



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

The regular Town Board Meeting is the second Monday of each month.

Town Hall Closed

Mon, February 20, 2023
In observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, March 01, 2023
5:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and
via Remote Public Meeting

Town Board Meeting

Mon, March 13, 2023
6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and
via Remote Public Meeting

Town Hall Hours of Operation

Town Hall is open to the public from 9 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday. We look forward to serving you. Please do not come into the office if you have cold-like symptoms, are running a fever, and/or are not feeling well.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2 AM. Please make sure to set your clocks 1 hour forward. Governor Polis signed HB 22-1297 in November 2022, which would enable Colorado to remain on Daylight Savings Time year round. This cannot go into effect until passed at the Federal level. Should any updates become available, the Town will ensure the residents of Ignacio are aware.

Snow Removal

The Public Works Department is involved in snow removal operations. During snow storms, please park your vehicles in your driveway or garage and leave the street clear for snow plows. Also, the Town Code states that it is unlawful to plow, shovel, push, or place snow from privately owned property into any street, road, alley, or highway in the Town. Please help Town crews as they work hard to keep Town streets clear of snow and safe for your travel. *If, during the efforts by Public Works to keep the streets safe, snow is placed on private property, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the snow from the property.* Thank you.

Pine River Shares

Pine River Shares hosts monthly food drives to feed Pine River Valley residents in need. Donations of breakfast items can be dropped off during the month of March, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at the Pine River Shares lobby at 658 S. East Street in Bayfield or at ELHI Community Center located at 115 Ute Street in Ignacio. Breakfast items encouraged for donation are cereals, shelf stable milk, pancake and muffin mixes, syrup, oatmeal, etc. For more information contact Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040 or visit www.pinerivershares.org.

ELHI

- Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center
 - Kids & Creativity: music, art, snacks, and games, Fridays 1 - 3 PM
 - Open Studio: Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM
- Pine River Shares - FREE food distribution March 11, 2023 10 AM - 12 PM
- Ignite Gymnastics - Black Canyon Invitational: Congratulations to the Team for a fantastic meet, and to several gymnasts who have qualified for the Colorado State meet
- SoCoCAA Youth Services (grades 6 - 12)
 - Ignacio Youth Services: after school until 6 PM and on Fridays 10 AM - 6 PM
- The Clothing Closet - Open for free clothing shopping (for all ages) Tuesdays and Fridays 10 AM - 2 PM.



If you smell natural gas

in your home or business, leave immediately! Do not turn light switches on or off, especially in the area you smell gas. Do not use your cell phone until you are outside and can no longer smell any gas. Call 911, the Fire Department (970-563-9501), or Dispatch (970-563-4401) if you smell gas at any time.



Si huele gas natural

en su casa o negocio, salga inmediatamente, sin pagar los interruptores de las luces, especialmente en el área que se siente olor a gas. ESPERAR a usar su teléfono celular hasta que ya no pueda oler el gas. Llame al número local de emergencias (911), al Departamento de Bomberos (970-563-9501), o diligencia al numero 970-563-4401, si siente olor a gas en cualquier momento.



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Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Detectors

According to Colorado State Law, every home must have Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors installed. The smoke alarms must be installed both inside and outside of each sleeping room. Battery operated units should have a new battery installed every six (6) months.

Town Burn Pile

To drop off your tree limbs, grass clippings and other organic material at the Burn Pile, please call the on-call number (970-759-3660) to set an appointment. Please note that if the ground is muddy, access to the Burn Pile will be closed until conditions are satisfactory.

NOTE: If people continue to dump unacceptable items, the Burn Pile will be closed indefinitely.

Online Payments

You can pay your Town utility bill **ONLINE!** Go to the Town's website townofignacio.colorado.gov and look for the "Pay Your Bill Online" link at the bottom of the home page. You will be charged a fee of \$1.00 for electronic checks, and \$0.75 + 2.25% of the transaction for debit or credit payments. You can mail your payment to:
PO Box 459
Ignacio, CO 81137
or drop it in the night drop box (no cash, please).
If you have a cash payment, you can visit Town Hall between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Thanks!

Highway 172/Goddard Avenue Improvements

CDOT has awarded a contract for improvements to Highway 172 and includes Goddard Avenue. Improvements will include an asphalt surface overlay and new handicap ramps at several locations along Goddard Avenue. Some work will also entail sidewalk replacement at certain locations along Goddard Avenue. Work will begin in April and continue through the summer. Please monitor the Town's website and Facebook page for updates.

Ignacio School District

March 9, 2023: School Board Meeting 7 PM
March 9-11, 2023: State Basketball
March 11, 2023: Baseball vs. Bloomfield 11 AM
March 11, 2023: Track @ Farmington 8 AM
March 13, 2023: PTO Meet at Elementary 5 PM
March 13, 2023: Community-wide Strategic Plan Stakeholder Meeting to review progress
March 13-15, 2023: Knowledge Bowl to State
March 14, 2023: Baseball vs. Nucla 1 PM
March 14, 2023: Soccer @ Cortez
March 14, 2023: Elementary Family Night/Literacy Campout 5:30 - 7 PM
March 16, 2023: Baseball vs. Dove Creek
March 16, 2023: Soccer @ Cortez
March 17, 2023: Track @ Bayfield Invite 8 AM
March 18, 2023: Soccer vs. Ridgeway
March 20-24, 2023: Spring Break
March 25, 2023: Track @ Farmington Invite
April 1, 2023: Soccer @ Crested Butte
April 1, 2023: Baseball @ Del Norte
April 3, 2023: DAC Meeting 12 PM in the Administration Office

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency

SoCoCAA is now hiring for multiple positions: Substitute Teacher; Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Technician; Teacher Assistant. All positions open until filled. For more information, please visit our website (www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4517.

Ignacio Early Learning Program

Ignacio Early Learning Program and the Ignacio School District are offering Universal Pre-K state funding that provides 15 hours of free preschool to 4-year-olds and 10 hours to 3-year-olds with qualifying factors for the 2023/2024 school year. For further information or to apply, please visit <https://upk.colorado.gov>.

San Juan Basin Health Department

WIC Program Update: Starting March 1, 2023, an expanded list of WIC foods will be available to Colorado WIC families. WIC provides nutrition education and healthy foods to pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and children under the age of five. Most SNAP-eligible families also qualify for WIC benefits. For more information visit www.sjbpublichealth.org/WIC, or call 970-335-2018 (English) / 970-403-2206 (Spanish).

Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy (CARE) Program

Are you interested in reducing your energy bills? The CARE Program offers free energy efficiency upgrades to reduce the monthly energy bills of income-qualifying households within their service territory. You can save up to 25% annually on your energy bills after going through the CARE Program. For more information or to get an application, visit www.energyoutreach.org or call 970-259-1916.