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# Town of Ignacio Newsletter



## LEAP

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) begins November 1 and runs through April 30. LEAP is a federally funded program, administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western Colorado. It is designed to help eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. It is NOT intended to pay the entire cost of home heating. To apply, call 1-866-775-5327, pick up an application at Town Hall, or download the application from [www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP](http://www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP). If you received LEAP assistance last year, that does not guarantee approval for this year; you need to reapply each year.

## Election on April 3, 2018

Three Trustee seats on the Town Board and the position of Mayor are up for election on April 3, 2018. If you would like an opportunity to influence the vision and direction of your home Town and serve your community, please be sure to pick up a nomination packet from Town Hall on or after **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**.

In order to qualify as a candidate, you must: be eighteen (18) years of age by April 3, 2018; have resided in the Town of Ignacio for the 12 months immediately preceding April 3, 2018; be a registered elector (voter) in Precinct 24; complete the nomination petition and obtain a minimum of ten (10) valid signatures of registered electors from within the Town. These petitions must be completed and turned into the Town Clerk by the end of business day on **Monday, January 22, 2018**.

The polling place for the election on April 3, 2018 is the Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Ave. The polls will be open from 7AM to 7PM. If you do not know whether you are a registered elector or not, go to <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html> and click on "Find my Registration." If you have any questions concerning the election and/or nomination packet, please contact the Ignacio Town Clerk at 970-563-9494.

## Opportunities to Influence Your Community

Do you love your community? Do you wish you had an opportunity to influence the vision and direction of Ignacio? Now you do! There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission and the entire Board of Adjustment has served their 3-year terms, so there are five vacancies on this Board. For a description of the duties of a Planning Commissioner and a member of the Board of Adjustment, please visit the Town website Opportunities Page. To apply for either of these positions, please complete a Board or Commission Application and bring it in to Town Hall.

## Upcoming Events

### Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, January 10th  
6:00PM at Town Hall

### Town Hall Offices Closed

Mon, January 15th for  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Town Board Meeting

Tue, January 16th  
6:30PM at Town Hall

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, February 7th, 2018  
8:00AM at Sky Ute Casino



## 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 (563-9501), or Dispatch (563-4401) if you smell gas at any time.



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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 (563-9501), o diligencia al número 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 Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors installed. The alarm must be installed within 15 feet of the entrance to each bedroom (or other room lawfully used for sleeping purposes), or in any location otherwise specified by a state or local building code. Battery operated units should have a new battery  installed every six (6) months.

## Town Dumpsters

Dumpsters located at Town Parks and Facilities are not intended for personal use. Signs at each location detail usage allowance. Illegal dumping will result in possible fines and citations. Please do not use dumpsters illegally. Thank you for your understanding.



## Online Payments

You can pay your utility bill **ONLINE!** Go to the Town's website ([www.townofignacio.com](http://www.townofignacio.com)) and look for the "Pay Your Bill Online" link at the bottom of the home page. There is a convenience fee of \$1.00 for checks, and \$1.00 + 2.25% for debit or credit card payments.

As always, you can mail your payment, drop it in the night drop box (no cash, please) or come to Town Hall during regular business hours (8AM-5PM Monday-Friday). We are always happy  to see you!

## Snow Mitigation

When there is snowfall, please be sure to park your vehicles off the street so that our Public Works Department can clear the snow from the streets for safe passage. Please also keep in mind that it is unlawful to plow, shovel, push, or place snow from privately owned property onto or into any street, road, alley, or highway in the Town. If you shovel the snow onto your lawn, it will help keep the grass and plants moist for a greener lawn next Spring.

## Home Buyer Education Classes

There are two Homebuyer Classes available this month: Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018, from 8:30am to 4:30pm in the La Plata Electric Association's Multi-Purpose Room at 45 Stewart Street in Durango, and Saturday, Jan 20, 2018, from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Fort Lewis College Campus, EBH Building, Room 55. Topics include: Budgeting and Debt, Credit, Insurance, Lending, and Real Estate. To register, go to [www.homesfund.org](http://www.homesfund.org). If you have questions, call 970-259-1418 ext. 1. By taking this class you will open up access to HomesFund's "Down Payment Assistance Funds" and learn how "One on One Pre-Purchase Counseling" can help achieve Home Ownership.

## Licenses for 2018

**Animal and Business Licenses** for this year were due by December 31, 2017. If these have not yet been paid, there is a \$30.00 late fee that will be assessed; if they are not brought current by January 15, you may receive a citation and also have to pay for court costs in addition to that late fee. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall. Thank you for doing business in the Town of Ignacio and for abiding by the requirements of the Municipal Code.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a non-violent activist for the Civil Rights Movement. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968. On November 2, 1983, President Reagan signed a bill, creating the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday on the third Monday of January every year. Today we celebrate the non-violent activism that has had such a positive influence in our nation's history.



## Colorado Department of Transportation Notice

CDOT encourages travelers to be aware of snow plow operations, as maintenance crews will be actively working to maintain roadways. Here are some tips for safety: Never pass plows on the right, as they are designed to push snow, slush, rocks, ice and debris to the right side of the road. Never pass during tandem plowing (when multiple plows stagger to cover all lanes and clear the entire road in a coordinated sweep). Never tailgate, as the plows drop deicer and sand, and these could hit your car and potentially cause damage and/or reduce your visibility. Please drive safely!