

City Calendar

- ◆ City Council meeting
February 8— 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
February 9— 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed in observance
of Presidents Day—February 15
- ◆ Municipal Court
February 18- 9:00 a.m. & 1:30
p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting
February 22— 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
February 23— 6:00 p.m.

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Dacono Resident Survey

Quality of Life, Small Town Atmosphere and Housing Affordability Rate High

The City of Dacono 2015 Resident Survey provided residents the opportunity to rate the quality of life in the City of Dacono, as well as the quality of service delivery and overall workings of local government. The survey also permitted residents to share their priorities for community planning and resource allocation. Surveys were mailed to all households (1,608) in September, 2015. A total of 415 surveys were completed, yielding a response rate of 27%.

Key Findings

A majority of Dacono residents enjoy a positive quality of life and most plan to remain in the community.

- A majority of residents gave excellent or good ratings to the overall quality of life in Dacono (56%) and only 11% felt the quality of life was poor. In addition to rating the overall quality of life and aspects related to quality of life, residents' perceptions of their community can be measured in their loyalty to the community. About 75% of residents planned to remain in Dacono for the next five years and two-thirds would recommend living in Dacono to someone who asks.

Residents value the small town atmosphere of Dacono but feel the sense of community could be improved.

- Survey respondents were given a list of potential reasons they may have had when choosing to live in Dacono and asked to indicate which reasons impacted their decision to live in the community. At the top of the list was small town atmosphere with half of survey respondents selecting this as a

reason they chose Dacono. About one-quarter selected good neighborhoods, family-friendly and that their family lives in Dacono or that they were raised nearby.

Affordable quality housing and the cost of living generally received positive ratings and are reasons residents chose Dacono.

- Residents were given an extensive list of community characteristics and asked to rate the quality of each. In the top six were cost of living (48% excellent or good) and availability of affordable quality housing (45%).

Survey respondents think highly of the quality of services in Dacono and support a capital improvement sales tax to make roadway and park improvements.

- Six in 10 residents gave excellent or good ratings to the overall quality of City services; only nine percent of respondents felt that the quality of City services was poor. When compared to communities across the nation, across the Front Range and to those with populations similar to Dacono's population (1,500 to 6,500), quality ratings for City services were similar.
- Residents showed strong support for improvements to City roadways and improvements to parks and trails with at least 8 in 10 indicating they somewhat or strongly support each of these improvement projects. Slightly fewer supported acquisition of land for parks, trails and open space, but still three-quarters indicated at least somewhat supporting this project.

Dacono Keeping Pace with National Homebuilding Rebound

City has Record Building Permit Year

In 2015, Dacono reached a 15-year high in building permits issuance for new home construction. Locally, new home construction is consistent with nationwide trends as reported by the National Association of Home Builders in December 2015. Nationwide housing starts rose 10.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.173 million units in November, according to newly released data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Commerce Department. Single-family production increased 7.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 768,000 units, its highest reading since January 2008. Multifamily production rose 16.4 percent to 405,000 units.

Source: National Association of Home Builders, December 16, 2015



Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on February 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

2016 Resident Brochure

Pick-up your copy of the 2016 resident brochure filled with helpful contact numbers, city officials, and a calendar of events. Brochures are available at City Hall, Dacono Library, and the Dacono Police Department.

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.cityofdacono.com

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: T, W, TH, FR 1:00–6:30 p.m., Sat. 12:00–4:00
Closed on Monday & Sunday

Elected Officials

- Joe Baker, Mayor
- Robin Dunlap, Councilperson At-Large
- Debbie Nasta, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Peggy Randolph, Councilperson At-Large
- Carl Randolph, Councilperson At-Large
- Nicholas Vogel, Councilperson At-Large

2016 Dacono Community Scholarship Applications Available

April 12, Deadline to Apply

Graduating high school seniors that are Dacono residents and plan to pursue post-secondary education are invited to apply for the annual City of Dacono Scholarship. Annually, the City awards up to three scholarships valued between \$500 and \$1,000. Information and eligibility is available on the City website, www.cityofdacono.com or through local high school guidance counselors. High school seniors can attend any high school, including home school. Application deadline is April 12, 2016.

Don't Be a Victim of Opportunity

Puffer Laws Protect Your Property and Family

Although we are slowly moving towards spring, there are still many cold winter mornings ahead. Colorado state law requires vehicles to be turned off if left unattended for any period of time. Aside from being a violation of law, leaving your car unattended while running creates an opportunity for criminals seeking cars left unattended. The phrase "puffer" is used to describe an unattended car idling to warm-up, a reference to the puffs of tailpipe emissions easily seen from a distance by thieves. This alerts thieves that a car is probably unlocked with the keys in the ignition creating an opportunity for a thief to steal your vehicle and your personal items such as your purse, wallet, or phone. Worse yet, there are instances of vehicle theft with children left inside the car.

The organization, Coloradoans Against Auto Theft, is a statewide auto theft prevention initiative to educate the public on what they can do to reduce their chances

of becoming a victim of auto theft. CAAT is a coalition of law enforcement agencies, the Colorado State Patrol, insurance partners, LoJack and AAA Colorado. CAAT and the state auto theft task force efforts are funded in part by the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA). CAAT recommends the following:

Don't Be an Easy Target

Auto theft and increased insurance rates can be reduced by taking the following precautions:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even for a minute.
- Holiday shopping? Put gifts and all valuables in the trunk or hidden from view.
- Always lock your car.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Don't keep a spare set of keys in the car.

Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious behavior.

Safety Reminders from Dacono Police Department

Did you know that each year in the United States, there are more than five million home burglaries? Nine out of ten of these crimes are preventable. The risk of being burglarized can be greatly reduced by taking simple steps to make your home more difficult to enter and less enticing to would-be burglars. Remember, the greatest weapons in the fight to prevent burglaries are lighting, time and noise. As a reminder, be sure to close and lock your doors— including garage doors. An open door is an invitation— no matter what time of day. Lock all car doors and never keep valuables inside your car. Finally, be a good neighbor and alert the police of any suspicious activity or unusual behavior.