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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. 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).

## Online Utility Payment ALERT

If you wish to pay your utility bill online, only use the Town of Ignacio website. Go to [www.townofignacio.com](http://www.townofignacio.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page to access the link to pay your bill. If you use a search engine to look up "Town of Ignacio," it may take you to another website that is not authorized by the Town to receive payments. That site will hold your payment for a minimum of two weeks and your account will go into past due status and you may risk your utilities being shut off for non-payment. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall (970-563-9494).

## Daylight Saving Time

Remember to Move your Clocks one hour **ahead** before going to bed on Saturday, March 10. It is time to Spring Forward!

## Opportunities to Influence Your Community

Do you love our community? Do you wish you had an opportunity to influence the vision and direction of Ignacio? Now you do! There is a vacancy 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.

## Election on Tuesday, April 3, 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 are unsure about your registration status, 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, please contact the Ignacio Town Clerk at 970-563-9494.

## Upcoming Events

### Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sun, March 11th  
2:00AM

### Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, March 14th  
6:00PM at Town Hall

### Town Board Meeting

Mon, March 19th  
6:30PM at Town Hall

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, April 4th  
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.



## 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 (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 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 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.

## 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. A convenience fee of \$1.00 for checks, and \$1.00 + 2.25% for debit or credit card payments will be charged.

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.

## Colorado Department of Transportation Notice

CDOT encourages travelers to be aware of snow plow operations, as maintenance crews actively work 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!

## Fun Facts about St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 each year, commemorating the death date of the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick was not Irish, although he spent most of his life in Ireland. His given name was Maewyn Succat and he took on the name Patrick after he became Catholic. Today St. Patrick's Day is used as an opportunity to celebrate all things Irish, most notably the color green, good beer, and great whiskey.

There are more than 34 million Americans with Irish ancestry - more than 7 times the population of Ireland.

Corned beef and cabbage is the traditional meal that is served at St Patrick's Day celebrations; over 13 million pints of Guinness are sold world-wide on this day.

## Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 3-6, 2018, 8am to 6pm at the burn pile on Quichas Hills Ave. You need tickets to be able to drop items off; you can pick up tickets at Town Hall on or after April 5, 2018 (2 per utility account). 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.

## Words to Live By

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

A kind word is like a Spring Day.