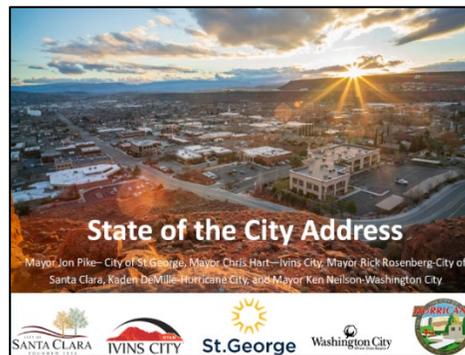


# State of the City Address

- John Willis, St George City
- Mayor Chris Hart, Ivins City
- Mayor Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara City
- Mayor Kress Staheli, Washington City
- Mayor Nannette Billings, Hurricane City



## Afternoon Keynote Speaker

12:10 pm – 1:30 pm

These are unique and challenging times for many people, come hear from our community leaders on how they are adapting and addressing the needs of local residents.



**John Willis, Planning and Zoning Manager,  
St. George City**



**Mayor Chris Hart, Ivins City**

Chris Hart is a native Utahn growing up in Logan and eventually attending high school and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. After marrying his wife Sandy in 1972 his family moved to Ammon, Idaho on the outskirts of Idaho Falls where they lived for the next twenty-five years. There he launched Signature Enterprises Inc., a successful land development and home building business that operated across much of Eastern Idaho. Chris was active in the Bonneville County Home Builders Association and served as its President for a year. He and Sandy most importantly raised their four sons Brandon, David, Shawn and Jordan there.

Growing weary of the long winters Chris and his siblings created a land development company in the St. George area after acquiring prime development property in Ivins City near Tuacahn. Chris became active in city government and in the Southern Utah Home Builders Association eventually becoming President of the Utah State Home Builders Association. After serving on various development ordinance review committees Chris was eventually appointed to the Ivins City Planning Commission and from there to the Ivins City Council. He was elected Ivins City Mayor in 2009 and has served in that capacity since.

Ivins City has undergone remarkable changes during his administration including the Southern Utah Veterans Home, Sentierre, a five-star world class resort being built next to Tuacahn, And Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine Southern Utah Campus all choosing to locate there. His service as Ivins City Mayor has been one of the highlights of his life experience. In addition to his lovely wife Sandy and their four sons, four beautiful daughters-in-law have been added to his family along with sixteen going on seventeen wonderful grandchildren.



### **Mayor Rick Rosenberg, City of Santa Clara**

Rick and his wife Terri moved to Santa Clara in 1989 and raised their four children in their Lava Flow Drive neighborhood. He graduated from Utah State University in 1984 with a BS degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and is the founder of Rosenberg Associates, a full-service civil engineering and land surveying firm headquartered in St. George.

Rick has been actively involved in public service for over 25 years in Santa Clara, currently serving his fourteenth year as Mayor, following five years on the City Council and six years as a Planning Commissioner. He has been recognized for his service and achievements in civil engineering and public works project design throughout Washington County. Rick

understands the value and costs associated with providing critical services and infrastructure for residents within the community. His leadership was critical during the community's recovery following the federally declared Santa Clara River floods in 2005, 2010 and again in 2012 following the Laub Pond Detention Basin failure and flood.

A native son of pioneer stock from Southern Utah, he is a strong supporter of the community's heritage and the annual Swiss Days celebration. Rick and Terri remain heavily involved in community service and are especially proud to call Santa Clara home. He is also an avid fly fisherman and enjoys trips to Alaska, Lake Powell and other destinations with his family and friends whenever time permits.

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### **Mayor Kress Stahlei, Washington City**

Kress Staheli was born and raised in Washington City, Utah as the youngest of four boys. He graduated from Pine View High School and later from Southern Utah University with a degree in Accounting. He served 8 years in the Utah Army National Guard and 2 years as a missionary in France. He currently works as an Insurance and Financial Services agent and has done so for over 20 years with the same company.

He and his wife Lynette are the parents of a son and three daughters. They enjoy many of the outdoor, sporting, and cultural activities this area has to offer. Kress particularly enjoys traveling and is an avid marathon runner. Mayor Staheli loves this community and is committed to representing the best interests of Washington City and all who live here. He believes in listening to residents and understanding their concerns and views so that he can do his best to properly address them. He appreciates the heritage of hard work and commitment it took to settle this desert community. He welcomes new and long-term

residents to be involved in making Washington City even better as we grow together.

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### **Mayor Nannette Billings, Hurricane City**

Nanette Billings was born in St George and raised in Hurricane until age 10. Her family moved to Monroe Utah where she graduated from South Sevier High School. Then graduated from SUU in Cedar City. She wed her high school sweetheart Willie Billings and they have now been married 34 years. They have five children and six cute grandchildren. She moved back to Hurricane after college, in 1991 and has lived there since.

She has been extremely involved in her community. She has given of her time by coaching basketball, soccer and serving on the Little League Board for 13 years, Helping with the Tri State ATV Club, and as a leader in Boy Scouts for 10 years. She has been the director of the Hurricane City Christmas Tree Festival. She's held many Leadership callings with her church, helping youth and adults. She has served as Republican precinct chairwoman and recently as a member of the Hurricane City Council and now Mayor of Hurricane City. Where she's passionate about representing citizens, upholding and defending the constitution.

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