



City of Dacono, Colorado

December 2009

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City Calendar

- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
December 8- 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council study session
December 8- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting
December 14- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court
December 17- 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
December 22— canceled
- ◆ City Council study session
December 22— canceled
- ◆ Council Meeting
December 28- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed December 24 & 25, January 1.

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Mayor Charles Sigman Takes Office

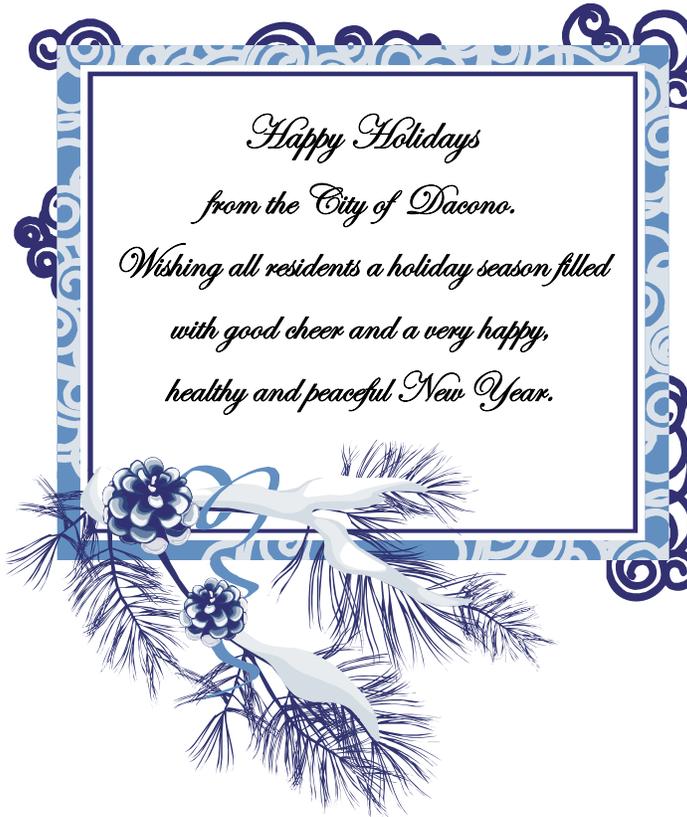
TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN

Charles Sigman officially became the new Mayor of Dacono on November 9, 2009. Sigman replaced Wade Carlson who was term-limited by the City Charter. "I'm very excited to begin my first term as Mayor," said Sigman. "Dacono has a bright future and as Mayor I will continue moving this City forward," he stated. The new Mayor also

plans to host informal monthly "Community Conversations" as a way to interact with residents and discuss citywide issues or other topics impacting local government. In the City Council election, Tom McCune was re-elected for a second term. Lori Saine was elected to the City Council. Saine previously served on the City's Planning & Zoning Commission. The City's



two charter amendments were approved by the voters. The election was an all mail-in ballot managed by Weld County.



Community Conversation with Mayor Sigman

On January 11, Mayor Sigman will begin hosting monthly meetings in an effort to improve communication between residents and City Hall. The meetings will be the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m., City Hall. "This is a great opportunity for residents to interact with City Hall," said Mayor Sigman. "I'm really looking forward to meeting more Dacono residents and engaging them in meaningful monthly conversations," he said. "Hopefully more people will want to become involved on City boards and commissions and take an active role in our community."

Library Reopens

REMODELING COMPLETE AFTER 6-WEEK PROJECT

The Dacono Library opened its doors on Monday, November 16, after a 6-week remodeling project. The remodeled library includes new paint, windows, lighting and carpeting. "It's a very warm and inviting library," said librarian Amy Bruno. "The new layout makes the library feel like a much larger space," she added. Over the next month final touches, such as installation of solar tube lighting, will be completed. A formal rededication is planned for February.

City Council Adopts 2010 Budget

CITY OPERATIONS TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

The City Council is scheduled to adopt the fiscal year 2010 budget on December 14, 2009. Similar to the trend in most communities, sales tax continues to decrease. The City is projecting an addition 6% sales tax decline for 2010. Slow in new housing development has decreased revenue from building permits, use tax and water taps. "For 2010, the City's priority is to maintain existing service levels," said Mayor Sigman. The only planned capital budget purchase in 2010 is a new back hoe for the Public Works Department. The City will apply for a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to conduct a water conservation study.

City Government

City Hall

512 Cherry Street

Dacono, CO 80514

Phone: 303-833-2317

Hours: M-F 8 a.m.— 5 p.m.

Water: 303-833-2317 x121

www.ci.dacono.co.us

Trash (Gator Rubbish): 303-655-0710

Sewer (St. Vrain Sanitation): 303-682-4693

Emergency Police/Fire: 911

Police (non-emergency): 303-833-3095

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512 Cherry Street

Dacono, CO 80514

Phone: 303-833-2317 x129

Hours: M, T, TH 12-5, Wed. 2-7, Fri. 1-5

Closed on Saturday & Sunday

Elected Officials

- Charles Sigman, Mayor
- Joe Baker, Councilperson At-Large
- Steve Bruno, Councilperson At-Large
- Kay Cole, Councilperson At-Large
- Tom McCune, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Councilperson At-Large
- Lori Saine, Councilperson At-Large



Ho-Ho Holiday Lighting Contest

Light up the night this holiday season and participate in the City's inaugural holiday lighting contest. The December Pride of Dacono Award will be given to the top four homes with the best holiday lighting and decorations. The City Council will tour the City on December 15 and judge holiday lights beginning at 6 p.m. There is no need to register but if you would like to have your home get a special look contact Bill Efting at (303) 833-2317 x125.

Monthly Trash Rates to Increase

INCREASE REFLECTS OPERATIONAL INCREASE & LANDFILL FEES

Starting in January 2010, the monthly trash rate will increase from \$7.60 a month to \$7.95. This 4.6% rate reflects an increase in ongoing operational costs and landfill fees. "Gator Rubbish continues to be the best deal for our residents," said Assistant City Administrator AJ Euckert. "Gator is also a great corporate citizen and very responsive to the City's needs," he added. Trash bills are included as part of the monthly water bill.

Holiday Safety Tips

SIMPLE TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Trees:

•When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water.

Lights:

•Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Throw out damaged sets.

•When using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for

outdoor use and plug them in only ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected receptacles. Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Fireplaces:

•Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that, if eaten, can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting. Keep them away from children.

•Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. Wrappings can ignite suddenly and burn intensely, resulting in a flash fire.

Get free brochures with holiday decorating (pdf) and toy safety tips at CPSC's web site. www.cpsc.gov

Pride of the City

CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED

The City Council recognized the Dacono Public Works Department at the November 23, City Council meeting as the Pride of Dacono winners. Public Works staff includes Manager-Jon Rabas, Chris Biggs, Eddie Cawthra, Keith Clark and Pat Fogarty. "The Public Works Department is the backbone of this City," said Mayor Sigman. "From the library and city hall remodeling project to snow removal and everything in between, the City would be paralyzed without Public Works," he added. "They represent the best of Dacono."

