



# 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 Board Meeting

Mon, April 10, 2023  
6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

### Joint Work Session with Town Board and La Plata Board of County Commissioners

Mon, April 24, 2023  
6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

### Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, May 03, 2023  
5:30 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 numero 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.

## Spring Cleanup

Spring Clean Up will be May 4 - 6, 2023, from 8 AM - 6 PM each day. 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.

## Utility Announcements

-An error occurred in the calculation of water billing for the months of January and February 2023, which resulted in utility customers being overcharged. This has been corrected going forward, and will be seen in the April 05, 2023 bill reflecting March 2023 usage. After the bills are mailed, your utility account will be credited to make up for the overpayments made for January and February water usage.

-GFL, the company contracted for residential trash removal, notified the Town on February 3, 2023 that the trash rates will be increasing by 6.1% CPI rate for trash collection. The rate for 1 poly cart will increase from \$11.40 to \$12.10, the rate for 2 poly carts will increase from \$17.50 to \$18.54, and the rate for 3 poly carts will increase from \$23.60 to \$24.98. This will be seen in the July 2023 bill reflecting June 2023 usage.

-Due to increased gas rates, the Town Board voted in February of 2023 to waive to late fees until April of 2023, and not perform utility disconnections until May of 2023. Please note, late fees will once again be assessed starting on the last business of this month, April 28, 2023. Disconnections due to nonpayment of utility bills will begin May 10, 2023, with a reconnect fee of \$50.00 assessed.

Please contact Town Hall at 970-563-9494 with questions you have regarding the above announcements.

## ELHI

-Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center

Adult Pottery: Wednesdays 10 AM - 12 PM

Kids N Creativity: music, art, snacks, and games Fridays 1 - 3 PM

Adult Open Studio: Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM

-Pine River Shares - FREE food distribution every 2nd Saturday of the month 10 AM - 12 PM.

-Ignite Gymnastics - State Gold Team Meet: March 31, 2023 - April 2, 2023

-SoCoCAA Youth Services (grades 6 - 12): after school until 6 PM and on Fridays 10 AM - 6 PM.

-The Clothing Closet - Open for free clothing shopping (for all ages) Tuesdays and Fridays 10 AM - 2 PM.

-ELHI Community Center - Classroom for rent, contact Cora at 970-563-4100.

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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!

## Highway 172/Goddard Avenue Improvements

Work on Highway 172 and Goddard Avenue has begun and will continue throughout the summer. Improvements will include an asphalt surface overlay, new handicap ramps and sidewalk improvements at several locations along Goddard Avenue. Town crews will also be working on sewer service replacements at certain locations along Goddard Avenue. Please monitor the Town's website and Facebook page for updates.

## Low-income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began on November 1 and runs 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). *Please note: April is the last month to apply for this season.*

## Ignacio Creative District

-April 20, 2023 - Ignacio Creative District Meet & Greet After Hours at the Ignacio Community Library 5 - 7 PM; Potluck starts at 5 PM, bring a dish to share.

-May 5, 2023, at 5 PM - Community Exhibition and opening reception, in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, at the Ignacio Community Library; the exhibit will be open for the whole month of May.

## Ignacio School District

-April 7, 2023 Wrestling Banquet 6:15 PM at the High School

-April 13, 2023 FFA Banquet 6 PM at the High School; School Board Meeting

-April 14, 2023 Elementary Family Dance 7 - 9 PM

-April 18, 2023 Multicultural Meeting 11:50 AM Boardroom

-April 24, 2023 Middle School BAC Meeting

-April 27, 2023 Middle School Spring Fling Dance 5:30 - 7:30 PM

-April 29, 2023 Health Fair at the High School

-May 1, 2023 Academic Banquet 6 PM at the High School

-May 5, 2023 FFA Movie Night - High School Auditorium

For information on sporting events, please visit: [athletics.ignacioschools.org](http://athletics.ignacioschools.org)

## Ignacio Community Library

-April 21-22, 2023: Celebrate Earth Day with a plant swap beginning at 9 AM on the 21st and ending at 4 PM on the 22nd.

-April 21, 2023 at 2 PM: The Library will have wooden signs that can be painted with personalized designs to add pizzazz to your porch or garden. The class is free, no sign-up required

-April 23, 2023 at 2 PM: Welcome mothers and daughters of all ages to a tea party at the library. Wear your best! Space is limited to the first 20 people. Register today by calling 970-563-9287.

-April 24, 2023 at 11:30 AM: If you have a favorite book to share, bring it and a list of your favorite Science Fiction authors to the Science Fiction Book Club. Please bring your own lunch for this meeting.