



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.

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.

Email Billing

The Town is considering the option of emailing bills to those who are interested in receiving their bills this way (rather than in the mail). If you are interested in this option, please let us know by the end of October by calling the office between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday. Thanks!

Halloween Safety Tips

Please slow down and drive safely on Halloween evening, especially between 5:30 and 9:30 PM, which are the most popular trick or treat hours. For more information and safety tips, visit <http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>.

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.

Yes for Los Pinos Fire

Please vote Yes for Los Pinos in the upcoming general election. The last request for an increase by public vote was in 1998! A Yes vote will ensure that the advanced life support ambulance will continue responding from Ignacio and add a much-needed second ambulance crew to the system. It will also secure the current trained career fire response staffing levels, plus add volunteer staffing to all the outlying stations for reduced response times. It will assist the district with updating antiquated safety equipment for the Firefighters and Paramedics. These first responders truly need your support. Let's stand with them.

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, Oct 12th
6:30PM

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1, 2020



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).

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 Community Library

Are you registered to vote? If you would like to register to vote in person, or need more information about how to register to vote, please stop by the Ignacio Community Library any time during the month of October! We have a complimentary laptop and free WiFi available for you to register online, or paper forms that we will fax to the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder's Office at no charge. If you register to vote in Colorado by Monday, October 26, you will automatically be signed up to receive a ballot in the mail. You may register to vote all the way up to, and on, November 3rd (Election Day) but after Oct 26 you should make a plan to vote in person or utilize a Drop Box to turn in your completed ballot. The nearest polling locations to Ignacio will be the Southern Ute Museum and Bayfield Town Hall. The closest Drop Box will be located at Farmer's Fresh grocery store. If you have any other questions, or would like to register to vote, please stop by the library any day of the week or call 970-653-9287.

Ignacio Early Learning Program

Ignacio Early Learning Program has a few Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) funded spots open for children three to four years of age. For more information call 563-0681.

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)

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.