

City Calendar

- ◆ Carbon Valley Holiday Festival
December 3– 12 p.m.-8 p.m.
- ◆ Ho-Ho-Holiday Lighting Contest
Judging
December 7– 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Library Book Sale
December 10– 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ◆ Board and Commission
Interviews
December 12– 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting
December 12 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
December 13– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Municipal Court
December 15- 9:00 a.m. & 1:30
p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed in observance
of Christmas
December 23 & 26
- ◆ City offices closed in New Years
January 2

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*Annual Ho-Ho Holiday
Lighting Contest 2011*

Light up the night Dacono and brighten the holiday season by participating in the *Annual Ho-Ho Holiday Lighting Contest*.

Winning categories include:

- ◆ Best animation
- ◆ Most traditional holiday display
- ◆ Best cul-de-sac or group of homes
- ◆ “Clark W. Griswold Award” for the most outrageous display

Participation is easy and FREE!

Simply register your address with Bill Efting by phone (303.833.2317 x125) or email (befting@ci.dacono.co.us)

Members of the City Council will tour the City and judge decorations on Wednesday, December 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Set to Adopt FY 2012 City Budget

No Significant New Expenditures, Sales Tax Continues to Climb

The City Council is set to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 budget on December 12, 2011. The City’s operating budget for 2012 remains very conservative. While the City’s growth has nearly halted, the revenue base remains stronger than anticipated. Sales tax collection in 2011 exceeded projections. In 2012, the City is projecting a slight 1.8% increase in sales tax revenue compared to 2011. Assessed valuation of property continues to be flat and the 2011 municipal levy will be set at 29.493 mills. The City continues to hold the line on spending. Capital improvements and purchases in 2012 will be limited as the City Council’s goals are to build financial reserves for future needs, maintain existing infrastructures, and continue the current service level and operations. The City is planning to conduct a water rate study in 2012. The intent is to adjust the water rate structure as needed to adequately cover the cost of service delivery, improve water conservation efforts, budget for capital improvements to the water system, and plan for future growth. The City Council public hearing begins at 6:00 p.m. Contact Kelly Stroh, Finance Officer, to review the 2012 budget.

Christmas Tree Disposal

It's hard to think about disposing of the family Yule tree, but there are ways to responsibly dispose of your Christmas tree. Christmas trees are increasingly recycled because they have "all natural ingredients". They are biodegradable, and that property makes them particularly useful in a number of applications. One of the most common uses is for mulch. Recycling a tree is easy and good for the environment. Before you recycle, be sure to remove all lights, decorations, tinsel, and other objects from the tree. Find nearby locations that are accepting Christmas trees for recycling at www.recycleyourchristmastree.com. Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace. Evergreens have a high concentration of turpentine oils which is flammable. If you cannot recycle and prefer to dispose of in the weekly trash, please follow these guidelines. Gator Rubbish will not collect whole trees at the curb. The hauler will only collect trees that are cut into pieces no longer than 4 feet and bundled.



Board and Commission Interviews

The Dacono City Council will hold Board and Commission interviews on Monday, December 12 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Go to www.cityofdacono for information about vacant board and commission positions.

Holiday Book Sale– Dacono Library

Give the gift of reading this holiday season. The Dacono Library is hosting a book sale on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. A bag of books is \$3.00 or purchase 2 bags for \$5.00. The Library has hundreds of kids books and tons of VHS movies. Refreshments, festive music, and crafts for kids.

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): 303-682-4693

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
- Tom McCune, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Councilperson At-Large
- Peggy Randolph, Councilperson At-Large
- Lori Saine, Councilperson At-Large



Santa Cops Keeps the Holiday Season Bright!

Carbon Valley Santa Cops, in its 19th year, provides toys and gifts to kids from birth to age sixteen who might not otherwise receive Christmas presents. This year, the City of Dacono will proudly assist over 200 kids through this program. Throughout the year, Carbon Valley area police departments fundraise for this worthy cause. The program relies exclusively on donations from the community to sustain this program. "Helping the community stay safe has always been the primary goal of the police department, but being able to help in other ways is a very satisfying role," said Dacono Police Chief Brian Skaggs. "We recognize the considerable need that many families have, especially at this time of the year," Skaggs said. "Police officers get into this line of work to make a difference and we believe that Santa Cops does make a difference. We really enjoy seeing the smiles on the kids' faces and knowing that their families are also receiving food and necessity items."



City Holiday Schedule– December

City offices will be closed on:

- ◆ Friday, December 23 in observance of Christmas
- ◆ Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas
- ◆ Monday, January 2 in observance of New Years Day

(No trash service disruptions the week before and the week after Christmas)



Happy Holidays