



Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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Veteran's Day

In honor of those who have served or are serving in our armed forces, Town Hall will be closed for Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Thanksgiving

We hope you will recognize all that you have to be thankful for this year and that time spent with family and friends over the holidays will bring joy to your souls. Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

LEAP

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began November 1 and runs through April 30. LEAP is a federally funded program and is administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern and 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. To apply, go to www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP. If you received assistance last year, you need to reapply this year.

Snow Removal

As we approach winter, the Public Works Department is preparing for snow removal operations. During snow storms, please park your vehicles in your driveway or garage and leave the street 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 as they work hard to keep town streets clear of snow and safe for your travel. Thank you.

Facebook Page

The Town of Ignacio will use Facebook (search for "Town of Ignacio" to find our page) to communicate and update our citizens on events, road closures, utility outages and/or disruptions, emergency office closures, etc. We look forward to engaging with our citizens in this way, and encourage you to check the page often.

Election on April 7, 2020

Three Trustee seats are up for election on April 7, 2020. If you would like the opportunity to serve your community and influence the vision and direction of the Town of Ignacio, please be sure to pick up a nomination packet from Town Hall on or after January 7, 2020. In order to qualify as a candidate, you must: be eighteen (18) years of age by April 7, 2020; have resided in the Town of Ignacio for the 12 months immediately preceding April 7, 2020; be a registered elector in Precinct 24; complete the nomination petition and obtain a minimum of ten (10) valid signatures of registered electors from within the Town. These petitions must be turned into the Town Clerk by end of business day on January 27, 2020. The polling place for the election is the Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Ave., from 7AM to 7PM on April 7, 2020. To confirm that your voter registration is current, please log onto <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html> and click on "Find my Registration."

Upcoming Events

Town Hall Offices Closed

Mon, Nov 11th

In observance of Veteran's Day

Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, Nov 13th

6:00PM at Town Hall

Town Board Meeting

Mon, Nov 18th

6:30PM at Town Hall

Town Hall Offices Closed

Thur & Fri, Nov 28th & 29th

In observance of Thanksgiving

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Wed, Dec 4th

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 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 Creative District Community Gathering

The Ignacio Creative District Steering Committee invites the entire community to a free dinner and gathering on Thursday, November 7, at 5:30 PM in the ELHI Cafeteria. We would like to share our journey so far as we work toward establishing a State-Certified Creative District. We also want every member of the community to have the opportunity to share what form that they would like the Creative District will take. If you have questions, email ignaciocreativedistrict@gmail.com.

New Office for WIC Program in Ignacio

San Juan Basin Public Health has a new WIC office in Ignacio! If you are pregnant or have children under five years of age, you may be eligible for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program. Please call the Durango office (970-335-2026) or go to <https://sjbpublichealth.org/wic/> for more information.

Ignacio School District Events

November 5 - Election Day for three School Board Members
November 11 - Veterans Day (No School)
November 12 - Veterans Day Dinner and Concert at 6 PM at the High School. Must RSVP by November 4. Please call 970-563-0500 to RSVP
November 14 - School Board Meeting
November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break
December 9 - Leonard C Burch Day (No School)

SoCoCAA Employment Opportunities

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency is NOW HIRING for ICB Operator; Monitoring Technician; PT Transit Driver; Substitute Teacher. Apply online at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4545 for more information. Open until filled.

Sun Ute Rec Center

2019-2020 Coed Youth Basketball League: For ages 4-12; First 50 participants to register get a free gift! Registration Deadline is December 13; \$35 per participant, \$25 per Southern Ute Tribal Member/First Descendants. Volunteer Coaches Needed!

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. For more information and to see if you qualify, please contact 4CORE at 970-259-1916 or info@fourcore.org.

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>.

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.