



Town of Ignacio

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Newsletter

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Town Board Meeting

Mon, April 01, 2024
6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room
and via Remote Public Meeting

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, May 01, 2024
5:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room

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 08 - 12, 2024, from 8 AM - 6 PM each day at the property owned by the Town of Ignacio off of the El Paso Road Alley, NOT at the old Burn Pile at Rock Creek. 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.

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began on November 1 and will run through April 30, 2024. **April is the last month of this season to apply.** 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.



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.

Rock Creek Housing Project

The Town is working on new affordable workforce housing and is now opening the qualification process to interested home owners. There are income qualification requirements and Homes Fund, a Durango housing non-profit, is working with interested buyers. Homes are planned for completion in August/September of this year at the Rock Creek Housing Project located off Quichas Hill Avenue. Several home sizes are available for all personal needs. All interested homeowners are encouraged to contact Homes Fund for qualifying details: <https://homesfund.org> or call (970) 259-1418. You can also contact Town Hall with any questions.

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.

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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.

Call 811 Before You Dig

Whether digging a few inches or a few feet, Colorado 811 **MUST** be called to locate underground utility lines prior to any dirt being moved.

Online Payments

You can pay your Town utility bill **ONLINE!** Go to the Town's website townonacio.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 Creative District

Colorado Humanities will tour "Crossroads: Changes in Rural America," a Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibit in Ignacio! The exhibit opens at the Ignacio Community Library: 470 Goddard Ave, on April 29, 2024, and will be on view through June 02, 2024, before moving to other communities.

Participate in creating the future of Ignacio with this interactive event for all ages. Reflect on Ignacio's history and see how you connect to your community with a local exhibit featuring public programs and facilitated conversations to complement the Smithsonian exhibition. Free Events include:

- April 29, 2024: 10AM Grand opening and ribbon cutting
- May 09, 2024: 5 - 6PM Ties to Land and Place
- May 17, 2024: 1 - 2PM Community Celebrations and Traditions
- May 21, 2024: 5 - 6PM Ignacio's Past, Present, and Future
- May 31, 2024: 5 - 7PM Grand Finale Event: "Voices, Views, and Visions"

Ignacio School District

- April 08: MS/HS Spring Sport Pictures
- April 09: Multicultural Committee Meeting
- April 10: MS/HS Spring Sport Pictures
- April 11: School Board Meeting 7 -9PM / Elementary School Family Dance 6:30 - 8:30PM
- April 12: Activity Friday
- April 16: HS SAT Testing
- April 18: HS PSAT Testing
- April 22: HS CMAS Testing / HS Fellowship of Christian Athletes 6:30 - 8PM
- April 25: Empty Bowls Event 5 - 7PM / MS Spring Fling Dance 6 - 8PM
- April 26: Activity Friday / Bobcat Tough Mudder
- April 29 - May 09: ISD MEDO Visit (NASA/Space Interactive Event)
- May 01: ISD Academic Awards Banquet 6 - 8PM

For a complete schedule of Spring Sporting Events for Ignacio Middle and High School, please visit: <https://athletics.ignacioschools.org/en-US/calendar>

Ignacio Community Library

Tea Rex Tea Party - April 21, 2024, 11:30AM - 1PM: Get ready for a roaringly good time! You're invited to join our Dinosaur Tea Party, complete with delicious finger sandwiches, refreshing tea, and a scavenger hunt. Plus, you'll get to add some sparkle with hair tinsel and enjoy a story. Signup and a \$10 deposit per family are required

ELHI

April 20, 2024, 10AM - 2PM: We need help with cleaning up trash, raking leaves, painting, sanding tables & benches, and supervising kid's projects at ELHI (115 Ute St.). Lunch will be provided for volunteers; donations of lunch items are welcome! If you have more questions, please call (970) 563-4100.

La Plata County WIC Program

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program at La Plata County Public Health Department is here to help. Serving pregnant and post-partum women and children 5 and under with free healthy foods, nutrition education and more. Please visit www.coloradowic.gov or call the Durango office at (970) 828-8813.