



Fire: Safety, Insurance & Preparedness The importance of fire safety across Kayenta

With the hot days of summer upon us, fire season is here. Insurance, safety, and being prepared are important for our entire community.

A recent article in the Salt Lake Tribune proclaimed: "Homeowners in Kayenta, a community in Ivins, are being dropped by their insurance companies due to wildfire risk, despite no history of major fires in the area". In the past couple of months, concerned Kayenta residents have stopped by or called our office to either report that their fire insurance premiums have increased significantly or have been cancelled altogether. Others have asked for referrals for insurance providers continuing to write fire policies for Kayenta homes.

Since the devastating Pacific Palisades fires in California, homeowners have become increasingly concerned, resulting in both "fire" and "water" being at the top of the list of factors impacting home ownership and prices locally.

Despite recent press, the issue of fire safety and fire preparedness is being grappled with across the southwestern United States, including Ivins and Washington County. Town hall meetings have been held at Ivins City Hall and the Center for the Arts, and perhaps many of you attended. As a result, there is guidance already available to residents on this topic.

Here at Kayenta Homes & Properties, we are not fire safety experts. However, we are happy to share anecdotal thoughts that we've picked up over the past several weeks, to raise awareness amongst our Kayenta neighbors:

- Did you know that a sagebrush wildfire is not the principal fire concern; in fact, these relatively short plants spread across the red sand tend to have burn times of approximately 15 minutes or so and often leave homes relatively unscathed in the event of wildfire. A far bigger concern is the mature trees, as they can burn longer and provide ladder fuel.
- Fire department officials strongly recommend that trees located close to physical structures, such as homes, garages, or pergola, should be trimmed, topped, or removed to significantly reduce the risk of major damage and destruction in the event of fire.
- We've been told that the Kayenta landscaping rules are being revised to encourage fewer trees to be planted near homes and allowances given where tree removal will result in a safer environment for managing and controlling wildfires. Stay tuned for more guidance around this in the future, but it is safe to say

that a distance of ten feet or more from structures is recommended.

- Did you know that, over the past couple of decades, local building standards, techniques, and materials, such as those found in the membrane flat roofs commonly found in Kayenta, have been modified and improved to create a higher resistance to catching on fire.
- Many of you may not be aware that there is an extensive sprinkler system that creates a "wet barrier" that runs the length of Kayenta along our western border, from the water tank at the base of the mountain down to the reservoir. These sprinklers are tested regularly and can saturate the desert up to 20 feet to the east of our boundary. In addition, Kayenta Development has a fleet of trucks that can be mobilized within minutes of a fire outbreak.
- We've had relatively few brush fires in Kayenta over the decades, and not a single record of a Kayenta home having been lost due to wildfire
- The city of Ivins decommissioned the fire station that was located in Kayenta up until several years ago. This space is currently occupied by MakeSpace. Whether or not the resulting drive times from the remaining Santa Clara/Ivins fire stations to Kayenta have materially impacted insurance coverage or premiums may be something that should be researched.
- We've been told that in those cases where insurance companies are deciding to cancel coverage in the region, they are required to provide a specific rationale and advance notice; it is unclear what this means in actual practice.
- At a recent meeting at City Hall, it was reported that there are still around 100 insurance companies that continue to offer fire insurance coverage to our community. We encourage you to compare policy coverage and premiums before making any decisions.

If you have had a good experience recently finding or relocating to another insurance provider or have any additional information to contribute to the fire safety conversation, we would greatly appreciate hearing about it so that we can pass this information along to our Kayenta neighbors and prospective buyers.

Please write to us at realestate.kayenta@gmail.com.

Be Prepared and Don't Be Careless

Additional thoughts on fire from Kayenta Development

Hot, dry summers in the southwest mean fire season

Here are a few reminders as we enter the hot, dry months:

Do's

Trim trees away from structures

Remove dead limbs or dry brush that has built up over time

Create a 10-foot defensible space between structures and flammable materials

Leave hoses in sight for firefighters to grab

Leave a ladder propped up against your home for firefighters to use if necessary to inspect your roof for embers

If you leave your home unattended for a weekend or vacation, let your neighbors know you are not home.

Have a plan. Have an evacuation plan too. Staying in your home may not be the safest choice in the event of fire.

Don'ts

Fireworks are NOT ALLOWED in Kayenta at any time of the year

Open flames are discouraged, especially during fire season

Open flames include fire pits, tiki torches, candles, etc.

Do not release sky lanterns

Do not be careless with cigarettes

Do not burn weeds or trash

Do not weld outside

Do not park or drive over dry grass or brush

Do not put hot or burning materials in a trash can without dousing it with water

and do not store such garbage cans in the garage or next to your house.

(Surprisingly, this is a huge cause of house fires.)

Helpful Community Information

Kayenta General Safety Update and How to Protect Yourself from Fraud

By clicking on the links below, you will be downloading a PDF.

KAYENTA SAFETY UPDATE MARCH 2025

SANTA CLARA AND IVINS PD FRAUD SUMMARY

A big thank you to everyone who attended our annual Memorial Day Weekend Pool Party on May 24th. It would not be the same without you, your delicious food, your dancing feet, and your unwavering support for all things Kayenta.



Our office is open 7-days a week to help with all your Kayenta real estate needs.

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KAYENTA HOMES AND PROPERTIES





CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT KAYENTA

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES



Dynamic Wit Comedy Night

June 7

Featuring: Eva Fry, Dustin Anderson,
& Chase McPhie

The days are longer, the nights are warmer, and it's time to shake off the spring and dive headfirst into the season of fun. What better way to let loose than with a night of gut-busting comedy from Dynamic Wit?

Featuring three top-tier local comedians, this show delivers the perfect blend of clever, outrageous, and downright ridiculous. Whether you're a seasoned comedy fan or just looking for a fresh way to celebrate summer's arrival, you're in for a night of pure hilarity under the desert sky.



