We want to hear from all of you.

The follow up survey is being created now. It will contain a series of questions and provide space for you to write down your opinions and suggestions. It will arrive at every residential address in Ivins City around the first of November in an envelope clearly marked "Let's Plan Ivins Future Together" with the Ivins Logo on the front. Please don't toss it out as junk mail. It will only require a few minutes of your time to fill it out after which we'd ask you to place the completed form in the postage pre-paid envelope that will be included in the packet and drop it in the mail box. The return envelope will include a coded number rather than your return address to protect your privacy. The code will only help us establish the general areas of the city from which the responses are coming.

The survey form is intended to be a one-per-household questionnaire to promote a voting-like fair representation of the opinions of the entirety of our community. It will be printed on colored, water marked paper to prevent duplication and the return envelopes will also be colored to allow our staff to easily separate them from the usual city mail. The survey forms will be received and processed through the month of November with the results hopefully being published and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council the first week in December.

From that point the Planning Commission will move forward with their discussions leading to their drafting of an amended General Plan that will become the focus of a formal Public Hearing following which they will make a formal recommendation to the City Council detailing their proposed changes to the existing General Plan. The City Council will then go through their separate discussions, also hold a formal public hearing on their draft, and eventually adopt the revised General Plan from which we will take our marching orders for the next several years.

Thank you for being willing to be a part of this process. After all It is "our community" and we should "Plan Ivins Future Together".



OCTOBER AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the October Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website www.ivins.com a few days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the Planning Commission, please call or email Sharon Allen at 435-628-0606 or sallen@ivins.com. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or kjimenez@ivins.com.

Planning Commission October 18, 2022

- Discuss & consider approval of Black Desert Resort North Village Final Plat located at approximately Snow Canyon Parkway and Hamblin Parkway.

City Council October 20, 2022

- Continued discussion regarding a Zone Change for approximately 9.618 acres near Guy Lane and Fitness Way from R-1-5 and R-M to RC
- Continued discussion & consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation not to amend Building Heights.
- Discussion regarding the status of updating the General Plan.
- Continued discussion regarding requirements for existing Short-Term Rentals in an Overlay district.
- Consider approval of Resolution 2022-18R adopting the 2022 Five County Association of Governments Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Discussion to provide an update on the water situation.



Ivins City History

Article by: Cherise Ence Spencer

In celebration of the 100 year settlement of Ivins I am sharing with you some of the stories about the original pioneer families of Ivins. For the next 12 months I will be putting a spotlight on each of the families and their accomplishments. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as I have. I want to thank Emma Fife who wrote "History of The Santa Clara Bench - Ivins Our Home Beneath the Red Mountain", Kay and Ellen Ence who wrote "Lillie and Milo Ence Pioneer Stalwarts", The Washington County Historical Society, and the website Familysearch.org where I am able to read and learn about all these wonderful pioneers.

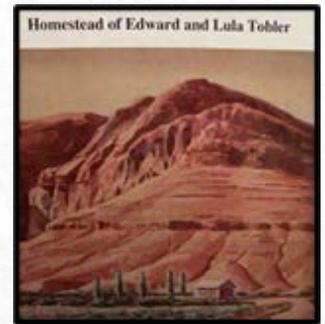


Edward and Lula Tobler: They were the second family to move to Ivins with their family in 1922. Ed had been living on the homestead near what is now Tuacahn, in a one-room cabin before his marriage to Lula; after Ed and Lula had married in January 1920, they lived in Santa Clara for about a year and then moved out to the homestead. Once Ed and Lula heard about the new townsite they knew they wanted to move from the homestead to the Santa Clara Bench. From Lula Tobler history: "My husband had his free lot and bought another at the side of it, and he fenced these lots and planted a little garden here that summer. The lots were fenced with barbed wire. I remember how proud he was when he brought me some new potatoes from this garden.

