



City Connection

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City Calendar

- ◆ City offices closed January 1st in observance of New Years Day
- ◆ City Council special meeting- January 2, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission January 8– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session January 8- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting January 14 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court January 17- 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission January 22– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session January 22– 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting January 28– 6:00 p.m.

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City Council Set to Adopt New Tiered Water Rate System

New Tiers Go Into Effect February 2013

In 2012, a rate study was conducted to determine the adequacy of the City's water rates to fund future capital improvements, cover the cost of securing future water supplies, and pay for ongoing operation and maintenance costs. Residential customers represent 95% of all accounts in Dacono and use approximately 81% of total metered water deliveries. The need to review water rates was identified in Dacono's Water Conservation Plan adopted in 2011, which established the goal of reducing overall water use by 10% over a ten-year planning period (2012-2021). The last time Dacono's water rates were adjusted was in 2005 (Ordinance No. 653).



The City's existing rate structure consists of: (1) a monthly minimum charge entitling each customer to use a certain amount of water each month before incurring additional charges, and (2) a consumption charge levied on each 1,000 gallons of water used over the minimum quantity provided under the monthly minimum. The City currently has a tiered water rate structure for all customers. Tiered rates increase the consumption charge incrementally depending on the amount of water used. The new rate structure reduces the amount of water provided with the monthly minimum charge from 7,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons per month for customers with 5/8" meters. The dollar amount of the monthly minimum charge remains at current levels for all customers.

Also, in accordance with the City's Water Conservation Plan, please also be advised, pursuant to Ordinance 653 Sec. 1(i)(c) and the newly adopted Ordinance 771 Section 1(i)(c), the City will charge any customer who exceeds the allowable usage per meter size, in the amount of \$.05 per gallon over the amount allowed annually. This charge is justifiable to ensure delivery of potable water is not compromised by water users who consume water in excess of the annual maximum for their tap size and may be used to purchase additional water rights, or to maintain excessively used portions of the water system as needed. The maximum usage allowed by a 5/8 inch meter is 300,000 per year, a 3/4 inch meter is allowed 750,000, and a 1 inch meter is allowed 1,500,000. If you have questions about this charge, please contact Kelly Stroh at 303-833-2317 x 122.

A City for All Seasons

For the first time, the City of Dacono is publishing an annual event calendar detailing the major City events and activities. "We really want to see more residents get involved with community events, as well as offer more citywide activities", said Mayor Charles Sigman. "We hope getting the dates out early will encourage more participation", he added. In 2013, the City will host its first-ever citywide garage sale on Saturday, June 15 and participate in the National Night Out on August 6th. The City is also publishing a new resident city brochure detailing important phone numbers, utility providers, and the calendar. This brochure is anticipated to be available in February 2013.

2013 Calendar of Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt– Saturday, March 23**
- **Team-Up to Clean-Up Dacono– Saturday, June 1**
- **Citywide Garage Sale– Saturday, June 15**
- **National Night Out– Tuesday, August 6**
- **Carbon Valley Summer Festival– Saturday, August 3**
- **Carbon Valley Holiday Festival– Saturday, December 7**
(typically first Saturday in December)
- **Ho-Ho Holiday Lighting Contest Judging– December 16-20**

**All dates subject to change.

Henry Walker Homes Announces New Homes in Dacono

Henry Walker Homes is pleased to announce they are beginning sales of new homes in Sharpe Farms in Dacono. The homes will feature a variety of floor plans including ranch style homes, two story homes and two story homes with the master bedroom on the main floor. Henry Walker Homes Colorado is very excited to be able to build homes in Sharpe Farms, our management team in Colorado has over 40 years' experience building homes in Northern Colorado and know that the location of Sharpe Farms with quick access to shopping, I-25 and Denver, Boulder and Ft. Collins make it an ideal location for families to live. "We felt there was a niche for a better quality home for people who are looking for something special and varied. We also feel it is important to support local businesses whenever we can. Most of our trade partners are local businesses who live in this part of Colorado" said sales manager Dan Jacobsen Henry Walker Homes intends to offer home buyers more choice in personalizing their home to make it just the way they want it. "At Henry Walker Homes you'll be able to get just about anything," Jacobsen continued. "Our home designs feature lots of flex space that can be tailored to a buyer's needs. It allows us to create a home just the way a customer wants it." Henry Walker Homes Colorado will open more neighborhoods in northern Colorado and north metro Denver in the near future. Longmont, Erie, Arvada, Thornton and Broomfield are all being researched for new home community locations. Beyond that, more growth is planned. "Our goal is to build over 300 homes in two years," Jacobsen said. Henry Walker Homes, a leading home-builder based in Salt Lake City, UT, opened the Colorado division this year.



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City Government

City Hall

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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
- Geneiveve Schneider, Councilperson At-Large



City offices closed

**Tuesday, January 1, 2013 in observance of New Years Day and
Monday, January 21, 2013 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

It is Flu Season

Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year. You can also help prevent the spread of germs by covering your cough or sneeze and washing your hands. Every year in the United States, on average 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications, and; about 36,000 people die from flu-related causes. The CO HELP telephone line provides seasonal flu information in English and Spanish. Call 1-877-462-2911.



Source: Weld County Department of Health

Christmas Tree Disposal

As the holiday season winds down, it's time to dispose of the Christmas tree. The City of Dacono does not offer a Christmas tree recycling disposal site. Gator Rubbish will only accept trees in the regular weekly waste pick-up if the branches are cut into 4' or less branches, bundles and placed next to your container. Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Pines, firs and other evergreens have a high content of flammable turpentine oils. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and risk a chimney fire. Don't forget that most wrapping and tissue paper cannot be recycled. The materials that go into making some wrapping paper is often dyed, laminated and/or contains non-paper additives such as gold and silver colored shapes, glitter, plastics etc which cannot be recycled. Furthermore, these materials do not contain much paper fiber.

