

Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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

Planning Commission Meeting Wed, December 14, 2022 5:30PM Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

Town Hall Closed Fri, December 9, 2022 In Observance of Leonard C. Burch Day

Town Board Meeting Mon, December 12, 2022 6:00 PM Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting

> Town Hall Closed Mon, December 26, 2022 In Observance of Christmas

Town Hall Closed Mon, January 1, 202 In Observance of New Year's 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 n e g o c i o , s a l g a 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.

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.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!





Low-income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began on November 1 and will run through April 30, 2023. 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 sewer; the application for that program is also online under Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Service Opportunity

Do you love your community? Do you want to influence the vision and direction of the Town of Ignacio? Now you can! There are multiple openings on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. To learn more about these two opportunities, please visit our website (townofignacio.colorado.gov), hover your mouse over Town Departments / Planning Department, and select the designated link. You can download an application from the Applications, Forms and Licenses page of our website. Once your completed application is received, it will be submitted to the Town Board for review. Individuals who currently own a business or property within Ignacio town limits, but do not live within the town limits, can still serve. You will be notified when your application is up for review, as the Town Board will want to talk with you. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall.

Do You Own A Dog?

It is the time of year to register your dog with the Town of Ignacio. Per Municipal Code, you are only allowed two dogs per residence, and are required to register your dog and show proof of vaccination. The fee per dog is \$10 if your dog is spayed/neutered, and \$15 if they are not. Please call Town Hall (970-563-9494) for more information. Forms can be found on the Town's website: www.townofignacio.colorado.gov under the "Forms" tab, and either dropped off at Town Hall or mailed to PO Box 459, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Detectors

According to Colorado State Law, every home must have Smoke and C a r b o n M o n o x i d e 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. NOTE: If people continue to dump unacceptable items. the Burn Pile will be closed indefinitely.

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

December 12, 2022: School Board Meeting 7:00 PM December 19, 2022: Knowledge Bowl Students to Ouray December 20, 2022: Multi-Cultural Meeting 11:50 AM in the Boardroom December 26, 2022-January 6, 2023: ISD closed for Christmas Break January 12, 2023: School Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Jack-A-Lope Acres

Jack-A-Lope Acres is hosting Christmas at the Pumpkin Patch, Sun-Thurs, December 01-23, 2022. The Shop will be open 10 AM - 7 PM with the Light Display running from dusk - 7 PM. Additional activities include:

December 10, 2022: Paint & Sip 12 PM December 11, 2022: Hot Coco Bomb Making 12 PM December 17 & 18, 2022: Breakfast with Santa 9 AM December 17 & 18, 2022: Gingerbread House Decorating 12 PM December 23, 2022: Build Your Own Charcuterie Board 5PM

Santa will be at Jack-A-Lope Acres: Sat & Sun, December 10-11, 2022 3 - 5PM, December 17-18, 2022 10 AM - 2 PM, and December 22, 2022 4 - 7 PM. Please see their website for tickets and additional details: https://jackalopeacresfarm.com/.

Snow Removal

The Public Works Department is involved in snow removal operations. During snow storms, please park your vehicles in your driveway or garage and leave the street clear for snow plows. Also, the Town Code states that it is unlawful to plow, shovel, push, or place snow from privately owned property into any street, road, alley, or highway in the Town. Please help Town crews as they work hard to keep Town streets clear of snow and safe for your travel. Thank you.

Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy (CARE) Program

Are you interested in reducing your energy bills? The CARE Program offers free energy efficiency upgrades to reduce the monthly energy bills of income-qualifying households within their service territory. You can save up to 25% annually on your energy bills after going through the CARE Program. For more information or to get an application, visit www.energyoutreach.org or call (970) 259-1916.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a 12 Step Recovery Program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling your life. The Ignacio CR group holds meetings every Monday night from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at 405 Browning Avenue in Ignacio, CO. For additional information please contact Teresa at 970-779-8133.

Free Legal Clinics

La Plata County is offering free legal clinics on the second Friday of each month, 4 PM - 5 PM at the Ignacio Community Library. Please call 970-563-9287 if you would like to attend.