He also went down to the creek and got some small box elder and cottonwood trees which he planted along the West and South sides of our lots for shade. They grew real nice that first year. He also planted some Carolina Poplars. Ed moved the little one-room house over from the homestead on our lots, and on January 22, 1922, we loaded up our few belongings in our lumber wagon and moved on this new barren town site, or what was then known as the Santa Clara Bench.

My sister, Tilda (Matilda) and family had preceded us by one week. We just had our little daughter Verlene at this time. That spring we planted gardens again, also more shade trees. We two families lived alone for four months before anyone else came.

We lived in this little one room house for about a year until my husband was able to make adobes and build a three-room house for us the next winter. We thought we had a mansion then. We moved in sometime in early spring. At that time there was no electricity and no plumbing or bathroom in our house. We dipped water from the ditch into barrels, which we used for drinking and culinary use. Sometimes the kids would wash their hands in it, which made it very flavorful."



After their three bedroom home was completed in 1923 the city of Ivins (Santa Clara Bench) was able to create a post office so they turned their one bedroom cabin that they had lived in into the post office. Lula was the Postmaster and Alden Gray was the first mail carrier. Ed made little wooden boxes for each family; the service was rather meager at the time. Alden would go to Santa Clara by horseback to deliver the outgoing mail and bring back the incoming mail.

It was said that Edward Tobler was a very good husband and father. He was also a very beautiful singer and was always asked to sing at any special event. In the spring of 1938 Ed became quite ill. His health was never good, but that spring he got worse. In June Ed passed away leaving Lula with three young girls to raise alone. At that time she gave up the post office because it didn't provide enough to support her and her girls, so they moved to Santa Clara where she got a job making school lunches for \$45.00 a month. It was always a struggle to make ends meet. She moved to Salt Lake City to try her luck there after two of her girls had already moved to that area. She didn't like the city life and decided to move back to Santa Clara. Lula never remarried and passed away in 1979 at age 84. One of her last pieces of advice was "I have learned to take things as they come. There isn't anything you can do about it. The thought of meeting my husband again (after death) is all that keeps me going."



School Updates

Red Mountain Elementary Jennifer Leavitt, Principal

Students and staff are hard at work at Red Mountain Elementary. One of the ways we help our students be successful is by offering differentiated instruction through interventions. We are able to do this because of the dedication of our wonderful staff and teachers. We are currently looking for individuals who would like to be a part of this team. We have the following positions open for this school year:

- 1 paraprofessional to teach our weekly digital lessons - 20 hours per week
 - 1 Special education paraprofessional - 25 hours per week
 - 1 Kindergarten paraprofessional - 15 hours per week
 - 1 ESL paraprofessional - 15 hours per week
 - 1 Behavior Tech - 27.5 hours per week
- If you love kids and would like to join our team please apply at washk12.org.

Upcoming events:

- October 13 & 14 - Fall Break: No School
- October 17 - Teacher Prep Day - No School
- October 28 - Teacher Collaborative Day - No School
- October 31 - Halloween Parade in the morning



Vista Charter School Chris Barnum, Principal

Bring your family to enjoy STEM Night on Monday, October 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. STEM Night is an evening of hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities for students and their families. There is no cost and all are welcome!

Tickets for Vista's production of Nutcracker will be on sale Tuesday, October 18, at www.vistautah.com. Enjoy stellar dance performances, several of which will be accompanied by Vista's Advanced Orchestra.

Vista School's new building will be ready in the next few months! Be part of Vista's history while supporting the performing arts! For a donation of \$500 or more, you will receive a custom engraved plaque on a theatre chair. Create a lasting legacy by dedicating a seat to family, a business, or a friend. Go to <https://vista-school.square.site>, then scroll down to Sponsor a Seat. Contact the Business Office at 435-673-4110 with any questions.

