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# Town of Ignacio Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- **Planning Commission Meeting**  
Wed, Mar. 9th, 6 pm.  
Town Hall
- **Town Board Meeting,**  
Wed, Mar. 16th, 7pm  
Town Hall
- **Chamber of Commerce Meeting**  
Wed, Apr 6th, 8am  
Sky Ute Casino

## **April Election for the Town of Ignacio**

The Town of Ignacio has three (3) seats up for election for the Board of Trustees. Petitions for these seats were available at Town Hall and had to be submitted by January 25th at 5:00 p.m. All three (3) incumbents submitted petitions and they are, Trustee Edward Box III, Trustee Alison deKay, and Trustee Sandra Maez.

**Deadline for submittal of Notice of Intent for Write-In Candidate is March 15th.**

## Ordinance 323

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF IGNACIO, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 1-5-1 AND 1-5-2 OF THE TOWN MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY THEREFORE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ignacio (Town) is a statutory Town and utilizes the Colorado Municipal Election Code (MEC) for Town elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Municipal Code specifies requirements for write-in candidate affidavits and provisions for cancelling municipal elections in accordance with the MEC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado State Legislature had amended Colorado Revised Statute Section 31-10-306, changing deadlines within the MEC specific to the submission of affidavits for write-in candidates and the cancellation of elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to amend the Municipal Code to be compliant with state statute and the MEC.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE** Board of Trustees of the Town of Ignacio:

1. Chapter 1, Sections 1-5-1 and 1-5-2 of the Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

1-5-1. No write-in vote for any municipal office shall be counted in any municipal election unless an affidavit of intent has been filed with the Town Clerk to seek office by the twentieth day prior to the day of the election indicating that such person desires the office and is qualified to assume the duties of that office if elected.

1-5-2 If the only matter before the voters in the municipal election is any election of persons to office, and if at the close of business on the nineteenth day before the election there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at such election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent under Section 1-5-1 above, the Clerk shall certify such fact to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees may cancel the election by resolution and declare the candidates which have been properly nominated elected. Upon the passage of such resolution by the Board of Trustees, the candidates shall be deemed properly elected. In the event an election is cancelled hereunder, notice of such cancellation shall be published if possible, to inform the electors of the municipality of the cancellation. In any event, notice of cancellation shall be posted at each polling place and in not less than one other public place within the Town of Ignacio.

2. The Board of Trustees hereby finds, determines, and declares that an emergency exists and that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public property and welfare of the Town in that the immediate effective date of this ordinance will allow the ordinance to take effect, and codify dates for write-in candidate affidavits prior to the next municipal election. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE** Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on February 17, 2016, by an affirmative vote of not less than 6 members of the Board of Trustees.

**Stella Cox, Mayor**



**HAPPY  
EASTER**

Spring Forward  
on Sunday, March 13!



## Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Every home must have Carbon Monoxide Detectors installed. It is a Colorado State Law. The alarm must be installed within 15 feet of the entrance to each bedroom (or other room lawfully used for sleeping purposes), or in any location otherwise specified by a state or local building code. Battery operated units should have a new battery installed every six (6) months.

## Heating Cost Assistance

Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) has funding available until April 30th. LEAP is a federally funded program administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern Colorado, and is designed to help low-income households with winter heating costs. To apply, call 1-866-775-5327, or pick up an application at Town Hall, or visit [www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP](http://www.discovermygoodwill.org/LEAP)

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY - DID YOU KNOW?

### Shamrocks, saint and shillelaghs

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, honors Ireland's patron saint who died on that day in 461. Icons of the Irish holiday and the history of St. Patrick:

#### Shamrock

■ Small, three-leaved herb appears on United Kingdom's coat of arms with English rose, Scottish thistle

#### Irish flag

■ Green stands for Catholics; orange for Protestants; white for wish for harmony

#### Leprechauns

■ Fairies who work day and night mending shoes of other fairies

#### Shillelagh (shi-lay'-lee)

■ Walking stick; word is Irish for stout oak club or cudgel; also name of a forest that once stood in County Wicklow



### Patrick: Saint and legend

**387:** Born in Britain to a Roman family; his father served as a magistrate; his original name was Maewyn

**Early 400s:** Taken to Ireland as a slave; after six years, he escaped to France where he studied for priesthood

**432:** Sent to Ireland as a Christian missionary by Pope Celestine I, who named him Patricius, which means noble in Latin; he introduced Roman alphabet, Latin literature; Christianized land

#### Familiar legend

He drove the snakes from Ireland by beating a drum

Source: "Shamrocks, Harps and Shillelaghs" by Edna Barth, "All About American Holidays," World Book

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## SH 172/SH 151 Intersection Project

The public is invited to an informational meeting at Town Hall on Wednesday, March 16, at 6:00PM. Project details and schedule will be presented for the signalization project which is scheduled to start begin in mid-March.

A question and answer session is scheduled.



**Si huele gas natural** en su casa o negocio, por favor 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, el Departamento de Bomberos al teléfono 563-9501, 563-4401 o diligencia si siente olor a gas en cualquier momento.



**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, or the Fire Department at 563-9501, or Dispatch at 563-4401 if you smell gas at any time.