

# 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, September 9, 2024 6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

# Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, October 2, 2024 5:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room





# 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 de emergencias (911), al Departamento de Bomberos (970-563-9501), o diligencia (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. You can also call in during these hours. We look forward to serving you.

## Special Election to Fill a Town Board Vacancy

The Special Election took place on August 20, 2024. Congratulations to the newest Town Board Member, Audrey Atencio. She will be sworn in during the next Regular Town Board Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024.

# Fall Clean Up

Fall Cleanup is being held October 10-13, 2024, from 8AM - 6PM daily. It will be happening 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. In order to access the disposal site to drop off approved items, you will need a copy of your current utility bill as proof of residency. No, electronics, tires or chemicals will be accepted. Refrigerators will only be accepted if the freon pump is removed, and it must be tagged by a licensed repairman. Please note: this is **NOT** a new Burn Pile and items should not be dumped here outside of Fall Cleanup hours. For more information, please refer to the Town's Facebook page or call Town Hall.

# 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 October/November 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.

## **Back to School**

With school back in session, please drive slowly through residential areas and especially near the schools. Kids are going back to school, everyone driving on the road needs to be more mindful of children crossing the street at designated intersections, school parking zones, parent pick-up and drop-off zones, and school bus only zones.

## Free Clothing Closet

A ministry of Ignacio Community Church, providing free clothing, jackets and shoes to all: Open for FREE clothes shopping (for all ages) Tuesday & Friday, 10 am-2 pm

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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: 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!

## Ignacio School District

Sept 12 - School Board Meeting 7 pm

Sept 16 - School Pictures at all schools

**Sept 20** - Activity Friday

Professional Development Day for Staff

Sept 30 - Oct 4 Parent Teacher Conferences



# Ignacio Community Library

**September 12-** Blood Drive from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. To make an appointment contact Dorothy at (970-563-9287) or Vitalant at (1-877-258-4825)

September 14- International Observe the Mood Night at 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m. at the town park. Come join us for an exciting event featuring public telescope viewing and crafts. September 19- Virtual Reality Travel: India. In this program, you can immerse yourself in the cooking experience of an Indian meal and the journey through India. Space is limited to 6 couples or 12 individuals.

## Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA)

SoCoCAA Inc is now hiring for the following divisions:

### Road Runner Transit:

Bus cleaner/Building Maintenance: - (Part-Time) - \$18.94/hr.- Open until filled

Transit Driver- (Part-time)- \$18.94- Open until Filled

#### SoCoCAA Central Administration:

Executive/ Development Director- \$75,275-\$82,638/yr- Open until filled (Up to \$3,000 in relocation expenses available.)

Program Developer- (Part-time)- \$32.97/hr.- Open until filled

### Ignacio Youth Services:

Program Coordinator- (Full-time)- \$17.29/hr.-DOE-Open until filled

#### ELHI

### The ELHI Community Center (contact: 970-563-4100, admin@theelhiignacio.org)

- -Picnic in the Park (Inspiration Square) Friday, Sept 6th 5-7pm. Lawn games & music
- -ELHI Board of Directors meeting Monday, Sept 9th 10-11am
- -Rise & Shine Teamwork Tuesday first Tuesday of each month 10% of sales support ELHI!
- -Care & Share Mobile Market- Wednesday, Sept 4th 10am-11am
- -1st Annual Harvest Festival Car Show Saturday, October 5th 10am-3pm. Classic cars, vendors, games, food and more!

# Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts (contact: 970-563-4600

dancingspiritgallery@gmail.com)

Providing children's classes, adult pottery studio, public art, private classes and a co-op gallery. Open Studio/Studio Membership: Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am-1 pm **Grand Opening** - Friday, October 25th 5pm-8pm. Ribbon Cutting will be held at 5:30pm!

Ignite Gymnastics (contact: 970-403-2636, ignitegymnastics@mail.com)

Offering programs in developmental and competitive gymnastics \*Registering students anytime. M/T/TH 4:30-7:30pm, Wednesday 4-6:30, Friday 9am-noon, S/S clinics, private lessons.

## SASO (contact: 970-259-3074, raven@durangosaso.org)

Offering free, 24-hour, confidential support, advocacy, support groups and cultural outreach: Online Women Support Group, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

### Pine River Shares (contact: 970-884-6040, pam@pinerivershares.org)

Providing weekly food distribution, community dinners and freecycle clothing FREE food distribution every 2nd Saturday (next date: September 14th, 11 am-noon)