Vista is looking for bus drivers to help with field trips and as substitute drivers. If you have a commercial driver's license (CDL) with P (passenger) and S (school bus) endorsements, Vista would love to have help part time. Please contact Mrs. Duran at nduran@vistautah.com or come to the school office.

Dance and Theatre students spent two full days at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, competing with other middle and high schools and enjoying educational workshops.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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City Hall	435-628-0606
Animal Services	435-634-1049
Building/Zoning	435-634-9753
Justice Court	435-634-5728
Parks & Recreation	435-634-7719
Police Dispatch	435-634-5730
SCI Public Safety	
Santa Clara	435-652-1122
Public Works	435-634-0689

Utility Payment Drop Box
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

Post Office
Main Branch
Santa Clara 435-628-2112
Satellite Post Office
Ivins 435-628-1381

Washington County Landfill
325 N Landfill Road, Washington, UT
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<http://www.wcs.wv.org/>

Reuse Center
575 E Brigham Road, St. George, UT
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tree branches and yard green waste (no palm leaves)

Parks and Recreation

2023 Youth Basketball Registration Begins in October

1st & 2nd Grade Division (co-ed) Thursday Evenings
 3rd & 4th Grade Division (co-ed) Tuesday Evenings
 Registration begins – October 1
 Registration ends – November 11
 Play begins in January
 We will not be taking teammate requests. Siblings will be placed on the same team.

Heritage Days

Big thanks to everyone who participated in Heritage Days this year! We had a blast Celebrating a Century of Community!

If you would like to join the Heritage Days committee to help plan for next year, please contact the Parks and Recreation Dept at 435-634-7719 or snash@ivins.com. We would love your help!



Parade Winners:

1st Place – Kay and Ellen Ence Family
 2nd Place – Tuacahn Center for the Arts
 3rd Place – Reuben and Mata Ence Family

Art Exhibit Winners:

Mayor’s Choice Award – Liz Forney “Starry Starry Night”
 People’s Choice Award – Ben Blake “Memories of Ivins”
 Youth Winners – Christensen and Rider children



Cornhole Winners:

Youth Tournament

1st Place – Bentley Jensen & partner
 2nd Place – Preston Hiatt & partner
 3rd Place – Avereë Chapin & partner

Adult Tournament

1st Place – Colby Jensen & partner
 2nd Place – JR Morgan & partner
 3rd Place – Randy Miller & partner



BINGO IN THE PARK

Come join us for some Bingo fun!

Location: Ivins City Heritage Park East Pavilions

Dates: October 25th to November 17th

Tuesdays/Thursdays from 5-5:45pm

Free! No pre-registration required

Regular prize Bingo from 5-5:30 p.m. and special grand prize round from 5:30-5:45 p.m!

Please do not bring your pets.

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



Wreaths Across America

As of 9/26/2022, Ivins generous donations have sponsored 55 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program at the Ivins City Cemetery. We need your help to meet our goal of 130 wreaths so that all Veterans at the Ivins City Cemetery will be remembered. Please consider sponsoring a wreath for \$15. The link to sponsorship is: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/158357/>

RESULTS

2022 SO FAR

55 Wreaths Sponsored
 42.3% to Goal
 75 To Go!

The Ivins City Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held Saturday, December 17th, at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

JOHNSON FAMILY HAUNTED HOUSE

Get ready to get scared!
 Ivins City Park is turning into a Haunted House again this Halloween!

Dates: October 28th, 29th & 31st
Location: 100 N 100 W
Ivins City Heritage Park West Pavilion
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Volunteers Needed – Text Kallie at 385-355-5048
 Free – donations sincerely appreciated!

