



# Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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## Snow Plowing

The Public Works Department has begun snow removal operations. During snow storms, please park your vehicles in your driveway or garage and leave the streets clear for snow removal. Also, the Town Code states that it is unlawful to plow, shovel, push, or place snow from privately owned property into any street, road, alley, or highway in the Town. Please help Town crews who are working hard to keep town streets clear of snow and safe for your travel. If you push the snow to the middle of your lawn, your grass will grow greener in the Spring. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Introducing CARE

CARE Program (Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy) is a partnership between La Plata Electric Association, Atmos Gas, Black Hills Gas, 4CORE, and Energy Outreach Colorado. CARE installs free energy efficiency upgrades to reduce the home energy bills of income-qualifying households in La Plata and Archuleta counties. For more detailed information and to see if you qualify, please contact 4CORE at 970-259-1916 or send an email to [info@fourcore.org](mailto:info@fourcore.org).

## Recycling Service

The Town of Ignacio is pleased to offer a volunteer recycling program, provided by TDL Recycling, to our utility account holders! The charge is \$6.00 per month and added to your current utility bill. Please call Town Hall if you have questions and/or if you would like to sign up.

## Service Opportunity

There are currently vacancies on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. If you would like to serve in either capacity, please complete and submit a Board or Commission Application; the application is available on our website or at Town Hall.

## Low-income Energy Assistance Program

LEAP runs November 1 through April 30. LEAP is a federally funded program, administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western Colorado, that is designed to assist eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. It is NOT intended to pay the entire cost of home heating. If you received assistance last year, you will need to reapply with the application you receive in the mail. For a new application, go to [www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP](http://www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP), pick up an application at Town Hall, or call 1-888-775-5327.

## Upcoming Events

### Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, January 9th  
6:00PM at Town Hall

### Town Board Meeting

Tue, January 22nd  
6:30PM at Town Hall

PLEASE NOTE: It is the practice of the Town Board that, if a regularly scheduled meeting falls on a Holiday, the Board meeting will take place the following business day.

### Town Hall Closed

Mon, January 21  
Happy Presidents' Day!

### Planning Commission Work Session

Wed, January 23rd  
6:00PM at Town Hall

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, February 6  
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!

## SunUte Community Recreation Center

The SunUte Community Recreation Center's new playground is now open! The photo on the right was taken at the Playground Grand Opening on Monday, December 17. Go and enjoy the park with your kids and grandkids!

**NOTE:** SunUte Rec Center will be open 6am-2pm on January 21 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).



## Facebook Page

The Town of Ignacio now has a Facebook page! Search for "Town of Ignacio" to find us. We will use this page as another way to notify you of upcoming events, news, and other items of significance.

## Something to Think About

Often at the beginning of the year we make resolutions for self-improvement, things such as taking up an exercise program or changing our eating habits or finding a new hobby. These are all good. It might also be good to consider a resolution for soul-improvement, such as "This year I will be more kind, patient or loving and less critical, irritable, etc. I will demonstrate that daily by \_\_\_\_\_." While this type of resolution may not be as easy to measure, the sense of personal accomplishment and relational pay-offs are certainly worth the consistent effort!

## Free Homebuyer Education Classes

HomesFund offers free first-time homebuyer education classes in La Plata County. You have opportunity to qualify for Down-Payment Assistance Funds by attending one of these classes. To register, go to: <https://homesfund.org/attend-a-class>.

## WIC Appointments Available

The San Juan Basin Public Health WIC Program is now holding appointments at ELHI Community Center 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.

## 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.