



### Cherokee Metropolitan District



6250 Palmer Park Blvd  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday – Friday  
Office: 719-597-5080

*Have a suggestion or question?*

#### Attend a Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. at the above address on:  
**November 14, 2006**  
**December 12, 2006**  
2007 meeting dates are subject to board approval, tentative dates:  
**January 9, 2007**  
**February 13, 2007**

### Cherokee Ridge Golf Course



CHEROKEE RIDGE  
1850 Tuskegee Place  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915  
Pro Shop – 719-597-2637  
Starter – 719-597-2643  
Maintenance – 719-597-8386

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[www.golfexperience.com/cherokeeridge/](http://www.golfexperience.com/cherokeeridge/)

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AT YOUR HOME OR  
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### WORKING FOR YOU

This is a challenging time for the community. Changes have been made to protect our limited water supply. Most of these changes are difficult to cope with and many of you worry about additional restrictions. Cherokee's decisions in the past months have been made to ensure that this does not happen.

Our resolve is stronger than ever and we are committed to meeting your needs as customers. Progress has been made and will continue to be made until this issue is resolved. The Board of Directors and staff would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### PHASE II RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

1. Effective September 22, 2006 the watering of lawns and open space has been prohibited until such time as additional water resources are made available.
2. Effective immediately, no sod or seed permits will be issued for the remainder of the year.
3. The washing of vehicles has also been prohibited, except at commercial car wash facilities.

**Did you know!** *The moisture from one good snow or rain during each winter month (Nov-Mar) is enough to sustain your lawn until spring.*

### WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

The Colorado Supreme Court has not yet made a ruling on Cherokee's appeal made in September. The process generally takes 2-3 months after an appeal has been made. We expect a decision near the end of 2006.

Cherokee is currently in aggressive negotiations with several parties to acquire additional water resources.

Meetings with these parties have been very positive. We expect to have several deals in place in the near future.

The Board of Directors will evaluate and possibly establish a watering schedule for the first quarter of 2007 (Jan – Mar) at the December meeting. If approved, look for a 2007 watering schedule with your December bill.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Over 200 District residents attended the public hearing held September 26, 2006. Topics included the new Wastewater Treatment Facility and a water resources discussion. For those of you unable to attend, the primary concern from District residents was the damage to their lawns caused by the restrictions.

We were fortunate to have Colorado State University Cooperative Extension on hand to address those concerns and provide helpful information to our residents. This month's feature highlights some of the information provided at the hearing. You can also find more info online by visiting [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu).

### BECOME AN ADVISOR

Cherokee is looking for volunteers to join our Park Advisory Committee. Responsibilities will include inventory and analysis of existing open space, determining our recreational philosophy, acting as a community liaison and making recommendations to the Board regarding spending on open space.

If you are interested in being appointed, please send us a letter of interest explaining why you wish to be appointed. Letters must be received by November 28, 2006. Appointments to the committee will be made in December.

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## **SPECIAL FEATURE: WINTER YARD CARE**

As fall transitions to winter you will notice grass turning brown. This is the natural process of dormancy, and can be a good thing. The plant, as the soil temperature drops below 40 degrees, stops growing shoots and focuses its resources towards storing "food" in its roots and crown. The cool wet weather we have had the last few weeks should aid the plants in preparing for winter. Once the plants go dormant, avoiding foot traffic and compaction will minimize damage caused by low temperatures and dry conditions.

Hopefully as the months go along we will get favorable precipitation. If we get timely rain or snow each month, there will be no need for additional water on lawns. The most damaging conditions during winter are cold, wind and heavy foot traffic on dormant turf.

So far we have received 1 inch of rain or snow precipitation in the month of October. This is a good trend and a lot of that moisture is remaining in the soil profile because of the cooler temperatures. Here is hoping for a wet winter.

*Griff Rainford,  
Golf Course Superintendent, Cherokee Ridge Golf Course*

### **WINTER YARD CARE DO'S AND DON'TS**

#### **DO**

- Water your trees one to two times per month during the winter season. Transplanted and young trees should receive the highest priority since they have limited root systems.
- Reduce your yards reliance on water by researching lawn care resources. The more you know, the more you can do for your yard.

#### **DON'T**

- Walk on your lawn when frost is present. Foot traffic can stress grass and damage or injure frosted plants.
- Plow or shovel salt-laden snow onto your grass. Sodium Chloride and other ice-melting salts can cause plant roots to die.
- Apply fertilizer until the spring. Little or no benefit will be provided by late season fertilization during complete water restrictions.
- Aerate your lawn. Pulling plugs from already stressed grass will only cause further damage due to drying effects and equipment damage.

Sources: CSU Cooperative Extension & Cornell Gardening Resources

## **Save Water, \$ave Money**

### **Indoor Conservation Tips**

Inefficient water usage indoors can prove to be costly and wasteful. It is possible you may be using more water than you realize inside your home or business, which leads to higher bills. Here are some tips to help you save money and conserve water.

#### **In the Bathroom**

- Check toilets, faucets and pipes periodically for costly leaks.
- Limit your showers to five minutes or less.
- Turn the water off while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Consider installing low-flow showerheads, long-term savings will pay for the upgrade.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can, use a wastebasket instead.

#### **In the Kitchen or Laundry Room**

- Wash only full loads (laundry and dishwasher).
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator, instead of running the faucet until it is cold.
- Defrost food in the microwave or refrigerator.

**MORE TIPS**

- When washing clothes, match water level with the size of load.
- Soak pots and pans instead of using running water.

#### **Businesses**

- Offer employee incentives for conservation efforts which save your business money.
- Post signs encouraging conservation in kitchens, bathrooms and locker rooms.
- Routinely check your systems for water leaks.

Sources: Denver Water & Colorado Springs Utilities

### **TODD'S TIP**

The fall is here and the temperatures are dropping, but don't let that discourage practice. It seems as though most golfers put their clubs away for the year during the first cold snap and then they don't even look at them until the spring.

The late fall and winter are not ideal for premium golf course conditions but can be very productive for keeping a swing "grooved" and a consistent tempo for the warmer months to come. You don't even have to hit range balls or play unless the temperatures are agreeable for you, but in the meantime, take a couple clubs out in your yard and work on keeping the feeling of a smooth, consistent tempo. This kind of off-season practice limits the amount of rust that gathers on your swing over the winter and brings you back more quickly to the swing you felt at the end of last season.

*Todd Laxson,*

*Director of Operations, C.R.G.C.*

### **DO IT YOURSELF**

#### **Detecting a toilet leak**

Place 10 drops of food coloring in the tank on your toilet. Wait approximately one hour, if the water in the bowl is colored, you have a leak.

Repairs are generally inexpensive. You will save more by fixing the leak than the money spent on wasted water.