GOLF SCHOOL

PRESENTED BY: **IVINS CITY**

THE GOLF INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
 Directed by Arnold Billorey
 THE PGA

HOSTED BY: **BLACK DESERT**

FALL CLASSES:

BEGINNING GOLF 1	Nov 1 - Nov 17	11:00AM	\$160
BEGINNING GOLF PLUS	Nov 1 - Nov 17	1:00PM	\$160
INTERMEDIATE GOLF	Nov 5 - Nov 19	10:30AM	\$160

REGISTER TODAY AT GOLFINSTITUTEOFAMERICA.COM

PUBLIC WORKS

Storm Drain and Sewer Planning

Charles Gillette, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

Storm drains and sanitary sewers are not something that an average resident will think much about. As a municipality we want to provide these utility services in a way that you hopefully don't have to think much about it. Yet, we do wish everyone to be informed and understand that these systems are important and need to be carefully managed.

Ivins City just hired a consultant to help us update our Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain utility plans. The consultant and Public Works Department will be working with the City Council to make some important decisions regarding these two utilities.



With our sanitary sewer system, we will be first and foremost be checking to identify which pipelines are approaching capacity due to growth and possibly need to be upsized. But we will also be seriously evaluating if we should continue to send our wastewater to the City of St George to be treated or whether we should consider building our own treatment plant. There could be some big advantages to this and the consultant is going to make some in depth analyses to help make an informed decision.

One of the issues with wastewater is the concept of reuse. We know that, with the uncertainty of the Lake Powell pipeline project, we need to look at how reuse of wastewater can best be achieved.

We could continue to send the water to the City of St George. They have a treatment plant that can deliver back to us reuse water that could be used for irrigation. Much of the infrastructure is already in place and it may still be the right thing to do. But it may alternatively make sense to avoid the costs of pumping this water by having the water treated nearby instead.

We also need to seriously consider whether it makes sense to convert this reuse water into culinary grade drinking water. There are treatment technologies like reverse osmosis that can safely do this. We need to weigh the costs and seriously look at the risks and consequences of such a decision.

Next, we need to look again at our drainage system. There has been a lot of investment made by the City over the past 15 years and our drainage system seems to be working better than ever, but we still have deficiencies. We had a storm last month that turned 400 East into a river. It plugged the drainage grates at 800 S and ponded some water pretty deep. Luckily no homes were flooded, but the storm did highlight one of our weak areas. More investment, unfortunately, may still be needed. The planning process will help us prioritize our needs.

Stay tuned if you are interested... I hope you are.

Help the City reach its goal to reduce water use by 10% over the next 10 years.

Outdoor Tip: Adjust your irrigation timers as it cools. In September and October, water twice per week.

Indoor Tip: Install low-flow faucet aerators, which will save up to 1,000 gallons of water annually per faucet.

This is important to our future!

For more tips go to: www.ivins.com or www.Slowtheflow.org



Pet Corner

IVINS ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER

474 NORTH 200 WEST

IVINS, UT 84738

PHONE: 435-628-1049

OPEN (BY

APPOINTMENT):

TUESDAY - SATURDAY

8 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter has limited adoptable pets. Please visit our Facebook Page “Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center” or “Petfinder.com” to view our adoptable pets. If you see a pet you are interested in please contact the shelter to schedule an appointment to come meet one of our sweet fur kids. Shelter number 435-628-1049

IVINS NO-KILL ANIMAL SUPPORTERS (INKAS)

While browsing the work of talented artists at the Art in Kayenta Festival be sure to stop by the INKAS (Ivins No-Kill Animal Supporters) booth. We will have many interesting, fun and useful hand-made items, including our popular microwave cozies, note cards, wine bags and sun catchers, along with our new baskets that promise to be very popular. All proceeds support homeless animals at the Santa Clara – Ivins Animal Shelter and local animal rescue organizations. We will be located next to Xetava restaurant. Please stop by to say hello, meet our dedicated volunteers and help us in our continuing support of animals in need. We hope to see you there!

