



# 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 Joint Work Session with Planning Commission

Wed, September 8th

6:00PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and  
via Remote Public Meeting

### Town Board Meeting

Mon, September 13th

6:30PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and  
via Remote Public Meeting

# Welcome to Ignacio!

Please wear a face covering at all indoor public spaces and practice 6-foot social distancing.

These practices help keep our community healthy & businesses safe.



## Utility Billing Information

The standard **Utility Billing Policy** is now in place, which states that late fees will be applied to any account with an outstanding balance on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month. If your account remains delinquent, your utilities will be shut off on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month, and you will need to pay the past due amount plus a \$50.00 Reconnect Fee to have your utilities turned back on.

Please note that the Public Works Department will not re-light your furnace, water heater or stove.

In order to assist with accumulated utility bills, the Town is offering a one (1) year repayment agreement on past due amounts. Please contact the Clerk/Treasurer for more information or to obtain an agreement.

The on-call number (970-759-3660) is for **utility emergencies ONLY**. If you have billing or service questions, please call Town Hall and speak with staff.

## Fall Clean Up

Fall Clean Up will be October 7-10. The burn pile will be open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. In order to access the burn pile to drop off approved items, you will need a copy of your current utility bill 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.

## Land Use and Development Code Update

The Town Board and Planning Commission are having work sessions to discuss the Land Use and Development Code Update. A draft version of the Code is available for review at the Ignacio Library, at Town Hall, and on the Town's website. A Public Hearing will be scheduled once the work sessions are done.

## Becker/Goddard Intersection Update

Full road closures will occur as equipment is erected and installed. Please consider using alternate routes, drive carefully and observe all posted construction signs and traffic control. The contractor experienced COVID-related delays, and the anticipated completion date has been extended to October.

## Irrigation Update

The latest projections from BIA are that irrigation will be available through mid-September, possibly longer.

## WIC is OPEN ...and easier than ever!

WIC (Women, Infants, & Children): a supplemental food and nutrition program for pregnant women and children up to age 5.

Participants receive a debit card to purchase healthy foods at area grocery stores.

Due to COVID-19, WIC is holding client appointments over the phone. Those experiencing a loss of income may newly qualify.

Dads, WIC is for you too!

Enjoy more fruits & vegetables this summer!  
Jun. - Sept., get \$35 of fruits & vegetables/person over a year old.

La Plata & San Juan Counties: 970.335.2026  
Archuleta County: 970.264.2409 ext. 3002  
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public health

## 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.



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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-of-ignacio.colorado.gov](http://town-of-ignacio.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!

## Job Opportunity with the Town of Ignacio

The Town of Ignacio is seeking applicants for a part-time Administrative Assistant. This position is has a salary range of \$15.00-\$17.00/hour with no benefits. Applications and job descriptions are available at [townofignacio.colorado.gov/opportunities](http://townofignacio.colorado.gov/opportunities) or at Town Hall (540 Goddard Avenue). Completed applications may be dropped off at Town Hall, emailed to the Town Clerk/Treasurer ([tdunton@townofignacio.com](mailto:tdunton@townofignacio.com)), or mailed to PO Box 459 Ignacio, CO 81137. This position will remain open until filled. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Town Hall Hours of Operation

Town Hall is open to the public 10 AM to 2 PM Monday through Friday. We ask that you wear a mask if you are coming into the office, and that you not come in if you are not feeling well, running a fever, coughing or sneezing. Staff is available by phone between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday thru Friday. We look forward to serving you in person!

## Town of Ignacio Website and Facebook Page

The Town of Ignacio will use our website ([townofignacio.colorado.gov](http://townofignacio.colorado.gov)) and Facebook page ("Town of Ignacio") to communicate with our citizens on COVID-19 updates, events, closures of facilities and roads, utility outages and/or disruptions, etc. These sites are updated regularly with important information; we encourage you to visit these sites often for up-to-date information.

## Ignacio Youth Services

Ignacio Youth Services will be offering free out-of-school time programs for middle and high school aged youth. Our first cycle will be: September 7, 2021 - October 24, 2021 and we will have programs six (6) days a week, for a total of 34 hours per week. Activities will include: Movie Club, International Cooking Club, Outdoor Adventures, Swimming, Games, and so much more. Text or call Caitlyn for info or to sign up: 970-759-2011.

## SunUte Recreation Center

SunUte Rec Center is open with restrictions. Visit [www.sunute.com](http://www.sunute.com) or call 970-563-0214 for the most current information.

## Pine River Shares

FREE food bags for kids! Pick up a bag of kid-friendly food on Fridays between 9 AM and 5 PM at ELHI Community Center, 115 Ute Street in Ignacio. Call 970-884-6040 for more information. Pine River Shares also provides family food bags at ELHI on Saturdays between 11 AM and 1 PM. FREE food in the Pine River Valley! The Emergency Food Assistance Program helps supplement the dietary needs of low-income people and seniors. These USDA Commodity Foods & Senior Food Boxes will be available on Monday, September 27, between 11 AM and 1 PM at Pine River Shares, 658 South East Street in Bayfield.

## 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>.