



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 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.

Fall Clean Up

Fall Clean Up will be October 1-4, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day. Please bring a copy of your utility bill showing your account address to gain access to the Burn Pile on Quichas Hills Avenue. We cannot accept the following items: hazardous materials, oil, tires, paint, batteries, electronics, antifreeze, and/or flammable materials. We can accept your old refrigerator if the Freon pump has been removed and it is tagged by a licensed appliance repairman.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Ignacio is currently accepting applications for Police Officer and Public Works Director. For job descriptions and applications, please visit 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 larvicide, 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, Sep 21st
6:30PM



EVERYONE COUNTS

Census
2020

<https://2020census.gov>

Census takers are knocking on doors in your neighborhood to collect responses from households that have not yet responded. Please cooperate with them. You can also respond online at www.2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020.

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

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 Community Library

The Ignacio Community Library is interested in speaking with anyone who directly took part, or knows someone who took part, in an academic study that was done in the Ignacio area in the 1960s by a man named Dr. Richard Jessor. The results of this study were published in a book entitled, "Society, personality, and deviant behavior: A study of a tri-ethnic community". If you, or anyone you know, may have taken part in this study please contact the library by phone at 970-563-9287 and ask for Andrew Hutchinson, or send an email to ahutchinson@ignaciolibrary.org.

Irrigation for Town of Ignacio

Irrigation will be shut off the last week of September, based on BIA's notification. The Public Works Department will test the new pump station mid-September. Potential challenges with bringing this system online may require irrigation to be shut off sooner.

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)
- www.aidtoall.org (La Plata County Economic Development Alliance)

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 self-refer. La Plata County residents can call 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.

SoCoCAA Employment Opportunities

SoCoCAA Youth Services is **HIRING** for a Project Venture Program Coordinator and a Full Time Bus Driver for SoCoCAA / Bustang Outrider for Durango to Grand Jct. route. Details and applications are available online at www.sococaa.org. For more information call 970-563-4517. Both positions will remain open until filled.