Art in Kayenta October 7, 8, and 9
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



EXPLORE THE ARTS IN TUACAHN

TUACAHN AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

WONDERLAND

Dates: October 6, 11, 15, and closing 21st

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Starting at \$32 on weekdays and \$45 on weekends

MARY POPPINS

Dates: October 4, 8, 10, 13, 19, and closing 22nd

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Starting at \$32 on weekdays and \$45 on weekends

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Dates: October 1, 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 18, and closing 20th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Starting at \$32 on weekdays and \$45 on weekends

THRILLER

Dates: October 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Start at \$25 on weekdays and \$30 on weekends and Halloween night

CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA

For information and tickets: kayentaarts.com or 435-674-2787

QWANQWA: Ethiopian music with strong rhythmic drums

Dates: October 7-9

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$10 - \$30

Kayenta Arts Festival

Dates: October 7-9

CHAUTAUQUA LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Dates: October 7 at 7:30 P.M.

October 8th @ 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$10 - \$15

UTAH REPERTORY DANCE THEATRE

Dates: October 20 at 7:30 P.M.

October 21 at 7:30 P.M.

Tickets \$10 - \$25

SAVE THE DATES AND CALL FOR ENTRIES



All watercolor artists are invited to prove that water really does mix with desert themes at the next Desert Spirit Art Exhibit, "Stories from the Desert". Watercolor entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 26th from 3- 6 p.m at the Kayenta Center for the Arts. Entry forms and all guidelines are available at <https://www.kayentaarts.com/event/stories-from-the-desert/>.

Art lovers, mark your calendars and bring your friends to the Artists Reception on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the Kayenta Center for the Arts.

All art shown will be for sale and will benefit the Center.



Coyote Tales has become a much anticipated part of the community arts and culture scene and the most recent event, held September 10th at Ivins City Park as part of the City's Heritage Days Festival, did not disappoint. Nine storytellers captivated the audience with lively, funny, and moving narratives based on the theme, Tradition.

The evening was the first time the popular live open-mic storytelling event was asked to be part of the City's annual celebration and a large crowd was on hand to take part in the festivities. Benny Sorenson and Sara Nash and their team at Ivins City Parks and Recreation transformed the park into a theater which allowed story lovers to listen to diverse and varied stories from professional and amateur storytellers while relaxing under pleasant and rain-free skies.

The evening began with a pre-show BYOP (bring your own picnic) and bluegrass music provided by Joe and Paula Ferario of Stillhouse Road. Once the stories began, the audience listened to each teller's unique performance. Five local tellers were joined on stage by visiting storytellers, Stephen Trimble, Shelly Pollack and Lyman Hafen, and everyone's favorite, cowboy/rancher, Bill Wright.

For many in the audience this was their first Coyote Tales experience. The goal of each event is to foster community spirit through the telling of well-crafted stories. While the evening's stories are timed (5 -7 minutes), Coyote Tales stresses that the events are intended to be about the shared connection between the teller and the audience. Many audience members leave the events feeling like they know their neighbors a little bit better.

Our sincere thanks to Doug Caputo our self-proclaimed "Master of Sharemonies" who guided the evening with his usual charm and expertise. Thanks also to Linda Schmal of Summit Sotheby's International Realty who graciously provided free bottled water and other tasty beverages for thirsty story lovers. Saturday's show was the third time The Book Bungalow was able to participate by selling recent works from our visiting storytellers - we are grateful for their participation. But most importantly, I want to thank the community for embracing Coyote Tales and the concept of live storytelling. It is my firm belief that that by sharing our stories and listening to our neighbors we help foster better understanding, respect and compassion for other viewpoints. By sharing our stories we build a bridge to connect with our surroundings, the environment and this beautifully diverse community we live in in very real and meaningful ways.

For more information on Coyote Tales or to see future dates and themes for upcoming events, please check out our website <https://coyotetalesstories.com/>

Coyote Tales events are sponsored by Petite Feast, Utah Humanities, Utah Arts and Museums, Summit Sotheby's International Realty, and Desert Dweller Realty. All proceeds from live events have been donated to local nonprofits.