Las Guaracheras

June 14

Latin Music Sextet

Las Guaracheras is a powerful Latin Music sextet from Cali, Colombia that performs Afro-Caribbean rhythms such as salsa, as well as music from the Pacific region of Colombia. Their compositions and lyrics revolve around the revindication and recognition of the role of women in the music industry – especially in the Latin Music scene in Colombia – and seek to express the power and strength of women as sources of love, hope, resilience and creativity.



LIGHTHOUSE

May 10

A New Musical

With graduation in the rearview mirror, Buss is desperate to run away from her Minnesota hometown and everyone in it. The only problem? She can't outrun herself. *LIGHTHOUSE* is a sweeping pop-country musical that celebrates the idea that maybe, just maybe every version of yourself is worth being.

The Center for the Arts at Kayenta is proud to be part of the development journey for this new promising musical.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS





First Fridays

June 6

Happening on the first Friday of every month, September through June! Enjoy live music, food trucks, and a pop-up boutique market in the Kayenta Art Village beginning at 5:00 pm, with film screenings in the theater presented by DOCUTAH.

FREE · Live Music in the Courtyard

Shawn Owens Project · 5:30p-7:30p

Art Reception: Linda McCowan (Linja)

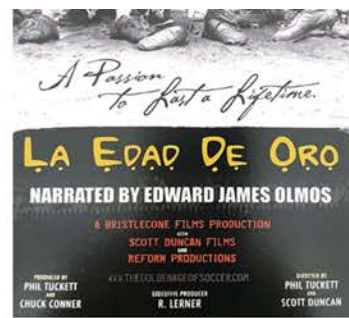
CFAK Lobby, 5:00p-7:00p

Visit Make Space!

5:00p-7:00p

DOCUTAH Presents: The Golden Age: A
Passion to Last a Lifetime

7:30p



DOCUTAH Presents

June 6

**The Golden Age: A Passion to Last a
Lifetime**

This film takes the viewer on an enthralling and very engaging look at the topsy-turvy season of the Golden Age League played in Corona Park, Queens.

The filmmaker and founder of DOCUTAH, Phil Tuckett, will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A.

Visit our website for information and tickets to all our amazing events.

We look forward to seeing you at the Center for the Arts in Kayenta.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA

Kayenta Community

The local perspective. Our businesses and residents news and events.



June is Pride Month for the LGBTQ+
Community

Happy Pride Month to everyone!

The rainbow pride flag serves as a symbol for the community. It is an inclusive emblem

KAYENTA
art village

Unique Experiences,
Gastronomic
Delights,
Local Perspective,
Exceptional Art.



representing all individuals. Although it may be difficult to believe, it has recently been banned from display in schools and government buildings. As with any prohibition, we often find workarounds to express ourselves, which is inherent to human nature. Everyone seeks the freedom to be their authentic selves. One such workaround occurred in Salt Lake City, resulting in the design of a new city flag, adding to several flags that represent the city. Salt Lake City has adopted a variation of the pride flag with the addition of the Utah state flower.

The original rainbow pride flag, designed by Gilbert Baker, is a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride, unity, and diversity.

Each color in the original flag represents an aspect of community life: Violet (Spirit), Indigo (Harmony), Green (Nature), Yellow (Sunlight), Orange (Healing), Red (Sex).

Gilbert Baker, commissioned by Harvey Milk, designed the flag in 1978 to represent the LGBTQ+ community's diversity and pride. The flag was hand-dyed and sewn by volunteers and friends, and it first appeared at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade.

The flag has evolved, with new variations and additions to include more specific identities within the LGBTQ+ community.

Kayenta has consistently embraced the arts, creativity, and diversity. Our guiding principle has been to offer a platform for alternative perspectives that challenge conventional thinking, living, and business practices.



Clay Artist
Marilyn Livingston

*"Mother Nature is and always will be my
constant inspiration."*

featured at
Zia Pottery Studio

May 2025 Ivins City Council Updates

Mike Scott, Council Member

The May update was not visible to some viewers in the May Connection, so we are reprinting again.

Closer To a Drought Plan?

On April 23rd, the Washington County Water Conservancy District's (WCWCD's) Administrative Advisory Committee (AAC) voted to recommend adoption of a long-overdue Water Shortage Contingency Plan. You can download the draft plan and a 30-page slide presentation explaining the plan at <https://www.mikescott4ivins.com/?p=3991>.

This is a big step toward preparing our region for droughts, disasters, and supply shortfalls. It's a shame though that it isn't already adopted and that it took three and a half years to get to this point.

But it's progress of sorts. So that's the good news. The not-so-good? Nearly every committee member also wanted changes to the plan. And the way WCWCD works, they all must agree. Only our mayor firmly backed the plan as-is and voiced what many of us have felt for years: it's baffling we didn't do this sooner.

The plan itself is solid. It introduces clear drought stages, outlines practical response actions, and builds on years of investment in conservation. It includes long-overdue measures, like phasing out ornamental lawns, limiting new water-intensive development, and tightening restrictions as drought conditions worsen.

But the cracks are still showing. There's still little agreement on the details, the actual water-reducing steps we need to take in each drought stage. Meanwhile, 2024–25 is already the driest water year on record.

We're not just kicking the can down the road, we're risking doing it on a dusty, cracked riverbed. This isn't water policy; it's high-stakes roulette with our future supply.

WCWCD's Board of Trustees will now decide whether to adopt the plan, likely with revisions. Let's hope they move quickly, plug the gaps, and show the urgency the moment demands. Hope is not a water management strategy. Their next meeting is on May 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the district's office, 533 E Waterworks Drive. These meetings are open to the public.

Shake Me Up Before You Go-Go

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Shake Out drill on April 17th. This was a full-scale test of the Disaster HUB Box system, and it was a big step forward in improving community preparedness.

Now we need your help to make it even better. If you took part in the drill, I'd love to hear how it went. Did your radio work? Did you hear the alarm? Did the instructions make sense? And just as important, if your drill went smoothly and everything worked exactly as it should, please let me know that too.

