



City Newsletter

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City Calendar

- ◆ Ho-Ho Holiday Lighting Contest Judging
December 8- 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting
December 13- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
December 14– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council study session
December 14– 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court
December 16- 9:00 a.m.
& 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed in observance of Christmas December 24-27
- ◆ City Council meeting
December 27- canceled
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
December 28– canceled
- ◆ City Council study session
December 28– canceled
- ◆ City offices closed in observance of New Years December 31

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Santa Cops Adds Warmth to the Holiday Season

Carbon Valley Santa Cops, in its 18th year, provides toys and gifts to kids from birth to age sixteen who might not otherwise receive Christmas presents. Throughout the year, Carbon Valley area police departments fundraise for this worthy cause. The program relies exclusively on donations from the community to sustain this program. "Helping the community stay safe has always been the primary goal of the police department, but being able to help in other ways is a very satisfying role," said Dacono Police Chief Brian Skaggs. This year, the Dacono Police Department will be proudly providing for more than 235 children in our community this holiday season. "We recognize the considerable need that many families have, especially at this time of the year," Skaggs said. "Police officers get into this line of work to make a difference and we believe that Santa Cops does make a difference. We really enjoy seeing the smiles on the kids' faces and knowing that their families are also receiving food and necessity items."



Dacono city offices will be closed in observance on Christmas on December 24 through December 27. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 28. City offices will be closed on December 31 in observance of New Years Day. City offices will reopen January 3, 2011. Best wishes for a safe, happy holiday season and a prosperous 2011.



Holiday Season Home Security

Tips For Reducing Chances of Seasonal Break-Ins

The holiday season is a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. Unfortunately, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewelry, and easily sold valuables. Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips provided by the Dacono Police Department will help you enjoy the holidays and reduce the chance of an incident.

- ◆ Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- ◆ Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the

door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbor to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.

- ◆ Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.
- ◆ Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays...please leave a message." Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.
- ◆ After gifts are opened, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal.



2nd Annual Ho-Ho Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

Judging is Wednesday, December 8th

If you haven't already dragged the boxes of lights and Christmas decorations out of the attic and hung them on and around your house, now is the time! Show your holiday spirit and light-up the season by entering the 2nd Annual City of Dacono Ho-Ho Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest! Participation is easy and free. Contact Bill Efting by email at befting@ci.dacono.co.us or directly at 303.833.2317 x125 and have your name and address put on the contest list. The City Council will judge lights and decorations beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday,



December 8th. Winners will receive the December Pride of Dacono Award. So, pull out your Santa, sleds, reindeers, wreaths - and don't forget the lights!

City Lands Grant For Water Conservation Plan

The City of Dacono was recently awarded a grant of \$35,306 from the State of Colorado Office of Water Conservation Drought and Planning to develop a water conservation plan. This grant will assist Dacono in establishing the road map for more effective and responsible use of our water resources. Water conservation is a key element of overall water resource planning. Long-term water conservation planning is needed to extend Colorado's water supply as demands on it increase from a growing population. By setting goals to promote and ensure water use efficiency, wise water use, water transmission and distribution system efficiency, and supply substitution, the City can increase long-term productive use of the water supply in order to satisfy customer needs without compromising desired water services. The water conservation plan is anticipated to be completed by mid-summer and submitted to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for review and approval.

City Government

City Hall
512 Cherry Avenue
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

- Charles Sigman, Mayor
- Joe Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem
- 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

Dacono Takes Leap Into Social Media

City Offers Access Through Facebook & YouTube

The City of Dacono has joined a wave of municipalities embracing online social networking through Facebook and YouTube as a method of direct communication with residents. City Council meetings can now be viewed on YouTube. Currently, City Council meetings can be viewed on Channel 16 by Comcast subscribers only. Approximately 420 households in the City subscribe to Comcast. Since the City Council meetings are only broadcasted for a limited period of time following the meeting, many residents do not have access. "Through the use of YouTube, residents can watch City Council meetings 24/7 at their own convenience," said City Administrator Bill Efting. "This is a real economical and relevant way to open up local government to our residents", said Efting. Follow the link www.youtube.com/cityofdacono1908. In order to supplement the City's website and city newsletter, the City also launched a Facebook page. "This is really part of a push to make local government more transparent to our residents," said City Administrator Bill Efting. He added, "our goal is for residents at every age to be connected with the City and Facebook is a real popular tool to communicate with residents." Upcoming events and City news will be posted on the Facebook page. The City's Facebook page can be found under City of Dacono, CO. Click the "like" button. The City's current homepage includes icons to directly connect users with YouTube and the Facebook page.



Free Firewood Available

December 18th -Clem Dufour Park

Rocky Mountain Christian Church (RMCC) is offering free firewood to Dacono residents who primarily heat their home with wood. Dacono residents can pick-up the firewood at Clem Dufour Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 18th only. RMCC will also offer hot chocolate or cider at the firewood pick-up. For those households requiring assistance transporting firewood, there will be a limited number of trucks to assist with delivery. For more information, call Joe Truitt at (303) 301-7801.

November Election Results

Baker & Plain Re-Elected to Council

Dacono voters re-elected Kevin Plain and Joe Baker for city council on November 2, they were sworn in on November 22. Both council members were running for re-election and will serve a three-year term. Colorado voters also defeated measures 60, 61 and 101 which would have significantly impacted local revenues for municipal governments, school districts and other special districts such as fire protection districts and library districts. The City did not have any local measures on the ballot.