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Town of Ignacio Newsletter



La Plata County Fire Ban

Whether you are celebrating our freedom or simply camping with friends or family, please keep in mind that all of La Plata County is under a fire ban. And ALL fireworks are illegal. Thank you.

Utilities Notification

As of June 1st, we no longer make courtesy calls before shut-off (even during the winter months) to remind you that your utility bill is due. 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 past due amount, 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. If you would like to see a printed copy, there is one available at Town Hall, the Ignacio Post Office, and the Community Library.

Thankfully, we still have irrigation water. 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.

Nuisance and Abandoned Vehicles

The Town of Ignacio has ordinances in place that require you to ensure that your property is maintained and free of nuisance, abandoned vehicles, and weeds. On June 18, the Town Board passed an ordinance that will modify the section of the code that deals specifically with nuisance and abandoned vehicles. If you would like to read this ordinance, you can come to Town Hall. Enforcement of these ordinances is a priority for Town enforcement officials.

Upcoming Events

Planning Commission Meeting

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

Town Board Meeting

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

San Ignacio Fiesta

Sat, July 28 & Sun, July 29
See flier for details

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, Aug 1
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 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) 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!

Summer Projects

Please Remember: If you are planning to install a fence, porch, or carport, or do any remodeling to your home, you must first call Town Hall (970-563-9494) to see if a building and/or excavation permit is required. If a contractor is doing the work, that contractor must have a current Town of Ignacio business service license.



Service Opportunity

Do you love your community? Do you wish you had an opportunity to influence the vision and direction of Ignacio? Now you do! There is a vacancy for the Second Alternate position on the Planning Commission. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please complete a Board or Commission Application and submit it to Town Hall or mail it to PO Box 459, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Please Drive Carefully!

School is out for the summer, and it is 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.

ELHI Community Center

The ELHI Community Center is looking for a community minded team player to join their Board of Directors. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 12pm-1pm. For more information or an application, please go to their website: www.elhicommunitycenter.org/events.

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.

Free Homebuyer Education Class

If you are a first-time homebuyer, HomesFund offers free education classes in La Plata County. The next class will be held at Fort Lewis College on 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 visit the Homes Fund website: <https://homesfund.org/attend-a-class>. There is opportunity to qualify for Down-Payment Assistance Funds if you attend one of these classes.