One group at HUB Box PC02 shared valuable feedback. They showed up on time, followed the instructions, and used the radio, but didn't receive any response and weren't sure if they were on the right channel. The experience left them feeling uncertain about whether their efforts had been successful.

That kind of feedback helps us refine the system, clarify instructions, and improve reliability. So, your input is essential. Please email your thoughts to me at mike@MikeScott4Ivins.com. Thanks again for helping keep Ivins safe and prepared.

Property Tax Heads-Up

We're heading into budget season, and this year's draft budget for Ivins shows a \$1.3 million deficit. With some trimming and deferring of expenses, we might reduce that to about \$1 million, maybe less, but that's not a solution, just a delay.

Why such a large deficit? The answer is too complex for these short articles. I'll post more detailed information on my website as we work our way through the budget. But contact me anytime at mike@MikeScott4Ivins.com if you have questions.

So, to keep our city running well, funding police, fire, EMS, parks, and road maintenance, we will likely need to raise property taxes for the first time since 2010. No final decisions have been made yet, but I want everyone to start paying attention now, especially with important budget discussions coming up at City Council meetings.

Raising taxes isn't something I take lightly. But after 15 years of holding the line, it's time to talk openly about what it costs to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy, and what happens if we don't.

I thought we would need to raise taxes last year, and posted an article, "Yes I know Taxes Is A Four Letter Word" at <https://www.mikescott4ivins.com/?p=2441>. It has a lot of information that is still useful in understanding our situation.

Please stay informed, join us at upcoming Council meetings, and plan to participate in the public hearing on the budget (most likely on June 5th). Your voice matters.

Time to Talk Roads and How to Pay for Them

We have approximately \$90 million of roads, trails, sidewalks, curb/gutter that should be funded through a reserve account. If these were all new today, we would need to set aside about \$860,000 a year for future replacement and increase that amount annually for inflation.

But right now, our road replacement reserve balance is zero, because we've never set up this type of fund. We might be able to get grants for our roads that are regional in nature, but they account for less than 15% of our total lane miles.

I believe we have an obligation to plan ahead, not kick the can down the "road" so to speak and leave the next generation with the bill.

We have two main options:

- Create a fund using property tax revenue: Second homes and commercial properties pay more, while modest primary homes pay less. But future councils could drain this reserve for anything else. These funds are not protected. Happy to explain this oddity if you want to contact me.
- Transportation Utility Fee: A monthly fee for all properties added to our utility bills. As an example, Provo charges \$3.68 for single-family homes. This method legally protects the funds in a secure account that can only be used for road replacement. But this type of fee could hit low-income households harder because everyone pays the same amount.

I believe we need to decide what to do about this before we adopt the FY2026 budget in June, even if funding doesn't begin until FY2027. This isn't just about roads. It's about smart planning and long-term fairness. I really want your input. What do you think? Email me at mike@MikeScott4Ivins.com

Short-term rentals (STRs)

The State Legislature gave cities a little more enforcement power this year through House Bill 256, which outlines clear steps cities can take when STRs operate in zones where they aren't allowed. This includes issuing warnings, requesting listings be removed, and imposing fines if violations aren't corrected. The Legislature didn't give us as much as I had hoped, but something is better than nothing.

Ivins allows STRs in a few designated overlay areas and in Resort Commercial, Resort Mixed Use, and Commercial Resort areas. But they are not allowed in most of the city. Here's the catch: our code doesn't clearly regulate how STRs are used.

Washington City recently updated its STR ordinances to address problems they've encountered. I believe it's time for Ivins to do the same, and ensure our rules are fair, enforceable, and strong enough to protect our neighborhoods.

I'd love to hear your thoughts. Should Ivins revisit and strengthen its STR code? Email me at mike@MikeScott4Ivins.com and let me know what you think.

Home Businesses: Time to Draw Some Lines?

It's interesting how, even after more than three years on city council, I stumble on things that just don't make sense. Back in 2017, the Utah Legislature passed a law limiting cities from charging license fees for home-based businesses. So, Ivins had to change its city code regarding these fees. But our City Council went a step further, repealing the entire city code chapter that regulated home based businesses.

That decision reflected the preferences of the City Council at the time, which leaned toward fewer regulations. Reining in unnecessary regulation is a good thing. But in hindsight, it may have gone further than necessary. State law (Utah Code 10-1-203(8)(a)) doesn't prohibit all regulation, just excessive fees or restrictions on home businesses.

Now, as more home-based businesses operate across the city, including some that generate traffic, parking overflow, or visible activity, I'm hearing more concerns from neighbors. I believe it is time to bring back some regulations, not to burden small businesses, but to preserve the peace and character of our residential neighborhoods.

I believe we can adopt reasonable standards as long as we avoid fees and don't interfere with businesses that operate quietly within the home. This isn't about creating a heavy-handed system. It's about restoring a few thoughtful safeguards that protect the peace and character of our neighborhoods, while also encouraging the kind of small, homegrown businesses that provide valuable services to our community and meaningful opportunities for their owners.

I'd really like to hear what you think. Should Ivins revisit this issue? What should we focus on?
Email me at mike@MikeScott4Ivins.com.

Ivins to Add Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer

Ivins is adding a part-time Code Enforcement Officer, something that has been missing for too long. The position is being created to address a range of common concerns, including nuisance violations, property maintenance issues, signage, and short-term rental enforcement. Unlike traditional policing, code enforcement focuses on helping residents understand and comply with local ordinances that protect neighborhood character, property values, and quality of life.

This isn't about writing tickets. It's about providing consistent follow-through, encouraging voluntary compliance, and making sure our standards are upheld fairly across the board. The Code Enforcement Officer will work closely with other city staff and respond to both citizen complaints and observed violations. As long as we get the structure and guidance right, it will be a resource that benefits the entire community.

"Grab and Go, Ivins!" — Emergency Kits Made Easy

If a disaster hit and you had to leave your home in a hurry, would you be ready? Find out what to do at the next free Ivins Preparedness Seminar on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM at Ivins City Hall. The topic: "Grab and Go Kits," those essential backpacks or bins packed with supplies to keep you and your family going for 72 to 96 hours after an emergency.

