



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, January 4, 2023

5:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and
via Remote Public Meeting

Town Board Meeting

Mon, January 09, 2023

6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and
via Remote Public Meeting

Town Hall Closed

Mon, January 16, 2023

In observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Town Hall Hours of Operation

Town Hall is open to the public from 9 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday. We look forward to serving you. Please do not come into the office if you have cold-like symptoms and/or are running a fever.

Town Board Meeting Agenda Posting Locations

In the past, the three physical posting locations for Town Board Meeting Agendas, in addition to being posted on the Town's website, were the Library, the Post Office, and the door to the Abel F. Atencio Community Room. The Post Office has recently made the decision to no longer allow the public to post at the Post Office. The Post Office posting location is not going to be replaced going forward, and the Agenda will only be posted at the Library and the Abel F. Atencio Community Room.

Utility Rate Changes

The following rate changes, adopted at the December 12 Board Meeting following a properly noticed public hearing, are effective for the January 2023 billing period and will be reflected in the bill that is mailed on February 5, 2023:

- Water base rate will increase from \$27.67 to \$28.89; the rate per thousand gallons will \$11.32 plus 10% Loss Factor and 5% Capital Factor for the first 6,000 gallons; after 6,000 gallons the rate per thousand will be \$6.00 plus 10% Loss Factor and 5% Capital Factor.
- Gas base rate will increase from \$24.82 to \$25.92; the rate per MCF will still be based on the SUUD rate plus 10% capital factor.
- Sewer base rate will increase from \$18.58 To \$19.40. Sewer will continue to be charged based on water usage from the prior winter months, and the rate will be fixed for the entire year.
- Recycling will continue to be provided by TDL. The charge per cart is \$10.00. If you would like a recycling cart, please contact Town Hall.
- Irrigation Rates and Trash Rates remain unchanged.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Town Hall.



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.



Plastic Bag Fees

HB 21-1162 was effective January 01, 2023. This new bill imposes a 10-cent fee for every single-use bag (paper or plastic) that a "large" retail store supplies to each customer. A large retail store is defined as a store that has more than three locations within the State of Colorado, and/or has stores in other states. The stores that this is applicable to within the Town of Ignacio are Family Dollar and Seven to Eleven. Restaurants are exempt from the ban, so this does not apply to Subway. For more information, please visit the Town's website.

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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

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

NOTE: If people continue to dump unacceptable items, the Burn Pile will be closed indefinitely.

Online Payments

You can pay your Town utility bill **ONLINE!** Go to the Town's website townofignacio.colorado.gov 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, you can visit Town Hall between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Thanks!

Snow Removal

The Public Works Department is involved in snow removal operations. During snow storms, please park your vehicles in your driveway or garage and leave the street clear for snow plows. Also, the Town Code states that it is unlawful to plow, shovel, push, or place snow from privately owned property into any street, road, alley, or highway in the Town. Please help Town crews as they work hard to keep Town streets clear of snow and safe for your travel. Thank you.

Pine River Shares

Friends, Food, and Funds Drive: please consider donating non-perishable food items to help feed the children of Ignacio. Food drop boxes are located at the Library and Town Hall.

The backpacks of food program for kids, and Ignacio Kids 4 Kids (IK4K) has expanded to Ignacio Elementary School. This program provides meals and snacks to students at the Elementary School at the end of each week to ensure they have food though the weekend. There are no minimum qualifications. To sign your student up, please go to the Front Office of the Elementary School.

On the second Saturday of every month, a food share is held at ELHI from 11 AM - Noon. People can stop in and select from a variety of free groceries; no qualifications need to be met.

For more information on all programs listed, please call Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040.

San Juan Basin Health Department

Happy New Year from the Women, Infants and Children Program at San Juan Basin Public Health. WIC is conducting all appointments by phone, making more convenient than ever to enroll. Please note: foster children and families participating in the Southern Ute Food Distribution Program automatically meet the income eligibility requirements for WIC. For more information call the San Juan Basin Public Health WIC office at 970-335-2018 or go to: www.sjpublichealth.org/WIC.

Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy (CARE) Program

Are you interested in reducing your energy bills? The CARE Program offers free energy efficiency upgrades to reduce the monthly energy bills of income-qualifying households within their service territory. You can save up to 25% annually on your energy bills after going through the CARE Program. For more information or to get an application, visit www.energyoutreach.org or call 970-259-1916.

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began on November 1 and will run through April 30, 2023. LEAP is a federally funded program and is administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western Colorado. It is designed to help eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. To apply, go to <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap>. If you received assistance last year, you need to reapply this year. They have a limited amount of funds for assistance with water and sewer; the application for that program is also online under Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).