



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Town Hall Partial Opening

Town Hall remains closed to the public until further notice; however, staff is available by phone between 10 AM and 2 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.

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 with the 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.

Energy Outreach Colorado

Your tax-deductible donation to Energy Outreach Colorado helps vulnerable Coloradans pay their home energy bills. To apply for energy assistance or to make a donation for families in need, please go to www.EnergyOutreach.org or call 866-HEAT-HELP (866-432-8435).

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, July 13th
6:30PM



EVERYONE
COUNTS Census
2020

<https://2020census.gov>

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 Burn Pile

The burn pile will remain open 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. If you have questions, please call Town Hall.

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 up an appointment. Thanks!

Town of Ignacio Website and Facebook Page

The Town of Ignacio will use our website (www.townofignacio.com) and Facebook page ("Town of Ignacio") to communicate with our citizens on COVID-19 information, 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 them often for up to date information provided by the Town.

Ignacio Business Resources

Federal relief funding is available to all Ignacio businesses that 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
- <https://www.facebook.com/PineRiverShares/>
- <https://forms.gle/Y5ma2cdQye2adYhY8> (Ignacio COVID-19 Mutual Aid)

Hope Community Christian Academy

HCCA is enrolling students in grades K-8 through July 31. HCCA is also seeking a middle school math and science teacher for Tuesdays - Thursdays. For more information, go to hopecommunitychristianacademy.org.

Ignacio Early Learning Program

IELP is accepting applications for the 20-21 school year. Please visit www.sococaa.org for more information and an application.

WIC Program in Ignacio

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is a supplemental food and nutrition program for pregnant or postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five (5). WIC is conducting appointments over the phone. 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 an office in Ignacio! They are located in Room 22 of the ELHI Community Center. If you or someone you know is in need of their services, please call them at 970-563-0695. Their regular business hours are Monday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)

LEAP helps eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. To apply, go to www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP. **PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline to apply for LEAP funds has been extended until August 31, 2020, or until funds run out.