Learn what to pack, what to skip, and how to tailor your kit to your family's needs, including food, prescriptions, water, documents, flashlights, first aid, and more. This seminar is hosted by Your Family Matters Food Storage and is open to all.

Looking ahead, the June 12 seminar will focus on earthquakes, how they could impact Ivins and how to be ready. After that, seminars will resume in the fall. Have a topic you'd love to see covered? Let us know. Contact: David Williams at IvinsUtahCERT@gmail.com

The Youth Council's ADA-Accessible Swing Set Is Happening

The Youth Council raised enough donations at the Ivins Easter Egg Scramble to reach their target. So, the ADA-accessible swing set is officially happening!

If you've pledged a donation, now's the time to bring this inclusive playground to life. And if you haven't donated yet, there's still time to join in, because any extra funds raised will help cover future accessibility upgrades.

This swing set will include a shade structure, a rubberized ground surface to ensure safe, year-round use, five swings for a variety of users – toddlers, children with mobility challenges, and even a generational swing for kids and caregivers to enjoy together.

Mail a check to Ivins City (write "ADA Swing Set" in the memo) or call the City at 435-628-0606 Ext 703 to donate by credit card. Let's make Unity Park a place where everyone can play. Thank you for your support!

I'm Running for Re-Election

So, this is weird. Just today I'll probably vote to re-elect our representatives. Now I'm trying to avoid and solidify my vote so

So... this is awkward. I just told you I'm probably vote to raise your property taxes. Now I'm turning around and asking you to re-elect me to the Ivins City Council. Nervy, right? Yes, I'm running for re-election this year.

When I ran in 2021, my top priority was to give Ivins residents a real voice in the City's decision-making process, not just a vote, but a voice. I've done my best to follow through. I've posted regular social media updates and written 172 articles sharing my ideas, concerns, and positions on city issues, usually before decisions are made, so you have time to weigh in. And when residents email me, I don't send a form reply. I answer personally, with real information and my views, because I believe the more informed you are, the more effectively you can participate in shaping our city's future.

You may not always agree with me. But I hope you've seen that I approach every decision thoughtfully and actively seek your input. Over the past three and a half years, your feedback, questions, concerns, and ideas have shaped how I think and how I serve. I'm deeply grateful for that.

I'm running again because I believe the next few years will be just as critical as the last. We face big challenges and great opportunities, and I want to help make sure we meet them while staying true to the values that make Ivins special.

Thank you for being engaged. Thank you for caring. Let's keep the conversation going, and let's keep Ivins special.

More City Information

I try to keep these articles relatively concise. Not doing too well at that. It's frustrating because there's so much to discuss. So, please email me at Mike@MikeScott4Ivins.com for more information about these and other Ivins issues. Also, please tell me what issues in Ivins matter to you. Visit my website at www.MikeScott4Ivins.com for regular updates and now you can also add your comments to my articles.



At entrance to Kayenta crack climb

Community Spotlight

Janell Bassett, Editor

Carrie Wilson and Kamal Khan: East meets West in a lifetime of adventure

Carrie Wilson grew up in the Midwest, living in Chicago and Madison, Wisconsin. She loved the uncomplicated, free lifestyle, enjoying a full range of outdoor activities—biking, cross-country skiing, gardening, backpacking—"anything that took me into nature."

Kamal Khan was born in Hyderabad, India, a city once known as the city of diamonds and pearls as well as for its opulent culture, intricate artistry, and esteemed cuisine.

Both launched their careers in scientific/technical fields. Carrie became a nurse, caring for high risk cardiac patients. She also ran a program called Friends in Need that sent medical supplies to places where they were desperately needed, from Tanzania to Peru. With a degree in fine arts, Kamal came to the U.S., studied at the Ray Vogue Art and Design School in Chicago, and worked initially doing reproductions of architectural and engineering drawings and microfilming, a job he found "boring and monotonous."

Carrie and Kamal share a sense of adventure and a desire to explore other cultures that shaped their lives as careers unfolded in unforeseen ways. Carrie moved to Portland, Oregon, to study acupuncture, while Kamal began work as a color printing specialist in Chicago.

Carrie's route began with an interest in holistic medicine. "I fell in love with Tai Chi and Qigong and have practiced Qigong for over 30 years," she says. That interest led her to a degree in Oriental medicine and a trip to China and Tibet, which included a pilgrimage to three of Tibet's holy mountains. There she found "the way of life, joy, teachings and kindness that we were shown in small villages and monasteries changed the way I wanted to live my life." She returned to Portland to establish a practice weaving together her Western medical training with Oriental medicine, acupuncture, herbs and Qigong.



Our wedding

Introduced by friends, Kamal moved to Portland to join Carrie, where he began filming and editing educational videos and doing graphic work "which I tremendously enjoyed." That work took him to China, filming in remote villages and monasteries. He also joined "some beautiful non-profits like the Children's Justice Alliance making films that helped teach prisoners how to parent and reduced recidivism in prison populations."

Their marriage and life in Portland launched another chapter of exploration for Carrie and Kamal. "It was a meeting of two cultures, two people with very different upbringing, yet, the same sense of adventure, love for nature and desire for cultivation of the heart," she says. "We have learned so much from each other." They bought a van to facilitate their love of natural beauty and exploring new places. A trip to Valley of Fire eventually led them to Kayenta, a home they are always grateful to return to for its beauty and peace.

These days, they enjoy reading, hiking, music, art and dance performances. Carrie was involved with the launch of the Desert Preservation Initiative to help preserve that natural beauty and Kamal takes photographs that "document their amazing work." And he shares the cuisine of Hyderabad, in a tradition that sees "cooking food for someone is a gift of love."



Editors note. If you know someone that you think should be featured in our monthly Kayenta Connection under our NEW "Resident Spotlight" section please email the Kayenta Connection at kayentacconnection@rdicreative.com. Our intent is to focus on the incredible people living in our community- be they seasoned residents or new recruits.



