



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Joint Work Session with Ignacio Town Board & La Plata Board of County Commissioners

Thu, March 10th
6:00PM

Willow Café at the Casino and
via Remote Public Meeting

Town Board Meeting

Mon, March 14th
6:30PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and
via Remote Public Meeting

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 13, 2022

Remember to Spring your clocks forward an hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Town Hall Hours of Operation

Town Hall is open to the public from 10 AM to 2 PM Monday through Friday. Phones are on from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. If you need to come into the office before 10 AM or after 2 PM, please call to make an appointment.

Utility Rate Changes

Water base rate has increased from \$26.48 to \$27.67; the rate per thousand gallons will remain at \$6.00 plus 10% Loss Factor and 5% Capital Factor.

Gas base rate has increased from \$23.75 to \$24.82; the rate per MCF will still be based on the SUUD rate plus 10% capital factor.

Sewer base rate has increased from \$14.84 to \$18.58. The Town is returning to an ERT model for sewer charges (1 ERT = 3,000 gallons); each ERT will be \$50.00. 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.

The only recycling cart size that is available is the 64-gallon size; the charge for this cart will be \$10.00. TDL will pick up all 35-gallon and 96-gallon carts and replace them with one 64-gallon cart. Please contact Town Hall if you wish to be removed from or added to the recycling route.

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.



Snow Removal

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 Tow. Please help Town crews as they work hard to keep town streets clear of snow and safe for your travel. Thank you.

Town of Ignacio Elections

The polling place for the April 5, 2022 election is the Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Ave., from 7AM to 7PM. To confirm your registration status, go to <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html> and click on "Find my Registration". See the insert in this month's newsletter to learn who the candidates are for Mayor (1 candidate) and Trustees (4 candidates for three seats). There will also be ballot questions concerning the allowance and taxation of recreational and medical marijuana.

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.



Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean Up will be May 5-8, 2022, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM all four days. Please bring a copy of your utility bill with you as proof of residency. No electronics, tires or chemicals accepted. Refrigerators will only be accepted if the Freon pump is removed, and it must be tagged by a licensed repairman.

Safety Reminder

Please remember to always lock your car and never leave valuables in it, especially not in plain view. This will prevent thieves from having easy access to your valuable items.

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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.

Online Payments

You can pay your Town utility bill **ONLINE!** Go to the Town's website town-ofignacio.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 10 AM and 2 PM Monday through Friday. Thanks!

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began on November 1 and will run through April 30, 2022. LEAP is a federally funded program and is designed to help eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. To apply, go to <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap>. They have a limited amount of funds for assistance with water and wastewater as well; the application for that program is also online under Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) is actively seeking Board members. Members do not need to live in Ignacio. If interested, please call (970) 563-4517 or email Lori Niewold, Executive Director: niewold@sococaa.org. SoCoCAA is hiring for the following positions: Addiction Specialist; Bus Driver; Clerical/Dispatch; Celebrating Healthy Community Program Manager; Monitoring Technician Substitute; Program Coordinator for Youth Services; Substitute Teachers. Please go to www.sococaa.org to submit your application or call 970-563-4517.

Employment Opportunity

The ELHI Community Center in Ignacio, CO, is seeking a highly motivated person for the position of Facilities Manager/Administrator. The candidate will have numerous duties and responsibilities to ensure efficient and effective operations of the office, building and grounds, including administrative support, communications, site and tenant management, coordination, scheduling and clerical tasks. Must have strong leadership skills to manage staff, volunteers, partnerships and events. This position will be a 40 hour per week job with some flexibility for event coverage. A complete job description and application are available online at <https://www.theelhiignacio.org/>. The ELHI Center is a drug and alcohol-free workplace, in accordance with Ignacio School District policies. Salary is \$42,000/Annually DOQ/DOE. Applicants must submit a job application, cover letter, and a resume to: elhiboard@gmail.com. Job will be open until March 11, 2022, 11:59 pm.

Ignacio Community Library

Family Game Night on Friday, March 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A night of fun for all ages! With games provided from card games to board games, or bring your own games. Free snacks provided.

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. & Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Library: Idea Lab STEM Class. Learn the basics of design and software options for creating and producing documents for work or fun. The class will use open source and free software sources. This class is for all ages but children under 9 need to be accompanied by an adult.

San Juan Basin Public Health WIC and SNAP Programs

Once again, the recently passed federal budget continuing resolution favored the WIC program with another continuation of an increased dollar amount for the fruit and vegetable portion of the WIC food benefits. Colorado WIC families will see the following increase on their WIC debit card through the end of March 2022: \$24/month for children, \$43/month for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$47/month for breastfeeding participants.

Free Legal Clinics

La Plata County is offering free legal clinics on the second Friday of each month, 4-5 PM, at Ignacio Community Library. Please call 970-563-9287 if you would like to attend.

Homebuyer Education Classes

HomesFund offers free first-time homebuyer education classes in La Plata County. You have the opportunity to qualify for Down-Payment Assistance Funds by attending one of these classes. To register, go to: <https://homesfund.org/attend-a-class>.