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# Town of Ignacio Newsletter



## Please Drive Carefully!

School is now out for the summer, and it will be staying light later into the evening. The children will be playing outside later than before. Please drive carefully and watch out for our precious little ones. Thank you.

## Utilities Notification

As of June 1st, we will no longer be making shut-off calls (even during the winter months) to remind you to pay your utility bills. We at the Town believe it is your responsibility to make arrangements to have your bills paid in a timely matter. As a friendly reminder, bills are always due the 20th of each month, a \$10.00 late fee is assessed on the 26th of the month if it has not yet been paid, and your utilities will be shut off if your account is not brought current by the 10th the following month. A notice will be placed on your door handle when we shut-off your utilities. To have your utilities turned back on, you will need to bring your account current, which includes the \$10.00 late fee and a reconnect fee of \$50.00.

## Water Quality Reports

Water Quality Reports are available online at [www.townofignacio.com](http://www.townofignacio.com). If you would like to see a printed copy, there is one available at Town Hall, the Ignacio Post Office, and the Community Library.

Irrigation water is now on. Please keep in mind that it is against the law to waste water.

## Mosquito Control

Vector Disease Control (former known as Colorado Mosquito Control) is contracted through the Town of Ignacio as your mosquito control provider. Please call VDC (970-563-9050) to report mosquito problems, and VDC will respond. It is important to remove all standing water where mosquitos lay eggs. VDC treats water with larvacide, and fogs streets and alleys when adult mosquito populations are high.

## Weeds!

The Town of Ignacio has ordinances in place that require you to ensure that your property is maintained in a visibly pleasing way (clear of weeds, bushes that obstruct the line of sight, unkempt lawns, and trash).

If you do **ANY digging** in the process of clearing or maintaining your property, you **must** call for line locates (dial 811) and you **must** obtain an excavation permit from Town Hall.



## Upcoming Events

### Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, June 13th  
6:00PM at Town Hall

### Town Board Meeting

Mon, June 18th  
6:30PM at Town Hall

### Town Hall Offices Closed

Wed, July 4th  
Independence Day

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, July 11  
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 numero 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!

## Free Homebuyer Education Class

If you are a first-time homebuyer, HomesFund offers free education classes in La Plata County. The next two classes will be held on the Fort Lewis College Campus on Saturday, June 9 (Berndt Hall, Room 234) and Saturday, July 14 (Sittner Family Hall, Room 710), 8:30AM-4:30PM. There is a \$15.00 materials fee for a workbook that you get to take home. To register, please go to: <https://homesfund.org/attend-a-class>. There is opportunity to qualify for Down-Payment Assistance Funds if you attend one of these classes.

## Flag Day is June 14

The flag is a powerful symbol of American independence, unity and patriotism, and is flown proudly. June 14 is the anniversary of the day that our flag was adopted by Congress as the emblem of this great nation.

## Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is June 17 this year. Be sure to wish your dad a happy day!

## Independence Day - July 4

We encourage you to enjoy organized events in our area; all fireworks are **ILLEGAL**.

## ELHI Community Center

We have Summer Arts, Yoga, Vacation Bible School and more going on at the ELHI Community Center! Make sure you check for a current calendar of events on the ELHI webpage at [www.elhicomunitycenter.org/events](http://www.elhicomunitycenter.org/events).

## SUCAP Youth Services Annual Summer Camp

This camp will run June 7-11, and is open to Ignacio Middle School incoming 7th graders and up. For more information, call Quazzy (970-903-2691).

## Free Legal Clinics

La Plata County is offering free legal clinics on the second Friday of each month, 4:00-5:00PM, at Ignacio Community Library. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation such as family or property law, collections, appeals, small claims, landlord-tenant law, veteran's issues, and civil protective orders. Please contact the Ignacio Library (970-563-9287) to be added to the sign-up sheet.

## Things to Think About...

People who care about you. A lesson you have learned. The things you believe are most important in life. A goal you would like to reach. Something in nature that inspires you. Something you are proud of. Someone who has helped you. Things you are thankful for. The values that shape your choices.