MakeSpace
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Create beautiful art in our beautiful MakeSpace art studio this summer. Please check out some of the classes now available. More details on all class offerings can be found on our website.



One-Day Workshop: Resin Lazy Susan

June 3

Elevate your creativity in an exciting one-day workshop, crafting a stunning, functional 15-inch Lazy Susan using vibrant pigments and premium resin. Under Leslie's expert



Pyrography Date Night: Miniature Hanging Art

June 13

Discover the art of pyrography in this beginner-friendly class, where we'll create personalized small hanging art pieces!



Micro Mosaic Jewelry

June 14

Indulge your creative side by joining our micro-mosaic jewelry-making class. In this hands-on workshop, expert instructor Joyce guides you step-by-step to create three

guidance, you'll master a range of techniques to achieve breathtaking visual effects, creating a unique piece that's both art and utility. Explore the art of tinted resin, blending mica powder, acrylic paint, and resin pigments to design your masterpiece. Open to all skill levels, this class includes all supplies.

Students will learn the fundamentals of wood burning, including line work, shading, and adding contrast with highlights. Pre-drawn templates will be available to guide you, or you can add your creative flair. All materials included. Explore this beautiful art form and leave with a set of unique art pieces to treasure or gift!

dazzling pendants, keychains, or magnets using vibrant glass, stones, charms, wire, and other design elements—all supplies included!

Discover the art of micro-mosaics as you learn to cut glass and master other innovative techniques used to create intricate, personalized designs. No jewelry-making or mosaic experience? No problem! This beginner-friendly class welcomes all skill levels, ensuring everyone leaves with beautiful, gift-ready creations.



Save the Dates – September 18, 19 and 20, for a 3-day oil painting extravaganza!

Transform your landscapes during this incredible 3-day oil painting workshop with the one and only David Shevlino—a master of the alla prima technique! Known for sharing his brilliant techniques with students across the United States and Europe, we are beyond excited to welcome him back to our corner of the world. Enroll now at makespacekayenta.com to ensure your spot.



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A First Friday Event

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Petite Feast Dinner Club

Petite Feast Dinner Club

JUNE DINNER
Saturday, June 14th, 2025

~Reserve Your Seat at the Table~

There's nothing quite like summer. The weather is perfect for enjoying good food, good friends and the abundant produce we have available in southern Utah. There are garden tomatoes still warm from the sun, bright fresh basil, crisp summer squash, tasty beets and sweet berries to pair with all manner of seasonal treats sure to delight you. This menu features a unique carpaccio salad of garden-fresh zucchini thinly sliced and served with house made cheese and a bright and zesty basil mint vinaigrette. The homage to summer continues with homegrown piccolo tomatoes and grilled Utah corn showcasing summer's bounty as a flavorful bed for a succulent pan seared chicken breast. The celebratory meal even starts off with a summery bang by opening with an interesting take on vinegary salt roasted new potatoes served with a smoky paprika-spiced aioli. They're the perfect accompaniment to serve alongside our take on a spiked lemon cooler. Cheers!

MENU

HORS D'OEUVRE

GARLIC ROASTED NEW POTATOES WITH PAPRIKA AIOLI

LEMON CITRUS COOLER

FIRST COURSE

ZUCCHINI CARPACCIO SALAD WITH HOUSE MADE RICOTTA, BASIL MINT VINAIGRETTE AND A LIGHT SABA DRIZZLE

SECOND COURSE

SHRIMP WITH ROASTED TOMATOES AND HOUSE MADE SQUID INK TAGLIATELLE

ENTREE

PAN SEARED CHICKEN BREAST SERVED OVER CORN, TOMATO AND WHITE BEAN SALAD

DESSERTS

WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE AND SORBET WITH BASIL AND RASPBERRY

To reserve your seat at the table please click on the link below

PETITE FEAST DINNER CLUB

DINNER LOCATION: PRIVATE HOME IN KAYENTA, UTAH

***The exact address and driving directions will be emailed 1 week prior to the event.*

About Petite Feast Dinner Club: after 35 years as a restaurateur, caterer, chef and Food and Wine best new chef nominee, Victoria Topham is opening her kitchen to share her unique culinary skills and healthy cooking style with guests just like you. PF Dinner Club offers guests the opportunity to socialize with new friends around a shared table while enjoying deliciously upscale meals. Monthly dinners will feature an hors d'oeuvre hour followed by a multi course dinner where mingling with the chef in the kitchen is encouraged. ** Think – mash-up of a restaurant, dinner party and cooking class. And, she always has a few unplanned courses and surprises for her guests! Events are announced monthly through the website and pricing for each event varies. Victoria is happy to accommodate your special celebration requests and dietary preferences whenever possible.

I hope to see you soon.

"Victoria thank you for a lovely dinner and evening. As always, I met new friends and neighbors and I even got to give Flossy a scratch!

Thank you for adding so much to my life." – Angela G.

"Thanks for another fabulous evening, Vic! We loved the menu, the delicious courses, the company, the setting, the wait staff, everything!!! We look forward to next month's dinner with you and will continue to spread the word about Petite Feast Dinner Club. Hope to see you on the trails too" – Deb



VIRTUAL DINNER PARTY #106 MEXICAN-STYLE CHOPPED SALAD WITH SPICY CHIPOTLE DRESSING



When I was a teenager I had a summer babysitting job that took me to the local country club every day. It was a great job. Swimming with the kids was fun, but what I really loved about the job was the chopped salad served by the poolside snack bar. I ordered it every day. The year was 1982 and chopped salad was a capital-T thing. The Cottonwood Club's version came on a Styrofoam plate groaning with a mishmash of similarly sized pieces of iceberg lettuce, tomato, hard-boiled egg, cucumber and avocado wildly overdressed with creamy blue cheese dressing and bottled BacO's bacon bits. To my 18 year old self it was utterly delicious.

Over the decades my tastes have changed. I am no longer a teenager, but I'm still that same salad-loving girl. However these days I prefer a healthier salad where each ingredient thoughtfully compliments its other salad bowl companions – crunchy, juicy, fresh, tangy, tender, and just a hint of sweet all cozied-up together to make the perfect bite.

