



# City of Dacono, Colorado

November 2009

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## City Calendar

- ◆ City Council Meeting  
November 9- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission  
November 10- 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session  
November 10- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
- ◆ Municipal Court  
November 12- 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Council Meeting  
November 23- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission  
November 24- canceled
- ◆ City Council Study Session  
November 24- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed November 26 & November 27 in observation of Thanksgiving.

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## Mayor Wade Carlson Completes Final Term

### REFLECTS ON NINE YEARS OF SERVICE TO DACONO



Mayor Wade Carlson ends his term as mayor in November upon certification of the election results. The Mayor was first elected to office in 2000. He was elected three consecutive times and is now term-limited in accordance with the Dacono Charter. Prior to being elected as Mayor, he served 16 years as a St. Vrain Valley School District board member and 8 years on the Mountain View Fire Protection District Board. "Mayor Carlson will be greatly missed by this City Council," said Mayor Pro-tem Charles Sigman. "He has a wealth of knowledge and a sincere dedication to public service," he added.

#### What is your proudest achievement as Mayor?

Carlson, "I will probably go down in history as the infrastructure Mayor. Five years of construction to upgrade water/sewer lines and paving of old town and the Glen's, then Forest & 2nd Street, and finally improvements to Colorado Blvd, and the Hwy 52 intersection. I'm also proud of the Comprehensive Plan update; studies and plans for parks & trails & recreation, transportation, water, as well as all of the development code updates.

#### What has surprised you most as an elected official?

Carlson, "Having come through the school and fire district boards, I was familiar

with Dacono's past difficulties and "small town" politics. I was well informed and entered the Mayoral contest with my eyes wide open as to what to expect. There were no surprises."

**What weren't you able to accomplish?** Carlson, "First, not getting an elementary school in the St. Vrain Valley School District and second, the economic downturn slowed our momentum with new housing & commercial development. My school disappointment was softened when the premier Quest School was opened by Weld RE-8 in our Sweetgrass community. Dacono is in the path of progress and will continue to experience growth when the economy turns around."

**What will you miss most about being the Mayor?** Carlson, "Not having the ongoing contact with our wonderful employees who serve Dacono residents with pride & dedication."

**Any parting words?** Carlson, "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Dacono; it was a wonderful experience that I will always cherish. I appreciate the support I received from the City Council & Staff that enabled all of the many accomplishments we made together. I was able to put a positive and progressive "face" on Dacono. I leave with the satisfaction that Dacono has progressed and improved under my tenure & watch. Thanks for the memories."

## 10th Annual Santa Cops Toys for Tots Fundraiser

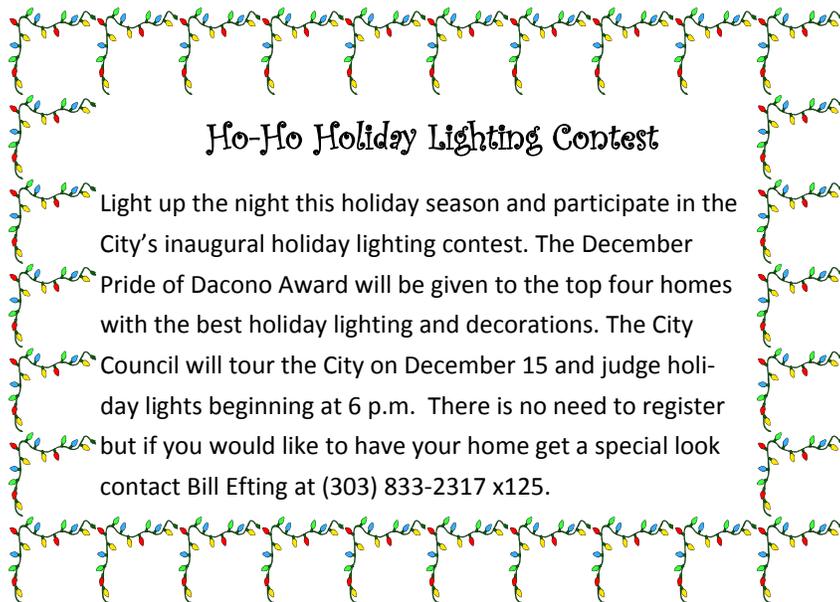
### AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985 TO HOST EVENT ON NOVEMBER 14

The American Legion Post 1985 will host a Toys for Tots fundraiser on November 14 starting at 2:00 p.m. The event will be at the American Legion, 870 1st Street, in Firestone. The event will feature an auction, food, fun and entertainment. For more information contact Joann Kidd at (303) 667-8745 or the American Legion at (303) 833-3878. Santa Cops, in its 17th year, purchases and distributes toys for children from birth to 15 who might otherwise not receive presents for Christmas. Officers from the three Carbon Valley communities: Dacono, Firestone and Frederick, in conjunction with American Legion Post 1985, work with local communities to identify families and collect specific toy requests. The officers personally shop for the toys, wrap and distribute to eligible families. The primary source of fundraising is through cash donations. To donate, contact Lyndsey Steele, Community Resource Officer at the Dacono Police Department, (303) 833-3095 x142.

## Library Re-Opens Doors

### MONTH LONG REMODELING PROJECT FINISHED

The Dacono Library has reopened after an extensive remodeling project. Patrons will find a new computer lab and an expanded children's book collection. A grant financed many of the improvements which included new windows, carpet, lighting, solar tubes, paint, and furnishings. Library fundraising paid for new flat screen monitors and a drive-by book return. "I hope residents who haven't utilized the library before will take a look at our improved facility", said Librarian Amy Bruno. "These improvements were long overdue but certainly worth the wait". Future fundraising efforts will support wireless laptop computers.



## 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.

## 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](http://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

### Dacono City Library

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

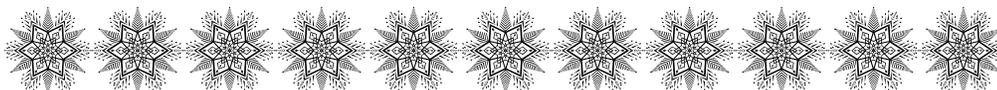
## Elected Officials

- Wade Carlson, 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
- Charles Sigman, Mayor Pro-Tem

## Pride of Dacono Winners Announced HOMES RECOGNIZED FOR MAINTENANCE & EXCEPTIONAL CARE



The City Council awarded three residents the Pride of Dacono award on October 26. The winners included: The Rangel Family— 555 Short Drive; Bobbett Family— 213 Glen Ayre; Chris & Enarcesa Hartssoch— 510 Elizabeth. Pride of Dacono is the City's new initiative to encourage property maintenance and reinvestment in neighborhoods. *Right:* Award ceremony for the September 28, 2009 winners.



## Snow Response Plan

### CITY HAS ADOPTED POLICY REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

The current snow response plan adopted by City Council designates the most critical City streets as primary and secondary routes. The City's goal during any snowstorm is to keep primary streets open and safe for the public. All remaining secondary streets will receive service only after the designated streets are attended to and when conditions warrant. Snow is generally plowed to the side of the street. Center snow banks create melt/freeze, sight distance and emergency vehicle access problems. Glen Creighton Drive is the exception to this approach. Snow is plowed to the center and the center snow bank is removed during major storms as time and resources permit. Where possible, Second St. Forest Ave., Colorado Blvd., snow is plowed to just one side. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow by the property owner within 48 hours of the end of a snow storm. A map with the designated streets can be found at City Hall and on the City's web site at [www.ci.dacono.co.us](http://www.ci.dacono.co.us).

