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Town of Ignacio Newsletter



Election Results

* Congratulations to our elected officials! Stella Cox will serve as our Mayor for a four-year term. The elected Trustees, who will also serve four-year terms, are Thomas Atencio, Dixie Melton, and our newest Board Member, Sharon Craig.

* Lawrence Bartley is leaving the Town Board after serving as a Trustee for 22 years. Thank you, Bart, for all your time, service, and commitment to the Town of Ignacio!

* Please be sure to express appreciation to all of our public servants.

* The sales tax question, seeking a 1.0% increase in sales tax, passed on a 36 in favor and 22 against vote. The sales tax increase will take effect on July 1, 2018.

Upcoming Events

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, April 11th
6:00PM at Town Hall

Town Board Meeting

Mon, April 16th
6:30PM at Town Hall

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, May 2nd
8:00AM at Sky Ute Casino

Irrigation Water

Due to the drought this year, the availability of irrigation water supplied to the Town is uncertain at this time. The Town intends on operating as usual if water is available. We will keep you apprised of changes in operations and water availability. If you have questions, please feel free to call Town Hall at 970-563-9494.



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, appliances, tires or chemicals accepted. Refrigerators will only be accepted if the Freon pump and door are removed, and it must be tagged by a licensed repairman.



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.



Final Upgrades to our Gas System!

As the last step of our gas system upgrade, the Public Works Department and Kave Construction will be replacing gas meters during the months of April and May. The gas will need to be turned off during this process, and the Public Works Department will be available to turn the gas back on and reignite your pilots. Notices will be put on each home in advance of the replacements in your area. If you have any questions or if you require this work to be done on a Saturday, please call Town Hall (970-563-9494) or, if after hours, the Public Works On-Call Number (970-759-3660).



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) 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!

LEAP

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) 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 1-866-432-8435, pick up an application at Town Hall, or download the application from www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP.

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/or 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 to Town Hall or mail it to PO Box 459 Ignacio, CO 81137.

Spring Talent Showcase Recital

La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts presents their Spring Talent Showcase Recital for STUDIO 2B@ELHI dance, winter-guard, glee club and yoga programs on Saturday, April 21st at 1:30pm @ Ignacio HS Performing Arts Auditorium. Suggested donation at door is \$5/person or \$20 per family (up to five people), and includes an entry for "Summer Fun" Basket door prize! Come support these young people as they show what they have learned!

Ignacio School District Multi-Cultural Carnival

Ignacio School District's Multi-Cultural Committee is sponsoring a Carnival on Wednesday, May 9, at the High School. Come out and enjoy carnival activities from 5:00-7:00PM, including a cupcake walk, pie in the face, bouncy house, balloon pop, safe driving, bowling and much, much more. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the concession stand. ALL proceeds will go toward the Multi-Cultural Committee and Character Counts. The Character Counts color for April is Purple, which represents Citizenship. You won't want to miss this exciting event! Tickets will be \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Clubs that want to fundraise at this event can purchase a booth for \$50. Please contact Melanie at 563-0515, ext. 262 or Janet at 563-0510 for more information.