For this month's Virtual Dinner Party recipe let's revisit the chopped

VIRTUAL DINNER PARTY #106

MEXICAN-STYLE CHOPPED SALAD WITH SPICY CHIPOTLE DRESSING

DRESSING INGREDIENTS:

2T buttermilk (sour cream or plain yogurt thinned with water may be substituted)
2T fresh lime juice
1T honey
6T mayonnaise (homemade or store-bought)
3T ketchup
1T chipotle chili in adobo, minced (or to taste)
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ t ground cumin
2T olive oil
½ bunch cilantro, minced

SALAD INGREDIENTS:

1 # boneless skinless chicken breast – poached and shredded
4 C romaine, chopped
1 C grape tomatoes, halved
½ C cheddar cheese, grated
1 C toasted corn tortillas chips, broken into bite size pieces
1 can black beans, drained, rinsed

salad of my youth but freshen things up with some south of the border flair. My reimagined version offers all the flavor of its namesake but utilizes healthy ingredients like high protein chicken, crisp romaine, fresh, crunchy vegetables and an easy to prepare chipotle dressing. Best of all, if you have cooked chicken on hand, it comes together with zero stovetop time which makes it perfect for the steamy days ahead.

In keeping with the spirit of the original recipe, all the ingredients are cut to similar sizes, but instead of tossing everything in the salad bowl together, I've chosen to layer the ingredients. Layering the salad protects against over-dressing – which is arguably the chopped salad's most common sin. It is lovely served in a glass trifle bowl but works perfectly well arranged on a platter or on individual dinner plates.

If you have not joined the Virtual Dinner Party but would like to dine with us, please prepare this recipe – or any other – and share it with your family, friends and neighbors. It is our group's firm belief that by preparing something good to eat and sharing it with those we love, we are participating in one of life's greatest joys. The connection, community and good will that come from it fill us with joy, hope and gratitude. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I do.

Thanks for coming to the party and Cook On! – Victoria

ABOUT PETITE FEAST

1 C fresh corn (or substitute defrosted frozen corn)

¼ C scallions, chopped

Garnish with: sour cream, black olives, avocado and additional cilantro

METHOD:

Mix the buttermilk, lime juice, mayonnaise, honey, ketchup, minced chili, garlic and cumin in a small bowl or with an immersion blender until smooth.

Slowly add the oil in a steady stream and mix until well incorporated.

Stir in chopped cilantro and salt and pepper to taste.

Combine ¼ C dressing with poached and shredded chicken and set aside. Set remaining aside for assembling salad.

Assemble salad: layer ½ greens in a deep bowl. Then, layer half the grape tomatoes, cheese, tortilla chips, beans, corn, chicken & scallions on top of the romaine. Drizzle with ½ the reserved dressing and repeat layers ending with chicken. Drizzle remaining dressing on top. Garnish olives, sour cream & chopped cilantro. *Any extra dressing keeps refrigerated for up to one week.

Serves 2 with ample leftovers

COYOTE TALES

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in an extraordinary night of storytelling on May 9th at The Center for the Arts at Kayenta.

Each Coyote Tales event is a unique and singular experience filled with the unpredictable and unscripted energy of live storytelling. The evening began with a delightful story told by visiting storyteller Jeanette Snyder. She told of coming to terms with her recent divorce. As she spoke, she skillfully wove her feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt with the reality of her new life as a single woman. Her delightfully wicked sense of humor punctuated her tale perfectly, and the audience relished every moment of it.

Local residents Pat Mooney and Kristin Hunt recounted tender takes on the evening's theme while Caden Doyle shared an exuberant story about his recent trip to Cambodia. Returning storytellers Rob Perkins and Olivia Dudding-Rodriguez expertly demonstrated their storytelling prowess at the mic with numinous tales of the natural world. Logan author Chris Cokinos brought the house down with his inspiring story. Through his telling he reminded the audience that surrender might just mean making a different – and better – choice. His story was an uplifting finish to an evening of very well-told tales.

Theater goers were treated to toe-tapping bluegrass music provided by Stillhouse Road and a pre-event party hosted by the generous folks at Kayenta Homes and Properties and Petite Feast. Naomi and Steve from KH&P deftly manned the bar with their usual charm, cheerfully chatting with theater goers while pouring. Behind the scenes, Miranda Wright and the staff at CFAK executed every aspect of production with ease and professionalism. Coyote Tales surely wouldn't happen without their involvement.

For the past ten years, Coyote Tales has been grateful to have been able to provide a space for diverse and often unheard voices in our community to come together to share and celebrate the connection that comes from live storytelling. Coyote Tales believes that by sharing our stories and listening to our neighbors, we help foster a better understanding, respect, and compassion for other viewpoints. I am deeply grateful for this community's embrace of Coyote Tales and their belief in the power of sharing our stories. Our next event is scheduled for September 6th as the opening event of the City's Heritage Days Festival. The evening's theme is IMPOSSIBLE. If you think you have a story to share, please contact me @ coyotetalescontact@gmail.com.

Everyone has a story – Victoria

We are grateful for in-kind support from Desert Dweller Realty, SBDance, and The INN at Santa Clara. Coyote Tales events are funded by Petite Feast, Utah Humanities, Kayenta Homes and Properties, and Black Desert Resorts. All proceeds from live Coyote Tales events have benefited local nonprofits or have been FREE.

Many thanks to Alan Holben for his beautiful photographs.



XeTAVA

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Xetava Cafe is locally owned, and unlike anywhere you've ever been. Designed to be a respite from the bustle of modern life, the building is nestled under the giant red cliffs of Ivins, surrounded

RUSTED

cactus by Xetava

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The menu at The Rusted Cactus provides unique dishes that capture the flavor of the season. Within the walls, the Lewis and MacKay families hope to create a dining experience with shared

by the Kayenta Art Village and Center for the Arts.

