



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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**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.



Town Hall Hours of Operation

Town Hall is open to the public 10 AM to 2 PM Monday through Friday. Staff is available by phone between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday thru Friday. We look forward to serving you in person!

Becker/Goddard Intersection Update

A full road closure is scheduled for Thursday, October 7. Please consider using alternate routes, drive carefully and observe all posted construction signs and traffic control. The installation of mast arms, intersection striping, and light activation will be completed in October.

Utility Billing Information

- The standard **Utility Billing Policy** is in place, which states that late fees will be applied to any account with an outstanding balance on the 26th of the month. If your account remains delinquent, your utilities will be shut off on the 10th 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.
- 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.
- Please note that the Public Works Department will not re-light your furnace, water heater or stove.
- 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 have completed their review of 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 is scheduled during the regular Town Board Meeting on October 11 at 6:30 PM. This Public Hearing has been published in the Durango Herald on October 1 and 8, 2021.

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Town Board Meeting

Mon, October 11th
6:30PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, October 13th
6:00PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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 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!

Town of Ignacio Elections

Three Trustee seats and the Mayoral seat are up for election on April 5, 2022. This could be your opportunity to serve your community and influence the vision and direction of the Town of Ignacio. In order to qualify as a candidate, you must: be eighteen (18) years of age by April 5, 2022; have resided in the Town of Ignacio for the 12 months immediately preceding April 5, 2022; be a registered elector within the Town of Ignacio; complete the nomination petition and obtain a minimum of ten (10) valid signatures of registered electors from within Town limits. More details on the dates that you can pick up and must return your nomination packet will be in next month's newsletter. To confirm that your voter registration is current, log onto <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html> and click on "Find my Registration." The polling place for the election is the Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Ave., from 7AM to 7PM on April 5, 2022.

Happy Halloween!

The peak time for trick-or-treating is between 5:00 & 8:00 PM. Please slow down for trick-or-treaters! Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Ignacio School District Events

October 4-8 – Homecoming Week
October 7 – School Pictures
October 8 – Homecoming Football vs. Center 7 PM
October 12 – Multicultural Meeting at Noon Board Room
October 14 – School Board Meeting 7 PM
October 18 – IPP Meeting with Board and Native American Parents 5:30 PM High School
October 25-28 – Parent Teacher Conference Week
October 29 – No School due to PT Conferences
November 2 – School Board Elections
November 11 – School Board Meeting 7 PM

SoCoCAA Employment Opportunities

SoCoCAA is now hiring for Bus Drivers; Career Counselor (Cortez, CO); Director (Celebrating Healthy Communities); Counselor/Supervisor; Monitoring Technician Substitute; Substitute Teacher and a part time Teacher Assistant. Apply at www.sococaa.org or call (970) 563-4517 for info.

SunUte Recreation Center

SunUte Rec Center is open with restrictions. Visit 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.

San Juan Basin Public Health WIC and SNAP Programs

Qualifying pregnant women and families can be on WIC and SNAP at the same time. SJBPH's Program for Women, Infants and Children provides caregivers with support and education on topics like nutrition during pregnancy, breastfeeding, introducing solid foods to an infant, dealing with picky eaters, AND provides a debit card to buy healthy foods. SJBPH's WIC program believes that moms and dads strive to provide the best for themselves and their children and sometimes need a little help along the way. Due to COVID, all WIC appointments are being conducted over the phone at this time. For more information visit sjbpublichealth.org/WIC or call 970-335-2018.

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>.