



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Welcome to Ignacio!

Please wear a face covering at all indoor public spaces and practice 6-foot social distancing.

These practices help keep our community healthy & businesses safe.



Town Hall Partial Opening

Town Hall remains closed to the public indefinitely; however, staff is available by phone between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday thru Friday. If you call and get a message, please leave contact and pertinent information so staff can respond to your call accordingly. Town staff are available for in-person appointments, which require advanced scheduling and coordination by calling Town Hall.

Town of Ignacio Website and Facebook Page

The Town of Ignacio website has been migrated to a new platform that is ADA compliant. We are still in the process of updating the website so that all the links are functional as they were on the previous platform. We appreciate your patience with us during this transition.

The Town of Ignacio will use our website (townofignacio.colorado.gov) and Facebook page ("Town of Ignacio") to communicate with our citizens on COVID-19 updates, events, closures of facilities and roads, utility outages and/or disruptions, etc. These sites are updated regularly with important information; we encourage you to visit these sites often for up-to-date information.

Water Quality Reports

The 2020 Drinking Water Quality Reports are available for viewing on the Town's website (townofignacio.colorado.gov). Scroll to the bottom of the home page to see the link. These reports are also available for viewing at Town Hall, the Library, and the Post Office.

COVID-19 Information & Resources

PLEASE follow all CDC and SJBPH recommendations for protecting yourself and your loved ones.

To keep updated on the current Executive Orders from Governor Polis, San Juan Basin Public Health, and other agencies, go to the following websites: <https://www.colorado.gov/governor/2020-executive-orders>, <https://sjbpublichealth.org>, <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe>

For COVID-19 Recovery & Assistance information, please visit these websites: www.211Colorado.org, www.swcoda.org, <https://www.facebook.com/PineRiverShares>, <http://swhousingsolutions.com/program/community-emergency-assistance-coalition>, <https://forms.gle/Y5ma2cdQye2adYhY8> (Ignacio COVID-19 Mutual Aid), www.aidtoall.org (La Plata County Economic Development Alliance).

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

Until further notice, all meetings will take place via Remote Public Meeting. Check the Town's website for information on how to access and participate in these meetings.

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

Town Board & Planning Commission Joint Work Session
Tue, May 4th
6:00PM

Town Board Meeting
Mon, May 10th
6:30PM

Planning Commission
Wed, May 12th
6:00PM


Town Board & Planning Commission Joint Work Session
Tue, May 18th
6:00PM

No Staff Available
Mon, May 31st
Memorial Day Holiday


Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 9

Happy Memorial Day!
Monday, May 31

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

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

Online Payments

You can pay your Town utility bill **ONLINE!** Go to the Town's website www.townofignacio.com 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, please call Town Hall to set an appointment to make your payment. Thanks!

Utility Billing Information

The Town Board has approved the below temporary changes to the utility billing policy due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration:

- **Late fees are waived during the Disaster Declaration**
- **Utilities will not be shut off for unpaid utility bills**
- **Unpaid utility balances will need to be paid in full at the conclusion of the Emergency Declaration in order to avoid future late charges and shut-offs**

The on-call number (970-759-3660) is for **utility emergencies ONLY**. If you have utility billing or service questions, please call Town Hall and speak with staff or leave a detailed voicemail; your call will be returned as soon as possible.

If you would like a copy of the 2021 Utility Rate Sheet, please contact Town Hall.

Town of Ignacio Employment Opportunity

The Town of Ignacio is seeking applicants for a Parks Maintenance Worker. This is a seasonal position with varying hours. Salary range is \$14.00-\$16.00/hr. with no benefits. Applications and job descriptions are available at townofignacio.colorado.gov. Completed applications may be delivered to Town Hall, mailed to PO Box 459, Ignacio, CO 81137, or emailed to tdunton@townofignacio.com; this position will remain open until filled. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Ignacio School District Events

May 10 - K-2 Field Day

May 13 - 3-5 Grade Field Day

May 18 - Fifth Grade Virtual Continuation Program at 1:00 PM

May 20 - Last day of school for students

May 22 - High School Graduation

May 29 - FFA Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry & Pie and Student Auction, 5:30-8:30 PM, at Spring Creek Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children under 10.

SoCoCAA Employment Opportunities

SoCoCAA is **HIRING** for a Substitute Teacher. Details and applications are available online at www.sococaa.org. Position open until filled. For more information call 970-563-4517.

ELHI Community Center Job Opportunity

If you know of anyone interested in putting in 2-3 days per week to clean the ELHI Community Center, please email elhimanager@gmail.com or call 970-563-4100 for more information. Those interested will go through an interview process including paperwork, drug test, background check and their references checked. Pay is \$14/hour with flexibility in days/hours worked, and training will be provided. Ideal days would be Mondays and Fridays and the job shouldn't take more than 5-10 hours/week. Since we are hoping for someone who is also handy, additional hours can be filled in with other jobs throughout the building as needed.

WIC Program in Ignacio

WIC Update: The Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program received COVID relief funds to increase the fruit and vegetable portion of the WIC food packages for women and children to \$35/month per person for June through September, 2021. This generous increase helps support WIC participant's needs for healthy foods during the COVID pandemic. For more information about the WIC program at San Juan Basin Public Health, go to <https://sjbpublichealth.org/wic/> or call 970-335-2018.

Sexual Assault Services Organization

SASO is looking for volunteers for our 24-hour Crisis Hotline and First Responder Training. For information, please contact Emily (emily@durangosaso.org) or call 970-259-3074.