



# Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

### Town Hall Closed

Mon, February 20, 2023  
In observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, March 01, 2023  
5:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and  
via Remote Public Meeting

### Town Board Meeting

Mon, March 13, 2023  
6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and  
via Remote Public Meeting



## 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 número 970-563-4401, si siente olor a gas en cualquier momento.



## 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, are running a fever, and/or are not feeling well.

## Gas Rate Update

During the Special Meeting on January 30, 2023, Town Board directed the Town of Ignacio staff to make the following adjustments to the gas rate, in an effort to assist the residents of Ignacio:

- No late fees beginning in January of 2023.
- No reconnect fees beginning in February of 2023.
- Office staff will apply partial payments to all other utilities first, including gas tax (the only balance on each account should be gas and possibly some of the gas tax).
- No disconnections during the months of February through April.
- Waive the 10% Capital Factor for the gas rate if the SUUD Rate is \$10/MCF or higher.

Following the Public Hearing that took place during the Town Board Meeting on February 13, 2023, the Town Board voted to make the following changes to the Gas Rate Structure for 2023:

- The gas rate will be billed at \$16/MCF.
- The 10% Capital Factor will be waived as long as the SUUD rate is above \$10/MCF. Should the SUUD rate drop to \$10/MCF or lower, the 10% Capital Factor will be applied.
- The Board will have the authority, without need for a Public Hearing, to adjust the natural gas rate (increase or decrease) to cover unanticipated rate adjustments throughout the year.
- Starting in April of 2023, accounts with outstanding balances will once again be assessed late fees.
- Starting in May of 2023, all accounts that are past due will once again be subject to disconnection of services and assessment of reconnect fees.

If you have any questions, please call Town Hall during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 9AM to 4PM) at 970-563-9494.

## 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. *In addition, should snow become placed on your property in an effort from Public Works to keep the streets safe, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the snow from the property.* Thank you.

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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](http://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!

## Ignacio School District

February 16, 2023: Basketball at Cortez 4:30 PM

February 16-18, 2023: State Wrestling - Denver

February 17, 2023: Skills USA Regional Competition 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM LPC Fairgrounds

February 18, 2023: IMLJV Basketball Tournament; time TBA

February 20-24, 2023: Parent Teacher Conferences

February 21, 2023: Multicultural Meeting 11:50 AM in the Board Room

February 24-25, 2023: Basketball Districts at Centauri

## Clothes Closet

Are you in need of clothing for yourself and family? The Clothes Closet located at the ELHI Community Center provides clothing free of charge to community members. The Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 AM - 2 PM. In addition, if you have quality clothing to donate to community members in need, it can be dropped off during these hours as well.

## Pine River Shares

Friends, Food, & Funds Drive: please donate 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. 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.

The "Together We Thrive" quilt created by Seniors through Thrive in Place (TIP) will be on display at Pine River Senior Center (111 W. South Street in Bayfield) from February 7 - March 17, 2023, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

## San Juan Basin Health Department

SNAP benefits are expected to decrease, remember WIC can help fill the void in families food budgets. Due to the end of the pandemic emergency food assistance increase, families who receive SNAP food assistance may see a reduction in their benefit amounts starting in March. The Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) is another resource to access healthy foods. Individuals who are pregnant, recently had a baby or have children under the age of 5, may be eligible for food assistance via the WIC program. For more information visit [www.sjpublichealth.org](http://www.sjpublichealth.org) WIC or call 970-335-2018.

## ELHI

The ELHI has one room currently available for rent. Please contact Cora at 970-563-4100 for more information.