



City Connection

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City Calendar

- ◆ City offices closed September 2 in observance of Labor Day
- ◆ City Council meeting September 9– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission September 10– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session September 10- 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court September 19- 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting September 23 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission September 24– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session September 24– 6:30 p.m.

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Mountain View Fire Rescue Lowers Insurance Service Office (ISO) Rating

Lower ISO Results in Saving Money for Business and Homeowners.

Mountain View Fire Rescue (MVFR) has worked diligently to provide the best possible service for its residents. Included in the service is a new lower ISO rating moving from a 4/9 to a 3/9 that will take effect on November 1, 2013. As the ISO rating is reduced, residents and business owners may be able to enjoy lower insurance premiums and better service from MVFR.

The ISO office observes 45,000 fire-protection areas in the United States. ISO is ranked on a 1-10 rating scale; Class 1 being superior property fire protection and Class 10 meaning the area's fire suppression program does not meet minimum qualifications. One-third of all fire districts are graded as a Class 9 or 10. Criteria to determine a department's score includes rating the effectiveness of fire protection in a community. Items evaluated are

receiving and dispatching alarms, fire company personnel, training, maintenance and testing of equipment, condition of hydrants, and adequacy of water supply. Of the 45,000 monitored areas, only 41 are ranked at a class 3 rating in the State of Colorado.

MVFR has made the choice to continue the pursuit to further reduce its ISO ratings. The District is proud to have been awarded a 3/9 and will actively follow the next step to a 2/9 rating. According to an interview with Mike Waters, the Vice President of ISO Risk Decision Services, *"If communities strive to improve their PPC [Public Protection Classification], everyone benefits. The community benefits by investing in loss-mitigation initiatives and making the neighborhood a safer place to live. The insurer benefits from reduced losses. And individuals bene-*



fit because, simply put, better fire protection saves lives."

MVFR will continue its determination to lower its ISO rating in order to give the best possible service to residents within its District. MVFR encourages business owners and residents to check with their insurance company to determine if you qualify for a reduced premium. Please feel free to contact the District at info@mvfpcd.org with any questions.

September is National Preparedness Month

Be Ready! Would you be ready if there was an emergency?

September 2013 marks the tenth annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the US Department of Homeland Security. Preparedness is a year round activity. However, September is the month for recognizing national preparedness. The overall goal is to engage the public to make preparedness a part of their daily lives and just not for one single month. National Preparedness Month (NPM) is geared towards building awareness and encouraging Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, schools, organizations, businesses, and places of worship. Be prepared: assemble an emergency supply kit, make your emergency plans, stay informed, and get involved in helping your family, your business, and your community be ready for emergencies. Ready.gov and listo.gov and toll-free numbers (1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO) provide free emergency preparedness information and resources avail-



Get A Kit. A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Make A Plan. At its most basic level, being prepared means having a solid plan and access to the resources necessary to execute that plan. It's also about peace of mind.

Stay Informed. Get emergency alerts from your state and county, national media outlets, and local government sources.

Get Involved. Step up and help. Volunteers are the backbone of Colorado's preparedness plan.

Source: ReadyColorado

Monument Sign #3 Complete

Entryway Sign Welcomes Hwy 52 Drivers to Dacono



The newest monument sign welcoming visitors to Dacono was completed in August. The sign measures more than 21' in length and is located along SH 52, just west of Holly Street.



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in observance of Labor Day**

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): 303-776-9570

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
- Erich Haakmeester, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Councilperson At-Large
- Peggy Randolph, Councilperson At-Large
- Geneiveve Schneider, Councilperson At-Large

Honor Flight– September 15

A Mile of Smiles to Honor Veterans

Line up, salute and cheer on the Sunday Morning “Honor Flight” motorcade as our Veterans are escorted to DIA where they’ll be flown to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorial. Bring the kids, wave your flag, and don’t forget the camera! Several Fire Districts, Police Departments, and Military will be on scene. Watch for Rotary’s American flags along the Frontage Road. Line-up along the I-25 West Frontage Road Median begins at 8:15 am.



City Council Adopts 2013 Budget Amendment

Annually, the City of Dacono usually considers an amendment after its annual audit is completed. Since the approval of the original budget in December 2012, Council has approved additional expenditures during the year which need to be accounted for in the 2013 budget. Highlights of these expenditures include: \$54,500 to amend the Mac Donald Ct. line replacement and the Gabriel Ct. line abandonment, four new police vehicle radar units for \$8,800, and \$41,500 to survey and design the Summit Blvd. roadway. The beginning fund balance of all funds increased by \$280,104, while the

projected current year revenues will increase by \$311,299; for a total revenue increase of \$591,403. Most of the revenue changes come from revenue sources directly affected by growth. New home development, as well as new commercial construction permits improved significantly from the first version of the budget. Also, the City leased 350 units of water this year at a premium, increasing revenue in the water fund. The amended budget increases the total ending fund balance of all funds by \$394,988 with all the changes included.

City Council Candidates File for November Election

Three Candidates Running For City Council

Three nomination petitions were submitted by the August 26, 2013 deadline for the office of city councilmember. Kevin Plain, Nicholas Vogel, and Loren Winstead all filed for candidacy. All city council members are elected at-large, the City does not have a ward system. The Weld County Coordinated Mail Ballot Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5. Elected councilmembers will be sworn into office in November.