XETAVA

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday, 11 am – 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday, 10 am – 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday Brunch, 10 am – 3 pm

plates that will cultivate a love of food, friendship and new flavors.

RUSTED CACTUS

Hours of Operation

Monday – Saturday, 4 – 8 pm

Health, Fitness & Wellness

Kayenta's locally run gyms, fitness classes, spas, group workouts, wellness activities, and mindful experiences.

"To keep the body in good health is a duty, otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear."

– Buddha

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Kayenta Home Yoga



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-Alice Walker

Yoga classes are paused during the months of June – August.

Classes will resume in September.

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Karen Kushner (E-RYT 500)

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Javier Guzman

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Kayenta Pickleball
Group (KPG)

Does Pickleball Pique
Your Interest?

Desert Rose Labyrinth



Trips and Trails



If you have an interest in joining or have played very little to even not at all and would like to try it prior to paying dues, contact Denton Zubke by email at dbzubke@gmail.com or by phone or text at 701-570-4043. It's a great way to meet other Kayenta residents and enjoy some fun and get some great exercise.

We're planning on more organized events such as clinics, beginner classes, and round robins in 2023. Join us in learning to play. It's fun the first day, infectious, and great for fitness. Please email Denton Zubke or Erin at the Kayenta office for more information.

[EMAIL DENTON](#)

DESERT ROSE LABYRINTH & SCULPTURE GARDEN

The labyrinth is sacred ground, a place of rest and renewal.

The Desert Rose Labyrinth & Sculpture Garden is a community resource with the intention that all who walk the labyrinth will be blessed with peace, comfort, and open hearts. The Labyrinth is maintained and funded by Kayenta volunteers. Please be respectful and leave only footprints. For more information or to make group reservations, please contact:

Cheryl Collins

[EMAIL CHERYL](#)

Beth Hopwood

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Desert Rose Labyrinth
792 Kayenta Pkwy, Ivins UT

Kayenta Exploration Group

We are on Summer Break

Trips will resume in October

For details contact Charles Dillier at
435-656-1956



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Community Advocates

Are you a Kayenta resident? Do you have a cause or passion that you are personally involved with in the St. George area?

If so, let your neighbors know right here.



DPI – Desert Preservation Initiative
Advocate: Chuck Warren

June 2025

DPI workshop: Building a culture of safety

The measure of the strength of a commitment is often how difficult it is to keep. Thus, the time invested in learning and preparing to follow up on a commitment pays off in two ways—it makes it easier to accomplish a complicated task and it also reinforces the strength of your commitment.

The well attended safety Desert Preservation Initiative workshop conducted by Ivins City Parks Superintendent Joseph Rawlinson May 13 offered critical advice on using the equipment needed to accomplish DPI's goal of removing the highly flammable invasive tamarisk. Addressing key safety procedures and practices, Rawlinson led the group through ways to increase their efficiency and effectiveness, thereby making it easier to maintain their commitment to this work.

The key theme of the day was the safety principles and procedures that define all that DPI does. Rawlinson stressed that the person who is operating a piece of equipment is in charge. And, as DPI President Chuck Warren says, "As with any endeavor, such as marriage, you really don't know on many levels what it is about until you are up to your knees in the weeds. And that is true of DPI's efforts to deal with tamarisk. All of those participating in the experience of DPI have to appreciate the complexities and simplicities of this community building process. The safety culture is an important aspect of what we do."

reminded the group, "It can be easy to be lax when you've done this work before," which is why the creation of a culture of safety is vital. That would include daily reviews of safety standards and practices on the job.

Rawlinson covered a wide range of topics, from personal protective equipment (PPE) to the types of equipment typically used, how to maintain such equipment and how to use it properly. This included safety glasses and hearing protection, as well as clothing and shoes. He covered loppers, axes, and chain saws and reciprocating saws, among others, carefully reviewing safety mechanisms and equipment operations for each tool.

DPI board member Sara Dupre found that "These safety demonstrations are critical for new and seasoned DPI volunteers for the reminder of keeping safety a priority for ourselves and our other volunteers next to us on the site." Volunteer Randy Wright, a fire fighter for 35 years, supports the good work of DPI in "eradicating invasive species and reducing fire hazards." Noting that "Safety is everybody's responsibility," he found Joseph Rawlinson's presentation "excellent."

Rawlinson plans a follow-up workshop in the fall when he will bring a park crew to demonstrate safe removal procedures.



Ivins City Parks Superintendent and Certified Arborist Joseph Rawlinson demonstrated safe use and handling of a wide variety of cutting and trimming equipment.

[DESERT PRESERVATION INITIATIVE PDF BROCHURE](#)



"Ivins Inspired" Volunteer Program

Advocate: Victoria Topham

Have you always wanted to get involved in our community but aren't sure how? Good news – a small team of volunteers is working on creating a volunteer database connecting interested residents like you to the amazing groups that help make Ivins such a great place

Join us in shaping our vibrant community through volunteerism. Every contribution counts, whether you have an hour or a weekend to spare. Your involvement makes a difference in making Ivins even greater.

We invite you to play an active role in our community's future. Whether you're passionate about parks, local events, or public services, there's a place for you in the Ivins Volunteer Program. Already volunteering? We need you in the database, too! Please fill out our form to help match your skills with those of organizations that need you. Filling out the form doesn't commit you to any of these organizations or roles, but it does help us connect you with opportunities, and it gives volunteer groups/organizations a way to find you and reach out.

**The Ivins Inspired Volunteer Program is entirely a volunteer program not owned or operated by Ivins City in any manner.*

IVINS INSPIRED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Humanity

Advocate: Patrick Barickman

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SOUTHWEST UTAH

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INKAS – Ivins No Kill Animal Supporters

Advocate: Lois Hewitt

Ivins No-Kill Animal Supporters (INKAS) is a 501(c)3 organization and a Registered Utah Charity. It was founded in 2010 with the mission of providing support to Ivins Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, now the Santa Clara-Ivins Animal Shelter. In 2006 our shelter became the first no-kill municipal shelter in the state of Utah. Maintaining a no-kill shelter, as opposed to one that euthanizes animals after a set period of time, is more costly because the animal's needs must be met at the shelter until they are reclaimed by their owners, adopted, or transferred to an animal rescue organization. Through a memorandum of understanding with Ivins City, INKAS provides support through veterinary care, specialty foods, and other needed supplies. Funds are raised through the sale of merchandise at various local events and through the donations of many generous animal lovers. You can help by designating INKAS as your charity on Amazon Smile or by donating on our website.

