



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.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 6.

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. Nomination packets can be picked up on January 4 and all completed packets must be returned to the Clerk no later than close of business on Monday, January 24. Please keep in mind that our regular business hours are 10 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday. If you are unsure of your registration status, 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 Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

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.
- 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.

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began on November 1 and will run through April 30, 2022. 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 wastewater as well; the application for that program is also online under Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, November 10th
6:30PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

Town Board Meeting

Mon, November 15th
Rescheduled from November 8
6:30PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

Town Hall Closed

Thurs, November 11th
In Observance of Veteran's Day

Town Hall Closed

Thurs & Fri, November 25th & 26th
In Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday



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.



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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-ofignacio.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!

Becker/Goddard Intersection Update

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 is scheduled for completion by mid-November.

Happy Veteran's Day!

Thank you to all the members of our armed forces. Your service is deeply appreciated. We honor you and your families for the sacrifices you make.

Happy Thanksgiving!

There are so many things to be thankful for! Even in the middle of difficult circumstances, we can always find something for which we can express gratitude - family, friends, food, life, loved ones.

Escape the Moon

Ready for a challenge during Thanksgiving Break? Test your skills with the escape room, Escape the Moon. Sign up for one of the 13 time slots available during the week of Thanksgiving. The escape room should take an hour to solve, and groups of 4-6 people can sign up in advance by calling the Ignacio Community Library at (970) 563-9287 and taking an available time slot. There will be a \$10 deposit for holding your spot.

Light Up the Town Parade

The first Friday of December (Dec. 3), will bring back the Annual Taste of Christmas / Light up the Town Parade event. Be on the lookout for information around the Christmas parade and additional events provided by the ELHI Community Center, Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center, The Ignacio Community Library and more! For information on how to get involved, please contact Allison Leath at the ELHI Community Center, 970-563-4100 or elhimanager@gmail.com.

San Juan Basin Public Health WIC and SNAP Programs

The recently passed federal budget continuing resolution included a provision to extend the increased fruit and vegetable portion of the WIC food benefits for our WIC participants. Colorado WIC families will see the following increase on their WIC debit card for the months of November and December: \$24/month for children, \$43/month for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$47/month for breastfeeding participants. For more information contact the San Juan Basin Public Health WIC Program (sjbpublichealth.org/wic).

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 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>.