



City Connection

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City Calendar

- ◆ City Council meeting
April 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
April 10 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session
April 10 – 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Carbon Valley Veterans
Memorial Park Committee
April 17 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court
April 19 – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting
April 23 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
April 24 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session
April 24 – 6:30 p.m.

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Online & Credit Card Payments Accepted

The City is now accepting online and over-the-counter credit card payments for City fees and charges including monthly water/trash billing, court fines, building permits, and other miscellaneous charges. Some of these charges can be paid over the internet and some will continue to be paid over-the-counter only. Building permit credit card payments, as well as certain Police Department fines, are accepted only at City Hall. Water bills will be payable through an online website by going to www.cityofdacono.com, click on “Residents” and then scroll to the “Online Payment Center”. Credit card payments are handled through Colorado.gov PayPort. The system which processes and stores payment is Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliant. When using a credit card for payment, a service/processing fee will apply. This fee is paid directly to the third party processor for maintaining the portal. The City in no way profits from this optional payment service. If you would like to avoid this processing fee there are multiple methods to make payments; cash, checks, and money orders are still accepted for all payments. For monthly utility billing, you may apply for automated bill pay at the water department clerk’s window or call (303) 833-2317 x 121 for an application to be sent to your residence.



Don’t forget, there are multiple ways to pay your water/trash bill:

- ◆ Automated Bill Pay– NO FEE
- ◆ Check– NO FEE
- ◆ Cash Payment (counter only)– NO FEE
- ◆ Credit Card Payment– SERVICE FEE

Did you know? You can now receive your water bill via email. Your email bill will be sent the 5th of the month or the next business day. Payment for the water bill is deducted from your checking or savings account automatically. Your payment will be deducted on the last day of the month or the next business day.

Water Conservation Strategies

Outdoor water use accounts for about 55 percent of the residential water use in urban areas along the Front Range, most of which is used on turf. Water conservation is vital to enhancing the efficiency of how we use water. However, there are many ways to conserve water on the home landscape. Create an irrigation schedule relative to the types of plants in your landscape. During drought or times of restricted



landscape watering, most lawns, including bluegrass, will withstand reduced watering regimes by going dormant. In these situations, adjust mowing, fertilizing, aeration, and weed control practices appropriately to the watering schedule. Also, make sure your home irrigation system is operating properly. Use a broom instead of a hose to sweep your driveway and you can save between 50 and 80 gallons of water.

Source: Colorado State University Extension

June Begins Almost Free Building Permit Month

During the month of June, the City of Dacono is offering “Almost Free Building Permits”. In an effort to encourage residents of Dacono to upgrade and improve their residential properties, the City Council will temporarily reduce the amount of certain fees associated with issuing residential building permits during the entire month of June. This includes application fees, plan review and inspection fees. The fee reduction applies towards the alteration, repair or improvement of existing residential structures and the erection, alteration, repair or improvement of structures associated with existing homes, such as garages, additions, carports, sheds and fences. Payment of use tax still applies. All necessary permits must be obtained *prior to beginning* your project. Look for more details in the May City Connection.



College Scholarship Available

Application Period Open

The City Council annually appropriates money to fund up to two \$500 college scholarships for Dacono senior high school students who are seeking higher education or vocational technical training opportunities. Students attending Frederick High School should contact their guidance counselor. Dacono residents attending other high schools should contact Valerie Taylor, City Clerk. The application deadline for non-Frederick High School students is April 27. The City Council will award applications on June 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. More at www.cityofdacono.com



August 4- Carbon Valley Music Festival

Join us for the the Carbon Valley Music Festival, a one-day celebration on Saturday, August 4. Activities include a parade, live music throughout the day, an expanded children's area, beer garden and food vendors, and fireworks at dusk. New this year is a Colorado craft distilled spirits tasting. This year's headliner the Lionel Young Band— 2011 winner of the International Blues Challenge. Also confirmed are: Three Twins Broadband (feat. John Magnie & Steve Amedee of the Subdu-des), Quemando, Bad Brad & the Fat Cats, and Buckner Funken Jazz. Get the latest details on music and event planning at www.facebook.com/CarbonValleyMusicFestival or at www.cityofdacono.com. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Valerie Taylor at (303) 833-2317 or email VTaylor@cityofdacono.com

Fight the Bite During the Spring Meltdown

It's Not too Early to Help Prevent Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes lay up to 250 eggs at a time in still water, which will hatch in 7 to 10 days. If standing water is eliminated weekly, many mosquitoes will be kept from breeding in the first place, eliminating the need to use pesticides against adult mosquitoes. This also reduces the number of mosquitoes around the house. Check for items that might hold water including wheelbarrows, tires, hubcaps, toys, garden equipment, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, pipes, drains, boats, canoes, recycling bins and trash. Remove standing water in ponds, ditches, clogged rain gutters, flower pots, plant saucers, puddles, buckets, jars and cans. The City contracts with Ottertail Environmental Inc. for mosquito control services. The Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) program begins in May and includes weekly adult mosquito surveillance and continues on a weekly basis throughout mosquito season.



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

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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
- Michael Ayres, Councilperson At-Large
- Joe Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Steve Bruno, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Councilperson At-Large
- Peggy Randolph, Councilperson At-Large
- Lori Saine, Councilperson At-Large

April 15-22 is Colorado Severe Weather Awareness Week

Colorado Severe Weather Awareness Week highlights Colorado-specific weather conditions, weather information and resources to keep Colorado residents and visitors aware and safe. Everyone should have a basic knowledge of severe weather safety rules and have a severe weather plan in place. Knowing what to do, or



where to go when severe weather threatens can be the difference between life and death. Any day in Colorado- particularly in the Spring months- we can have red flag warnings/wildfire conditions, winter storms, avalanche warnings, flooding and winter weather advisories... *all within a few hundred miles of each other!* The best way to get alerted about emergencies in Dacono is by monitoring a number of local Colorado alert systems/sources, including NWS Colorado Weather page, listening to your local NOAA Weather Radio station (you can even listen to some of the stations online or with your mobile phone if you do not have a receiver capable of receiving NOAA stations). Source: National Weather Service

**FYI- Weld County siren test on April 14
between 12:00-12:15 pm.**