



# City Newsletter

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## City Calendar

- ◆ Carbon Valley Summer Festival  
August 7– 11:00 a.m. parade  
Noon– festival opens
- ◆ Community Conversation with Mayor Sigman  
August 9– canceled due to primary election
- ◆ City Council meeting  
August 9– canceled due to primary election
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission  
August 10– canceled due to primary election
- ◆ City Council study session  
August 10– canceled due to primary election
- ◆ Municipal Court  
August 19- 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Meeting  
August 23- 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission  
August 24– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council study session  
August 24– 6:30 p.m.

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## Back to School Safety

### Safety Reminders for Drivers Bikers and Students School Bus

As children are now going back in school, it is important to help them get to and from school safely. Be sure to observe the speed limits in school zones and supervise your children on their way to and from school. If riding the school bus, remind your student to always remain in clear view of the bus driver and children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building. If your student rides a bike, always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride. Remind your kids that bikes have rules to follow, just like cars. Students who walk to school or to a bus stop, should have a planned route. Kids waiting for the bus should stay off the street. The Dacono Police remind you to contact the Department if you notice any suspicious activity or individuals loitering around bus stops.



## Seasonal Mosquito Control

### Technology Tracks Effectiveness

Adult mosquito surveillance began in June and will continue throughout the mosquito season. Monthly, reports from OtterTail Environmental are posted on the City's website detailing mosquito surveillance and control measures. Using their sophisticated GIS system, after each spraying in the City, OtterTail can provide data regarding the speed of trucks, when the sprayer was turned on/off, and the exact route traveled. While at times it may not appear that the trucks are spraying, there are many conditions which impact when and where to spray. For example, improvements in the chemicals now create more of a fine mist compared to a fog; this mist is

just as effective as the traditional fog many residents can remember. Furthermore, if a truck is passing a jogger, kids outside playing, etc. drivers will momentarily turn off the spray. This season, Weld County has one confirmed case of West Nile Virus (WNV). OtterTail would like to remind residents that this is the time of year WNV activity can quickly increase. Therefore, they urge residents to take precautions to protect themselves by following the "Four Ds": (1) use DEET-enhanced insect repellent (2) Dress in long sleeves and pants (3) avoid the outdoors from Dusk to Dawn (4) Drain standing water around your home. OtterTail operates a hotline for residents to call and report possible breeding areas or to be added to the spraying notification list. The number is (303) 273-2878.

## August 7th is the Carbon Valley Summer Festival

### Fireworks Make a Return This Year At Dusk

The annual summer festival is only days away! The event takes place at Centennial Park– under the blue water tower. Want to be in the parade? "It's Still Rock and Roll To Me" is this year's theme. Dance, hop, hula-hoop, walk or ride- everyone is welcome to participate. Dress-up in your favorite rock-n-roll era and join in the fun. Bikes, strollers, wagons are all welcome. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at Dacono city hall and end at the corner of Forest & 2nd Street. Live music begins at noon featuring: Flash Cadillac, Bobby Walker, Jurassicasters– featuring Dave Beegle on guitar, Starlite Ramblers, Long-mot Allstars, Indigent Row and Goatz. Other activities include a hotdog eating contest, food vendors and an expanded beer garden. A special children's area includes a petting zoo, pony rides, games and inflatable slide/jumping castle. The day will end with a spectacular fireworks show at dusk. There is no admission fee and parking is free. Food, beverages and children's activities have a fee. Many thanks to our major sponsors including: Anadarko, Community Pet Hospital-Firestone, Dacono Meds, Gator Rubbish, United Power and St. Vrain Sanitation District.

## Medicine Collection- A prescription for clean water and safe kids Prescription and Non-prescription Drug Destruction Program

Do you have unwanted medications around your home? Help protect your family, community and the environment by properly disposing of them. When people's prescriptions change, their drugs expire or are no longer needed, these medicines are typically flushed or thrown away. Placing substances in the household garbage can lead to inadvertent access by children and animals. While flushing the medicine down the toilet does prevent misuse of the substance, the practice can cause other problems. Pharmaceuticals flushed can kill bacteria that break down waste in sewage plants, damage septic systems, and contaminate nearby waterways and harm aquatic wildlife. The Dacono Police Department has partnered with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and St. Vrain Sanitation District to receive prescription and non-prescription drugs for destruction. Now residents can turn in their unused and expired prescription and nonprescription drugs at the Dacono Police Department. Law enforcement officials will destroy all drugs received. Please follow these guidelines: all exchanges must be done at the Police Department and need to be done between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday; no appointment is necessary, however if an officer is unavailable at the time, the individual can wait until an officer becomes available or come back at a later time; resident will be required to sign a waiver authorizing the exchange and releasing the property; no fee. For more information call the Police Department or go to [www.ci.dacono.co.us](http://www.ci.dacono.co.us).



## City Government

City Hall

512 Cherry Street

Dacono, CO 80514

Phone: 303-833-2317

[www.ci.dacono.co.us](http://www.ci.dacono.co.us)

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Water: 303-833-2317 x121

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

## Pride of Dacono Awards

### Two Businesses, Resident and Dacono Police Sergeant Recognized

The City Council awarded multiple Pride of Dacono awards at the July 26, meeting. Recipients included the Colorado National Speedway (CNS) and All About Tans as businesses, and the Haakmeester Family, 4578 Sedona Lane with the July Pride of Dacono award. City of Dacono Police Sergeant Joer Lopez was also recognized for outstanding community service. Over the last several years, CNS has hosted a Dacono Night At The Races which offers reduced-rate tickets for Dacono residents. Annually, the track attracts thousands of people to Dacono. All About Tans was given the award for being a locally owned and operated small business. The owners are also very active in multiple charities.



The Haakmeester family was recognized for outstanding property maintenance. Police Sergeant Lopez is an active volunteer who most recently helped the local Boy Scout Troop raise money during the 4<sup>th</sup> at Firestone. Sergeant Lopez spent about an hour in the dunk tank in his full uniform and was a crowd favorite.

## Candidate Petitions Available

### City Council Election November 2

Beginning August 3, candidate petitions for the Dacono city council will be available at City Hall. Dacono electorate will select two city council members on November 2 in the general election. In accordance with the Dacono City Charter, a candidate for city council must be a registered voter and reside in the City limits for at least twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the election. No person who has been convicted of embezzlement, bribery, perjury or similar shall serve as an elected official. City council members are selected at large by the electorate as Dacono does not have a ward system. Interested candidates should contact the City Clerk to receive a petition and learn more about candidate filing requirements.

## Primary Election August 10th

### Dacono City Hall is Voting Center

Registered voters will be able to vote at City Hall in the primary election held on August 10. The voting center will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Early voting begins August 2; please note Dacono City Hall is not an early voting center. Sample ballots and voter information can be found on the Weld County website at [www.co.weld.co.us](http://www.co.weld.co.us). For more information regarding primary election contact the Weld County Clerk and Recorder at (970) 304-6525 x3070.

**The August 9, City Council meeting and the August 10, Planning Commission meeting are canceled due to City Hall serving as an official polling location.**