



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Town Hall Partial Opening

Beginning June 1, Town staff will be available by phone between 10 AM and 2 PM to answer questions and schedule appointments. If you call and get a message, please leave contact and other 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.

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.

Face Masks for Ignacio Businesses

The current San Juan Basin Public Health Order requires all employees to wear face masks when working in public. The Town has a limited number of face masks for distribution to businesses needing face masks for employees. If your business needs face masks, please send an email to mallred@townofignacio and provide a business and contact name, phone number, and number of masks needed. Town staff will respond to your request and coordinate the mask delivery.

Census 2020

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE COUNTED. The amount of local funding that will be received from the Federal Government **over the next 10 years** depends on the census numbers. Visit <https://2020census.gov/> and BE COUNTED! If you do not have a census ID, you can still take it by using your physical address. The Federal government has extended the self-response deadline in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

Water Quality Report Available

The 2019 Water Quality Report is now available at Town Hall, the Library, and the Post Office. It is also available on our website: www.townofignacio.com.

Property Maintenance

The Town Municipal Code requires properties to be maintained and managed. This entails lawn maintenance, weed removal and removal of clutter, trash and debris. Also, any digging must first obtain utility clearances by contacting the Utility Notification Center by phone at 811.

Mosquito Control

Vector Disease Control is contracted through the Town of Ignacio as your mosquito control provider. Please call VCD (970-560-6637) to report mosquito problems. It is important to remove standing water, where mosquitos lay eggs. VCD treats water with larvacide and fogs streets and alleys when mosquitos are present.

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Town Board Meeting

Mon, June 15th
6:30PM

Happy Flag Day!

June 14

Happy Father's Day!

June 21

Happy Independence Day!

July 4



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 (563-9501), or Dispatch (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 (563-9501), o diligencia al número 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 Dumpsters

Dumpsters located at Town Parks or Facilities are not intended for personal use. Signs at each location detail allowed usage. Illegal dumping will result in possible fines and citations. Please do not use dumpsters illegally. Thank you.

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. As always, you can mail your payment, drop it in the night drop box (no cash, please) or come to Town Hall during regular business hours (8 AM - 5 PM Monday thru Friday). We are always happy to see you!

Town of Ignacio Facebook Page

The Town of Ignacio will use their website (www.townofignacio.com) and Facebook page ("Town of Ignacio") to communicate and update our citizens on events, COVID-19 information, closures of facilities and roads, utility outages and/or disruptions, etc. These sites are updated often with important information and we encourage you to visit them regularly for up to date information provided by the Town.

Ignacio Business Resources

Federal relief funding is forthcoming to the State of Colorado. All Ignacio businesses should apply for these funds if they qualify. For information on funding criteria and application processes, please visit www.yeslpc.com (website for La Plata County Economic Development Alliance).

COVID-19 Information & Resources

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/>
- <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>
- <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe>
- www.townofignacio.com

For information on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance, please visit these websites:
www.211Colorado.org
<http://swhousingsolutions.com/program/community-emergency-assistance-coalition>
www.swcoda.org

WIC Program in Ignacio

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is open for business and accepting new families! For the safety of our families, WIC is conducting existing and new client appointments over the phone. WIC is a supplemental food and nutrition program for pregnant or postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five (5). Pregnant women or families experiencing loss of income may qualify to enroll.

To contact WIC, go to www.coloradowicsignup.com to initiate a self-referral, and a WIC staff member will call you. La Plata County residents can call the Durango WIC office (970-335-2026).

Sexual Assault Services Organization

SASO has opened an office in Ignacio! They are located in the ELHI Community Center, Room 22. If you or someone you know is in need of their services, please call them at 970-563-0695. You can also visit them during their regular business hours: Monday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: The office may be closed during the COVID-19 pandemic; please call to confirm that services are available.

Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)

LEAP typically runs November 1 through April 30. LEAP helps eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. To apply, go to www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting loss of income for so many people, the deadline to apply for LEAP funds has been extended until August 31, 2020, or until funds run out. Please apply quickly so you can receive this form of aid before it is no longer available.