



City of Dacono, Colorado

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City Calendar

- ◆ City Offices Closed September 7 in observance of Labor Day.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission September 8- 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session September 8- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Meeting September 14- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court September 17- 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission September 22- 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session September 22- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Council Meeting September 28- 7:00 p.m.

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Library and City Hall Renovations Coming Soon

LIBRARY TO REMAIN AT EXISTING LOCATION

After months of discussion and consideration, the City Council decided to maintain the Dacono public library in its current location at 512 Cherry Street. In 2007, the City purchased a building at 106 5th Street from the Carbon Valley Recreation District. The building was found to be structurally unstable and later condemned then demolished by the City. In 2007, the City received an Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant for \$81,108 to finance renovations to City Hall and the proposed library. The City provided a \$96,000 match plus in-kind services.

Funds from the EIAF come from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state's share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals

and mineral fuels on federally-owned land. The program was created by the legislature in 1977. Despite the change in the original project scope, the City will not have to forgo the grant funds as they can be used on public facilities and local government planning.

Under the new scenario, the existing library will undergo remodeling including new windows, interior finish, entry-way improvements, electrical upgrades and new furnishings. The overall size of the library will not be increased although a finished basement will add some additional programming space for special events.

"Given the limited amount of library space, we are spending time evaluating who uses the library and how we can customize our facility to best meet community needs," said Mayor

Wade Carlson.

City Hall, the primary administration offices of the City, will receive new air conditioning, security enhancements, interior finish improvements, ADA public restrooms, and the basement will be remodeled to add a new conference room, flex space, and storage. "We have ten employees that function in very tight quarters— some even work in storage closets," said City Administrator Bill Efting. "We are a lean organization however, and daily operations will greatly benefit from these renovations."

The existing library building was constructed in 1926— originally as a school. The administration addition was built in 1984. Most of the remodeling will be done using public works staff. Construction is expected to begin this Fall.

Pride of Dacono Winners

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES FIVE RESIDENTS & MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The City Council recognized five residents and the Mountain View Fire Protection District as the Pride of Dacono at the August 24 council meeting. Winners for August included: Jake Casados, 1128 Glen Dale Circle; Ruthanne and Howard Kennedy, 1434 Mac Pool Street; Carlota Hernandez, 330 Stonehaven; Vi Calder, 330 Glen Ayre; Jeff and Melissa Greene, 4576 Sedona Lane; and the Mountain View Fire Protection District. The Pride of Dacono program was launched in June 2009. This initiative is targeted at recognizing outstanding citizens, business owners and property owners who make significant contributions to the community or make efforts to improve the appearance of the city or their home.



Dacono Swears In New Chief of Police

CHIEF BRIAN SKAGGS IS A 15-YEAR VETERAN; BEGAN CAREER AS A RESERVE OFFICER

After serving as the interim police chief since March, Brian Skaggs was sworn in as the new Chief of Police on August 24, 2009. Skaggs is a 15-year veteran of the Dacono Police Department. He joined the Department in 1992 first as a reserve officer and then became a sworn police officer in 1994. Skaggs has since been promoted to corporal (1998), sergeant (2000), and commander (2004). "As interim police chief, Brian has demonstrated professionalism, dedication, a commitment to this community and the men and women of the Dacono Police Department. I have 100% confidence in him," said City Administrator Bill Efting. Skaggs replaces former police chief John Hough who left in March 2009. Congratulations Chief Skaggs!



Colorado Prepares for U.S. Census in 2010

STATE ISSUES CALL TO ACTION- "BE COUNTED IN 2010"

UNITED STATES CENSUS

2010 COLORADO

www.colorado.gov/census2010

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

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

The administration of the decennial Census is a federal activity mandated by the constitution. But in order for our communities to ensure they are completely and accurately counted in April 2010, it must also be a partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau and local governments. In 2000, Dacono had a 74% response rate based on total housing units which ranked 43rd (out of 262) among all cities in the State of Colorado! All U.S. residents must be counted— people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens. Why does the U.S. Census matter to Colorado? Two words: money and power. Congress uses census data to allocate funds under various federal grant programs to state and local governments. Because the annual population estimates use the decennial census counts as a base, if a community's population is undercounted in the decennial census, these funds get misallocated for an entire decade. Census data is used to guide important decisions for local governments like Dacono— such as were to build roads, schools, job training centers and more. The census is not only used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, but census data are used to define legislative districts, school districts, and other local areas of government. This also has an impact on presidential elections since each state's number of electoral votes is equal to its number of representatives plus senators. Surveys will be mailed in February-March 2010. Census Day is April 1, 2010. Dacono will take an active role in 2010 to raise awareness and encourage participation in this historic event.



Building Permit Reminder

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR PROPER BUILDING PERMIT WILL COST YOU DOUBLE

Building permits are required for most home improvement projects including: fences, decks, roofs, sheds, building additions and more. When in doubt, please contact Donna Case at 303-833-2317 x128 or Tom Potter, the City's Building Official. Tom is available to discuss projects and answer questions at 303-833-2317 x130 or e-mail: bldgofficial@ci.dacono.co.us. Failure to apply for a permit will result in a double permit fee.