



# Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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## Utility Rate Work Session

Enclosed in this month's bill is information regarding the Tribe's proposed rate increases. The Town Board will have a work session on September 17 at 6:30 PM to discuss 2020 Utility rates. There will be a Town Hall Meeting at 7:30 PM, immediately following the work session. Please attend the Town Hall Meeting to learn more about proposed rates and continuing discussions with the Tribe. The Board values your comments and suggestions, and encourages you to attend.

## Online Utility Payment ALERT

If you wish to pay your utility bill online, go to [www.townofignacio.com](http://www.townofignacio.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page to access the link to pay your bill. Please be aware that there is an unauthorized third-party vendor that claims to collect utility payments for the Town of Ignacio. They keep the payment for 2 to 3 weeks before sending it to the Town and, because the Town did not **receive** the payment prior to the past due date or shut-off date, you will end up paying late fees and/or disconnect fees. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall (970-563-9494).

## Fall Clean Up

Fall Clean Up will be October 3-6, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM 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 Hills 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.

## Irrigation Systems Testing and Operations

Irrigation system testing will occur the end of September. Town crews will test the new pump station and establish a new operating pressure for the Candelaria Heights area. The pump station operating pressure was initially set at too high and created some pipeline failures when it was operated in May. Town crews repaired the failures and the pump station remained off during the summer. The new pressure setting has been reduced and the system is now ready for testing. Ideally, a slight increase in water pressure will improve service pressures and eliminate the need to operate individual service pumps. If no problems or failures occur, the irrigation system will be in operation until October 1 when the BIA will shut off ditch flows. If pipeline failures occur during testing the system will be shut down for the season.

## 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 ID badges and will identify themselves. The US Census Bureau is looking for workers for the 2020 Census! The pay rate for La Plata County is \$14.00 per hour plus work-related expenses and mileage reimbursement. If you would like more information, please visit [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs). Only online applications are accepted.

## Upcoming Events

### Planning Commission Meeting

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

### Town Board Meeting

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

### Town Board Work Session

Tue, Sept 17th  
6:30PM at Town Hall

### Chamber of Commerce Green Chile Fest

Sat, Sept 21st  
2:30PM at Shoshone Park

### Planning Commission Work Session

Wed, Sept 25th  
6:00PM at Town Hall

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, Oct 2nd  
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 Town 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. You will be charged a convenience fee of \$1.00 for electronic checks, and \$0.75 + 2.25% of the transaction for debit or credit card payments.

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 (8 AM - 5 PM Monday-Friday). We are always happy to see you!

## Ignacio FFA

FFA Booster Club is sponsoring a BBQ Cookoff on Saturday, September 14, 11-2 at the Ag Farm across from the Middle School. Dinner is \$10, kids 5 and under eat free. Order tickets from Norma 970-749-7530, Yvonne 970-799-3064, Merlin 775-293-2530, Mariah 970-440-5944. If you would like to show your Arts and Crafts, you can reserve a booth through Janet Reinhardt (970-749-2447) or Bridget Roderick (970-769-0288). Entry fee: \$10 on first-come, first serve basis; no electricity available.

## Sun Ute Rec Center

Beginning Sept 3, the pool will be open the following days and times: Mon, Wed, Fri 6 AM to 7 PM; Tue and Thur 7 AM to 7 PM; Sat 10 AM to 4:30 PM.

## 99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Please call 970-563-0214 for more information on each of the events listed below:  
Friday, 9/13, 8:15 AM - Honoring All Veterans Run/Walk at Multi-Purpose Facility Parking Lot

Friday, 9/13, 9 AM - Softball Challenge at Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

Friday, 9/13, Noon - Cornhole Tournament at Multi-Purpose Facility Field

Saturday, 9/14, 11 AM - Outdoor Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament at SunUte Park

Sunday, 9/15, 8 AM - 3D Archery Shoot at SunUte Archery Range

Please call Hilda Burch, 970-946-5175, for information on the Contest Powwow that will be held at the Sky Ute Casino Event Tent:

Friday, 9/13, 4PM - Registration

Friday, 9/13, 5PM - Gourd Dance

Friday, 9/13 7PM - Grand Entry

Saturday, 9/14, 11AM and 5PM - Gourd Dance

Saturday, 9/14, 1PM and 7PM - Grand Entry

Sunday, 9/15, 11AM - Gourd Dance

Sunday, 9/15, 1 PM - Grand Entry

The community is invited to attend all of the events listed above

## Ignacio Early Learning Program

IELP is enrolling for the 2019/2020 school year. IELP provides childcare for ages 2-5. Tuition assistance is available based on qualifications. Please ask for more information when you call IELP at 970-563-0681 or stop by 535 Candelaria Drive for an application.

## Homebuyer Education Classes

HomesFund offers free first-time homebuyer education classes in La Plata County. You have the 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

San Juan Basin Public Health WIC Program holds appointments at ELHI Community Center three Tuesdays per month. There is no charge for these appointments for those already enrolled in the program. 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, 4-5 PM, at Ignacio Community Library. Please call the Library (970-563-9287) to be added to the sign-up sheet.