

Meet the Candidates for Mayor & Three Trustee Positions for the Regular Municipal Election on April 5, 2022

For Mayor

Thank you to the Town of Ignacio for including a short bio of candidates in the newsletter. For those that may not know me, I'm Clark Craig and I'm running for Mayor of Ignacio. My bride and I moved here in 2017 to purchase and manage Meadow Brook Mobile Home Park. You may know her Sharon Craig.

I was raised North of Durango, graduating from Durango High School and attended a few years at Fort Lewis. I finished my BS in Mathematics at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. Sharon and I were married in 1991 and have 3 wonderful daughters and a soon to be son-in-law. No grandkids yet ... just two grand dogs and a grand cat. The next 25 years was spent in Oil & Gas living in Farmington, NM., Fort Worth, TX., Calgary, AB., Tulsa, OK. Some locations more than once. It was a great career in Information Technology, facilities, operations, automation, and management. Late 2016 we made the commitment to relocate to Ignacio and start a new chapter.

What's happened in the last 5 years? In 2018 I was appointed to the Ignacio Planning Commission. 2019 I was voted Chair of the Planning Commission and we embarked on the latest Land Use Code revision project. As a business owner, we joined the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce in 2017. In 2020 I was voted to the Board of Directors and subsequently appointed President — Ignacio Chamber of Commerce. As a Chamber representative I become involved with the La Plata Economic Recovery Task Force that became a business Covid response group from 2020-2021. In 2018 I was asked to join the Ignacio Community Library board of directors. I currently serve as vice-chair.

Why Mayor? I've been attending Ignacio Town Board meetings for several years now and have decided to step up and be more involved. I would urge each of you to look where you can get involved. There are open positions on Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments. Please make time to attend meetings.



For Trustees

My name is Thomas Atencio, I've lived in Ignacio most of my life. My mother Dolores Atencio went to school here, moved away met my Dad Victor Atencio and they moved back in 1957. So, my roots have always been here.

Why, I'm running for the Town Board? In hopes of helping our families that lives here today to have a better and easier life.



For Trustees (Continued)

Jeremy Schulz is running for 1 of 3 open seats for Town Trustee in the Town of Ignacio. Jeremy has lived in the greater Ignacio area since 2003 and moved into town in 2013. A family man, he has been married for 16 years and has four children.

Jeremy spent 20 years in the private sector as a Drywall contractor before moving to the public sector. Working first for the Ignacio School District then the Town of Ignacio in 2015. As Public Works Director for the Town of Ignacio he oversaw the completion of the gas line replacement project and instituted an asphalt maintenance program- repaving Town streets. In 2018 he became the Director of Public Works for the Town of Bayfield where he manages the water and wastewater treatment facilities, all capital improvement projects, future development review for impact on existing infrastructure as well as daily operations.

If elected Jeremy hopes to bring his institutional knowledge of Town operations as well as apply his practical experience as a member of our community to add value to the Board of Trustees to implement the Town's strategic plan.



Hello, my name is Sharon Craig and I have proudly served as a Trustee for the Town of Ignacio for the past 4 years. I was born in Durango and my parents were teachers in Bayfield. At 7, when we moved away my dream was to move back to the area. During a visit to Durango, I met my husband, Clark and we were married up on Florida Mesa. Our journey with our 3 amazing daughters took us to many locations, but when we had the opportunity to return and make our home in Ignacio we jumped at the chance.

My husband and I purchased Meadow Brook Mobile Home Park in 2017 and we love being part of this community. We joined the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce and I got involved right away serving on the board for several years. I am currently the Chamber coordinator for the Annual Green Chile Fest in partnership with Farmers Fresh. I serve as the Vice President on the Ignacio Creative District Board.

After being elected as a Trustee in 2018 I was appointed by the Mayor and Trustees to represent Ignacio on the La Plata County Economic Alliance Board. Applying for a vacancy I was appointed and then elected to the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board, I serve on the CML Policy Committee, and represent CML on the Special Highway Committee – Off-system Bridge Grant Committee. Serving at a state level has allowed me to collaborate with other municipalities in Colorado as well as making sure the Town of Ignacio and other rural communities are represented. I am focused on keeping the Town fiscally conservative, maintaining our relationship with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and discovering opportunities for economic development while preserving Ignacio's wonderful culture and small-town charm.



Hello, I am Joseph Atencio and I'm running for Town of Ignacio Trustee. I have lived in Ignacio all of my life and proud to raise my three children here. My family has been here generations before me, so we have a lot of love for this town and want to see it flourish. Both my grandfather and father have been involved with politics and lent their knowledge and guidance to me and I hope to do the same. I have extensive experience in construction and infrastructure as well as managing and maintaining large projects and budgets. I have done my best to learn from my mistakes and life lessons and guarantee I will do what is right for the Town of Ignacio. Thanks for your consideration.

