



City Connection

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City Calendar

- ◆ City Council meeting
February 9– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
February 10– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session
February 10– 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed February 16
in observance of Presidents Day
- ◆ Municipal Court
February 19- 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting
February 23 – 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
February 24– 6:00 p.m.

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- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt
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- ◆ ReBuild Colorado
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Annoyed by Feral Cat Problem? City Seeks Volunteers for TNR Program

A feral cat is a cat born and raised in the wild, or who has been abandoned or lost and turned to wild ways in order to survive. While some feral cats tolerate a bit of human contact, most are too fearful and wild to be handled. Feral cats are prone to picking up serious diseases such as feline leukemia from other unvaccinated cats they encounter, and of course they are always in danger of being hit by cars. Female ferals are constantly pregnant or trying to nourish their kittens on a starvation diet, and males risk injury in violent cat fights. The average feral cat only lives for three years.

In order to manage and reduce the feral cat population, the City of Dacono uses a trap-neuter-release program or TNR. The Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) methodology has proven an effective means of curbing feral cat overpopulation. TNR is the humane and effective approach for stray and feral cats. The cat is trapped in a humane cage, brought to a clinic, sterilized, vaccinated, and released back to its feral colony. Studies show that Trap-Neuter-Release improves the lives of feral cats, improves their relationships with the people who live near them, and decreases the size of colonies over time.

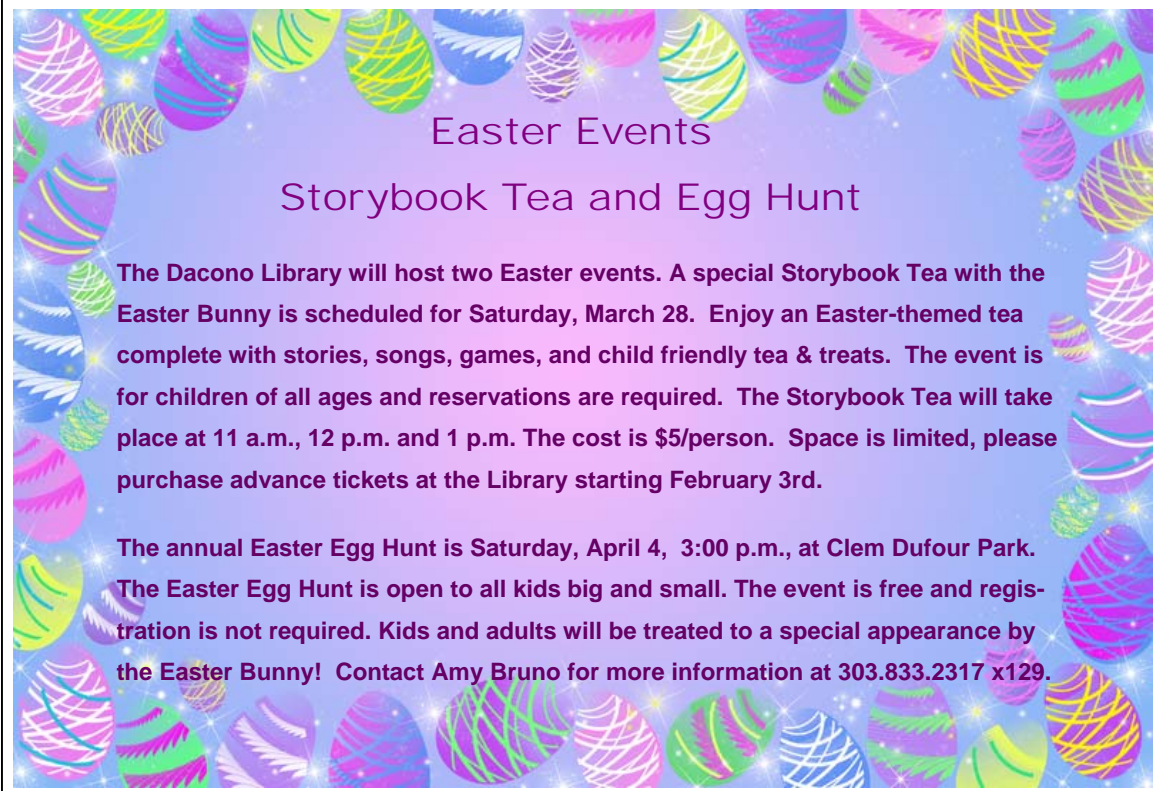
Through TNR, feral cats can live out their lives without adding to the homeless cat population. It is very



important to have all feral cats spayed or neutered because it is the only 100% effective way to prevent unwanted kittens. Nuisance behaviors such as spraying, excessive noisemaking and fighting are largely eliminated and no more kittens are born.

In order to make this program a success, the City of Dacono is seeking volunteers to assist with TNR feeding stations. A TNR caretaker provides food, water. Cat food is provided at no charge by the City of Dacono. The City of Dacono will provide training and all necessary equipment. If you are interested in assisting with this program, please contact the Dacono Police Department and speak with Community Resource Officer Lyndsey Steele at 303-833-3095 x160.

Source: Human Society of the United States



Easter Events

Storybook Tea and Egg Hunt

The Dacono Library will host two Easter events. A special Storybook Tea with the Easter Bunny is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Enjoy an Easter-themed tea complete with stories, songs, games, and child friendly tea & treats. The event is for children of all ages and reservations are required. The Storybook Tea will take place at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. The cost is \$5/person. Space is limited, please purchase advance tickets at the Library starting February 3rd.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4, 3:00 p.m., at Clem Dufour Park. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to all kids big and small. The event is free and registration is not required. Kids and adults will be treated to a special appearance by the Easter Bunny! Contact Amy Bruno for more information at 303.833.2317 x129.



Looking for a Job?

Be sure you check out the City of Dacono website for current employment opportunities.

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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

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Hours: T 12-5, Wed. & TH 2-7, Fri. 12-6, Sat. 9-2
Closed on Monday & Sunday

Elected Officials

- Charles Sigman, Mayor
- Joe Baker, Councilperson At-Large
- Debbie Nasta, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Peggy Randolph, Councilperson At-Large
- Geneiveve Schneider, Councilperson At-Large
- Nicholas Vogel, Councilperson At-Large



Interested in owning a home?

You may be eligible to purchase a home through Habitat for Humanity's *ReBuild Colorado* program if you are a low- to moderate-income earner and were affected by the September 2013 Front Range flooding in any of the following ways:

- Your primary residence was flooded or was damaged by excessive rain
- You had to evacuate your home and/or relocate
- Your income was negatively impacted due to the flood by loss of business or job, temporary layoff, reduction of hours, etc.
- Your rent increased in the 3 months after the flood and is now unaffordable
- You must now purchase flood insurance, making your current housing payments unaffordable

For more information, visit www.rebuildcolorado.org, or contact Habitat for Humanity of Colorado at ReBuild@habitatcolorado.org or 303-454-8965 x5. This is a limited time opportunity, so contact us today!



We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Calling All High School Seniors College Scholarships Available

The City of Dacono is accepting applications for its annual college/vocational training scholarship. Eligible candidates must reside in the City of Dacono and be a senior in high school. Qualifying candidates should have at least a 2.5 GPA. Interested applicants should submit an essay which outlines educational goals and plans to achieve those goals, details extra-curricular activities, and other information as requested. Awards range from \$500-\$1000 depending on number of applicants. Scholarship applications are available online at www.cityofdacono.com or by contacting the Dacono City Clerk. Applications are due by April 18, 2015. Selected recipients will be notified.

New Library Hours

The new Library operating hours are:

- Monday: closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday: closed

