



City of Dacono, Colorado

May 2009

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City Calendar

- ◆ Board of Adjustment
May 11 @ 6 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Meeting
May 11 @ 7 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
May 12 @ 6 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Study Session
May 12 @ canceled
- ◆ Municipal Court
May 21 @ 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Offices Closed in observance of
Memorial Day May 25
- ◆ Council Meeting
May 26 @ 7 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission
May 27 @ canceled
- ◆ City Council Study Session
May 27 @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Spring Clean-Up at Denver Regional
Landfill (Erie)
May 30 from 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
- ◆ Carbon Valley Summer Festival
June 20 @ Centennial Field (under
the water tower)

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Children At Play

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25 OFFERS HELPFUL TIPS FOR CHILD SAFETY



With warmer days and the end of the school year, kids are outside playing. Dacono police remind drivers to be aware of posted speed limits and be extra alert for kids who may wander into the street. We all want to discourage speeding in our neighborhoods, especially on the street where we live. The posted speed limit in most neighborhoods is 25 mph.

According to Keep Kids Alive Drive 25, the number one action parents/care-providers can take so that no child will become a traffic incident victim on neighborhood streets is to simply say, and enforce, **no playing in the street**. Set limits for your child. Make sure they have safe places to play. Before backing out of any driveway, check to make sure children are not playing behind your car. Look twice to make sure children are not running or riding their bikes down the sidewalk. Also, teach your child to cross the street safely.

Remember to have your child wear the proper helmet and pads when riding a bike, scooter, skateboard, or using skates. Help your child learn good safety habits and be sure to monitor your kids when outside. For more information on safety tips go to www.keepkidsalivedrive25.org

Keep Kids Alive Drive 25

Safety Information

- Most speeders on your street live in your neighborhood.
- It is not unusual for speeders to be clocked in excess of 40 mph (and even 50 mph).
- Residential streets have a death rate (per miles driven) over twice that of highways.
- More than 1,200 people die every month as a result of speeding-related crashes. (NHTSA, 2007)
- Crash rates increase faster with an increase in speed on minor roads (which include residential streets) than on major roads (highways). (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 2004)

Source: Keep Kids Alive Drive Twenty Five

Spring Clean-Up Reminder

ONE DAY EVENT OFFERS FREE ACCESS TO LANDFILL

Don't forget spring clean-up day is May 30! This one day event allows residents to dispose of large household items that are not typically allowed through regular trash service. Items accepted generally include yard waste, non-commercial construction debris, old furniture and just plain junk. The event is free to Dacono residents residing within the corporate limits; a \$5 donation to the Tri-town

Food Bank is welcome. A valid proof of residency (utility bill) is required. **Think green** and consider donating usable items. **Don't Forget to Recycle.** Think before you toss! Hazardous waste items will not be accepted by the landfill. Contact the Weld County Department of Health South Hazardous Household Waste Facility at 720-652-4235 x8723. Appliances and metal will be accepted at

Elliott's Auto Parts. There will be a \$25 charge for appliances with freon. No tires accepted. Junk vehicle towing will be provided free of charge. Contact Elliott's at 303-833-3501.

- **Date: May 30**
- **Place: Denver Regional Landfill 1441 WCR 6 (Erie)**
- **Time: 8 a.m.– 1 p.m.**
- **Limit 2 loads per household.**

Spring Weather Awareness

BE PREPARED FOR SEVERE WEATHER BEFORE IT ARRIVES



Make a Plan. Make a Difference.

May 22 marks the one year anniversary of the Windsor tornado. Be prepared for severe weather this year by following the tips and recommendations of READYColorado. READYColorado is a public awareness campaign supported by public

and private partners concerned with homeland security and all-hazards preparedness. Its goal is to raise awareness about the importance of disaster preparedness among Colorado citizens. To achieve this, READYColorado is reaching out to individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses to provide them with the tools and information they need to respond to and recover from any disaster. Every citizen has a role to play in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The first steps are to make sure you have a plan in

place to care for yourself

and your family and that you have the necessary supplies on hand to do so. For more information go to www.readycolorado.com or call 1-800-639-READY (7323).

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.ci.dacono.co.us

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 and the 1st Sat. of every month 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

Elected Officials

- Wade Carlson, Mayor
- Joe Baker, Councilperson At-Large
- Steve Bruno, Councilperson At-Large
- Kay Cole, Councilperson At-Large
- Tom McCune, Councilperson At-Large
- Kevin Plain, Councilperson At-Large
- Charles Sigman, Mayor Pro-Tem

Are You READYColorado?

Prepare a home tornado plan. Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or, if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered.

Stay tuned for weather warnings. Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information. Know what a tornado WATCH and WARNING means: A tornado WATCH means a tornado is possible in your Area. A tornado WARNING means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately.

Prepare a disaster supplies kit including: A 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil, one change of clothing and footwear per person one blanket or sleeping bag per person a first aid kit, including prescription medicines emergency tools, including a battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and a portable radio, flashlight, and plenty of extra batteries an extra set of car keys and a credit card or cash special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members.

Source: American Red Cross

Almost Free Building Permits

POPULAR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RETURNS FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE

During the entire month of June, Dacono will temporarily reduce the amount of certain building permit fees. Fee reduction will apply towards the alteration, repair or improvement of existing residential structures. For more information contact Donna Case in the Planning & Building Department at 303-833-2317 x128.

Carbon Valley Summer Festival

MUSIC, FOOD, AND FAMILY FUN

Don't miss the Carbon Valley Summer Festival scheduled for June 20 at Centennial Field (under the water tower). The day will include a parade beginning at 10 a.m. Activities for the day include live music from noon

until 9 p.m., a kids village, food, and other vendors.

Live music includes: Bobbie Walker, Poquito Maz, Angie Stevens & the Beautiful Wreck, O-Tone Brass Band and more. The event is free and open to the public.

Many vending opportunities are still available. Sponsorship opportunities at all levels are available. Contact AJ Euckert at 303-833-2317 x134 for more information. Look for more details in the June newsletter.

News & Reviews

A big THANKS to everyone who volunteered and donated items to make the Easter egg hunt a huge success. The Library received \$255 from the silent auction. Proceeds will be used to purchase new library furnishings ■ The Charter Review Committee is underway and plan to make a recommendation to the Council by July 2009. The City Council will determine what, if any, charter amendments will go to the voters this fall ■ Be a good pet owner; clean-up after your dog ■ Want to quit smoking? Call the Colorado QuitLine at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or www.coquitline.org. The QuitLine is a free service that provides quit coaching over the phone and up to eight weeks of free nicotine patches to help get over the addiction to nicotine. For more information about other resources in Weld County for tobacco cessation, visit www.tobaccofreeweld.com or call 970-304-6470, ext. 2138.