

City Calendar

- ◆ City offices closed January 1 in observance of the New Year
- ◆ City Council meeting January 11– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission January 12– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ City offices closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.– January 18
- ◆ Municipal Court January 21– 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council meeting January 25– 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission January 26– 6:00 p.m.

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City Council Adopts 2016 FY Budget

The City Council adopted the FY 2016 budget on Monday, December 14. The fiscal year budget was presented to the public on November 23 at a public hearing. In 2016, City revenues are expected to increase mainly due to property taxes. The approved new projects for 2016 total \$1.94 million. The estimated General Fund revenues in this budget equal \$3,944,230. The expenses total \$3,708,595 for a Fund ending balance of \$1,670,521. This fund balance represents 45% of total yearly expenditures. The reserve serves as proof the City can maintain its obligations in the future and will potentially help to fund other large infrastructure projects in the coming years. In Dacono, property tax is the number one revenue source of the City. The final calculation of assessed values presented by Weld County indicates overall assessed values for

2015 have increased to \$96,852,240; a 75% increase from 2014. However, despite the large increase in the assessed valuation local property values are only now reaching 2008 pre-recession numbers. The majority of the increase in assessed value comes from oil and gas production; more specifically, \$59,931,580 of the assessed value accounting for 62% of the assessed valuation increase. Therefore, the property tax collected in 2016 from the residents of Dacono will be approximately the same or slightly less than what was paid in 2009. To help support the various municipal projects over the next few years, the mill levy will remain fixed at 22.462 mills. The entire 2016 City of Dacono budget is available online at www.cityofdacono.com.

Residents to Save On Lower Mill Levy for Road Bonds & Stable Water Rates

Dacono residents will realize savings on their property tax next year as the City Council adopted a road bond mill levy rate of 2.232 mills, down from 3.939 mills last year. Voters approved a bond issue in 2005 to improve streets in The Glens and Old Town Dacono. Higher assessed valuation and savings from recent refinancing of the road bonds resulted in savings for Dacono residents. Water rates will remain the same for 2016 due to increased water sales and the implementation of a cash-in-lieu policy for selected new development. Gator Rubbish will set annual trash and recycling rates in January 2016. Upon adoption by the City Council, residents may see a slight increase on their March 2016 utility bill.



Dacono Library Expands Collection Through AspenCat

Libraries are not just for print books anymore. In addition to new and updated public computers, the Dacono Public Library will join [AspenCat](http://www.aspen-cat.com) Union Catalog. AspenCat has over 1,370,600 books, DVDs and CDs in the catalog from 100 different libraries in Colorado which will become available to Dacono Patrons. This combined resource includes thousands of download-

able ebooks and audio books, as well as an online catalog for library patrons. A preview of these ebooks can be found by searching this link - <http://ebook.3m.com/library/en/AspenCat/>. These ebooks are brought to you in part by the Colorado Library Consortium and a LSTA grant from the Colorado State Library.

Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on January 1 in observance of New Year and on Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Holiday Festival Thank-You

Thank you to our community partner, Mountain View Fire Protection District, for the fantastic chili at the Carbon Valley Holiday Festival. Many thanks to United Power for their sponsorship of the event and awesome volunteers!

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

City Snow Removal

City Follows Adopted Snow Response Plan

The City of Dacono follows an adopted Snow Response Plan for removing snow on City streets. Factors affecting snow and ice control operations include: snowfall rate and accumulation; moisture content; temperature; time of day, night, or week; wind velocity; and the duration of the storm. The City's goal during any snowstorm is to keep primary streets open and safe for the public so that vehicular traffic may continue to move safely and efficiently on the city's street network. Although the City strives to keep all lanes of traffic moving during extreme weather conditions, travel may be limited to one lane of vehicular traffic in each direction. All remaining secondary streets will receive service only after the designated streets are attended to, and when conditions warrant. While the City will attempt not to block residential and business driveways with plowed snow, it is very likely to happen. Home and business owners are responsible to clear away snow from all walkways adjoining their property. The City does not have the manpower to remove snow from any sidewalks. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow by the property owner within 48 hours of the end of a snow storm. Review the full plan and map at www.cityofdacono.com.

City Council Adopts Urban Renewal Plan

The City Council voted to approve the Dacono Area Urban Renewal Plan on Monday, December 14. The purpose of the Dacono Area Urban Renewal plan is to eliminate and prevent the spread of blight.

2016 Resident Brochure and Event Calendar Coming Soon!

The annual Dacono resident brochure will be available in early February along with the 2016 City event calendar. Featured events include the annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 26. Look for more details in the February and March editions of the City Connection. The City will also host several events aimed at community clean-up including the Citywide Clean-Out Day on May 14 and the Citywide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 18. The Citywide Clean-Out Day allows Dacono residents to dispose of 1-load of large household waste for free at an area landfill. The Citywide Garage Sale offers residents free advertising and signs for garage sales. National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, will feature a community picnic and a free movie at the park. The City's signature event, the Carbon Valley Music and Spirits Festival will be on Saturday, August 6. Music lineup, sponsorship, and vendor opportunities will be available starting in April 2016.



Coming Next Month– Dacono Resident Survey Results

The results are in! Look for highlights of the Dacono Resident Survey. Thanks for your input.