INKAS

Santa Clara-Ivins Animal Shelter

Bailee Mabe, Shelter Manager

474 North 200 West, Ivins

435-628-1049

Hours by appointment:

Monday – Saturday, 8am – 3 pm





Ivins Night Sky Initiative

Advocate: Kai Reed

Ivins Night Sky launched on January 8th, 2019. We are a 100% volunteer, not-for-profit, citizen organization. We registered as a Utah nonprofit corporation in February 2019 and received 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS in March.

Our mission is to improve, preserve, and protect the night sky over Ivins and our heritage of dark skies through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting, and to serve as a resource for City officials, residents, and businesses.

Let us know if this *Initiative* is important to you, if you are willing to get involved, and what else you think we should be doing to improve, preserve, and protect the night skies in Ivins.

EMAIL IVINS NIGHT SKY

IVINS NIGHT SKY INITIATIVE



Friends of SNOW CANYON

Friends of Snow Canyon State Park

Advocates: Lori Capshaw

Events

EVENTS

We'd like to invite all Kayenta residents to join us in supporting Snow Canyon State Park. Our mission is to provide support to Snow Canyon State Park through various means. For more information and to join Friends please visit our website.

FRIENDS OF SNOW CANYON

nextdoor

Nextdoor Kayenta

Advocate: Ray Borg

Nextdoor is a completely private online website environment for all of the Kayenta Nextdoor neighborhoods. Special thanks to Ray Borg for being our fearless leader.

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Community and City Resources

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Kayenta Committees

Board opportunities, landscaping, and ACC & HOA contact information.



Kayenta Desert Arboretum

The Kayenta Desert Arboretum is getting a new and beautiful look this spring. Over the last couple of months our faithful volunteers have been turning the arboretum in to an impressive Kayenta attraction including a variety of new desert plants, many new sculptures and upgraded landscaping. On your next visit to Xetava or the Center For the Arts be sure to take an extra few minutes to stroll through the pathways in the arboretum.

Your community arboretum was created, managed and improved by residents in Kayenta who consider it to be another special feature of the area we live in. If you want to see it grow we would love to welcome you in to our all volunteer organization. Just email or call Roger Head, rbhkayenta@gmail.com; 435-632-1814 for additional information.

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Kayenta Landscaping Committee

If you love plants and gardening....

A phenomenal new resource is now available to guide you in creating your Kayenta landscaping, available on the Kayenta HOA website.

The Kayenta ACC Landscaping Committee has just released a new guide to plants currently suggested for use, listing plant characteristics such as typical height and width, growth rate and—perhaps most useful—whether the species is available at local nurseries.

There are links attached to each of the plant IDs and names which lead to images of the plants and in-depth information available online.

In addition, the guide specifies in what areas plants can be used, such as the natural area, the transitional area or in a courtyard. A "Notes" section includes other advice and things to know about a given plant.

This user-friendly Guide to Kayenta Plants is located in the ACC's Landscaping Documents.

[KAYENTA ACC LANDSCAPING DOCUMENTS](#)



ACC & HOA Information

The Kayenta ACC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm in the Theater for the Arts. A hard copy of the agenda is posted in the Kayenta Homes & Properties office the Thursday before the meeting.

Questions? Ellen Nathan

Phone: 435-652-8333

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Shonto Point HOA Meetings

The Shonto HOA Board meets regularly during the year avoiding some summer months. All meetings are from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month in the Theatre for the Arts, located in the Kayenta Art Village.

Taviawk HOA Board Meetings

The Board plans to meet on the Thursday after the ACC meeting (which is the 3rd Tuesday of each month) bi-monthly at 9:30 am at The Management Group (*formerly, FI Property Management*)

[KAYENTA HOA WEBSITE](#)

The Kayenta Concept

The Kayenta Concept is a philosophy that has steered the development of our exceptional community since its inception. The standards that underlie that concept are enforced by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), which serves both the Shonto Point and Taviawk HOAs. The pre-amble to the 2021 ACC Handbook lays out the basics of the architectural rules that have been followed to create the homes and landscape we live in.

When your home was designed the Kayenta Concept was front and center. The ACC reviewed your design to evaluate whether it followed the rules, and the ACC monitored construction of your home through landscaping and occupation, again, reviewing adherence to design and construction standards. When you received your occupancy permit and construction deposit refund from the ACC, on-going compliance with the Kayenta Concept became the responsibility of your HOA Board of Directors. Your Board has the authority to perpetuate the Kayenta Concept into the future and gladly accepts that role.

The Kayenta Concept is worth reviewing to remind us that what we have here has only happened because of the rules Kayenta developer Terry Marten set up to own, build and live in Kayenta. His vision and the governing documents he developed to achieve and maintain that vision established the Kayenta HOAs and gave them the responsibility and authority to enforce the CC&Rs that underlie the beauty and value we all enjoy

[KAYENTA CONCEPT \(PDF DOWNLOAD\)](#)



Ivins City Dumpster Dates and Blucan Recycling Calendars

[WASTE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION](#)

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Dispatch: 435-634-5730 or Animal Control: 435-628-1049

IVINS CITY

Ongoing Events and Activities

Weekly and monthly gatherings

Kayenta Book Lovers

Meetings the 2nd Monday of every month. For more details contact our bookclub

KAYENTA BOOK CLUB



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Email submissions / changes

to kayentaconnection@rdicreative.com with "Kayenta Connection (month)" in the subject line. Our Kayenta Connection Newsletter updates the 1st of the Month. Please submit 6 days prior to the end of the month to be included.

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