



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Please Drive Carefully!

School is out for the summer! It will be staying light later, and the children will be playing outside later than before. Please slow down, drive carefully, and watch out for our precious little ones. Thank you.

Online Utility Payment ALERT

If you wish to pay your utility bill online, only use the Town of Ignacio website. Go to www.townofignacio.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page to access the link to pay your bill. If you use a search engine to look up "Town of Ignacio," it may take you to another website that is not authorized by the Town to receive payments. This could result in past due charges and you may risk your utilities being shut off for non-payment. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall (970-563-9494).

Paint the Town

Are you an aspiring artist? Do you want to make a mark in your community? You can do so by painting one of the flags on Goddard Avenue! Our Town logo is "Rooted in Culture," and Dancing Spirit will host a workshop on Saturday, July 13, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM to paint these flags. For more information, contact Dancing Spirit (970-563-4600).

Burn Pile

The Burn Pile gate is open (weather permitting) during regular business hours. ONLY branches and grass clippings may be dumped there.

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 and/or bushes that obstruct the line of sight, unkempt lawns, and trash).

Mosquito Control

Vector Disease Control is contracted through the Town of Ignacio as your mosquito control provider. Please call VDC (970-560-6637) to report mosquito problems.

Census 2020 Update

The US Census Bureau field staff will begin their on-the-ground address canvassing operations by mid-August and will be completed by the end of October. Staff will have badge IDs and will identify themselves.

Upcoming Events

Planning Commission Meeting

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

Town Board Meeting

Mon, July 22nd
6:30PM at Town Hall

Planning Commission Work Session

Wed, July 24th
6:00PM at Town Hall

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, August 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) 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!

Kids Eat Free All Summer Long!

ELHI Community Center and Pine River Shares are bringing The Summer Lunch Program to the ELHI Cafeteria beginning June 10 until August 8. Lunch will be served 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday each week. ALL KIDS EAT FREE, regardless of income. Ignacio High School's very own Friends with Food youth will be serving the meals all summer long.

Ignacio Farmers & Artisans Market

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is hosting this event at ELHI Community Center every Friday, 4:00-8:00 PM, June 21 thru Oct 4. There is a \$50.00 registration fee and \$5.00 per week fee for a booth. For further information, please contact Dancing Spirit (970-563-4600).

SunUte Community Center Events

Summer Swim Lessons July 8-19 and July 22-August 1, with classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Sign up at the SunUte Community Center.

51st Annual Los Pinos Spring Classic Softball Tournament July 27 & 28. Entry Fee \$250.00. Register at SunUte Recreation Department. For more information, call the SunUte Recreation Department at 970-563-0214.

SunUte will be Closed on August 2 for an All-Staff In-Service Training.

Ignite Gymnastics

Ignacio's new Ignite Gymnastics offers classes for students aged 2 through teen! We also offer open gym Saturdays from 1-3 (for ages 5 & older) and Wednesdays from 9-10 (for ages 4 & younger). We are located in the ELHI building. Call 970-403-2636 for more information.

Ignacio Early Learning Program

IELP still has openings for the 2019 Summer Program. Session 1: June 3-28; Session 2: July 8-26; Session 3: August 5-16. Lots of fun things planned for the summer! Hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday. Preschool - \$36.00 per day; Toddler - \$38.00 per day. Please call IELP at 970-563-0681 or stop by 535 Candelaria for an application or more information.

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency, Inc.

SoCoCAA Annual Duck Race will be on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 2 PM. Tickets on sale NOW at \$10.00/ticket. CASH PRIZES: 1st Place - \$400; 2nd Place - \$200; 3rd Place - \$100; 4th Place - \$75; 5th Place - \$50. For more information, call Nita Emerson at 970-563-4517; come see us at 535 Candelaria Drive or visit our website at www.sococaa.org. Like us on Facebook.

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 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. Please call the Library (970-563-9287) to be added to the sign-up sheet.