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# Town of Ignacio Newsletter



## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Come support Mercy Health Foundation's 24th Annual 5K Journey of Hope on October 6 at 9:00AM. To register go to <https://www.centura.org/locations/mercy-regional-medical-center/mercy-health-foundation>. On-site registration begins at 8:00AM on the day of the event.

## Fall Clean Up

Fall Clean Up will be Oct 4-7, 8:00AM to 6:00PM each day. Please pick up your tickets (2 per utility account) at Town Hall so you can drop items off at the Burn Pile on Quichas Hill Avenue. We cannot accept the following items: hazardous materials, oil, tires, paint, batteries, electronics, antifreeze, and/or flammable materials. We can accept your old refrigerator if the Freon pump has been removed and it is tagged by a licensed appliance repairman.

## 4th Annual ELHI Fall Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on October 5, 5:30-8:00PM, along with Dancing Spirit Community Art Center's Inspiration Square Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. There will be free food from Pine River Share's Friends with Food, live music, arts, crafts, games, and much more.

## Utility Rate Analysis

Rate changes usually take place in October of every year. The Town is still working with the Tribe on Rate Analysis; we do not have definitive rates for 2019. We hope to have negotiations completed with the Tribe soon, and anticipate a new rate structure will be considered and adopted in December 2018.

## LEAP

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) begins November 1 and runs through April 30. LEAP is a federally funded program and is administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern & 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. After November 1, you can call 866-432-8435, pick up an application at Town Hall, or download the application from [www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP](http://www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP). **If you received assistance last year, you need to reapply this year with the application that is mailed to you.**

## Upcoming Events

### Planning Commission Meeting

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

### Town Board Meeting

Mon, October 15th  
6:30PM at Town Hall

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, November 7th  
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!

## Shoshone Park

The Park restrooms will be winterized and closed for the season on October 1. We look forward to serving you again next summer.

## Indian Policies & Procedures Meeting

The Ignacio School Board and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council would like to invite you, as a parent of an American Indian student in our schools, to attend the Ignacio School District Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 6:00PM in the Ignacio High School Commons and Auditorium in Ignacio. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by calling 563-0500, ext. 225 or sending an email to [cpollock@ignacioschools.org](mailto:cpollock@ignacioschools.org) by Friday, October 5, 2018. Please visit [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org) and follow the link to IPP for more information.

## WIC Appointments Available

The San Juan Basin Public Health WIC Program is now holding appointments at the Southern Ute Museum three (3) Tuesdays per month. There is no charge for these appointments for those who are already enrolled in the program. Please call the Durango office (970-335-2026) to schedule an appointment.

## Finger Printing

The Town of Ignacio Police Department can no longer do fingerprinting. The state requires a digital fingerprint scanner, and we do not have the necessary equipment. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Halloween Safety Tips

Please slow down and drive safely on Halloween, especially between 5:30PM and 9:30PM, the most popular hours for kids to trick or treat. For more Halloween safety tips, visit <http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends November 4

Remember to change your clocks Saturday evening, November 3, so you can get that extra hour of beauty sleep!



## 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. 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. There is a \$15.00 materials fee for a workbook that you get to take home. Please visit the Homes Fund website: <https://homesfund.org/attend-a-class> to register. There is opportunity to qualify for Down-Payment Assistance Funds if you attend one of these classes.