

# Cherokee Channel

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### Cherokee Metropolitan District



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

[www.cherokeemetro.org](http://www.cherokeemetro.org)

### Have a suggestion or question?

**Attend a Board Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. at the above address on:  
**June 10, 2008**  
**July 8, 2008**  
**August 12, 2008**  
**September 9, 2008**

### Cherokee Ridge Golf Course



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

Call for a tee time!

[www.cherokeeridgegolfcourse.com](http://www.cherokeeridgegolfcourse.com)

### WHEN CAN I WATER?

Odd Address	Even Address
Tue/Sat	Wed/Sun

2 hours

Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.

Trees, Flowers: Any day  
Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.

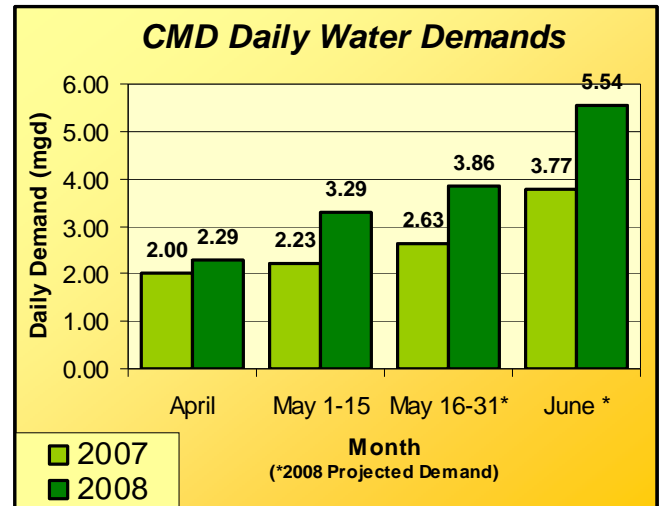
Car Washing: Any day/ Any time

## Please Conserve!

### LAWN IRRIGATION INCREASING WATER DEMANDS

We determine watering days based on our ability to meet irrigation demands throughout the summer, balanced by our ability to produce water. **In order to maintain Stage 2 conservation, it is critical all residents follow the two-day watering schedule.**

Watering more than two days each week creates a demand level our wells simply cannot sustain. As the chart shows, water demands through May 15<sup>th</sup> are 3.29 million gallons per day (mgd), an increase of 1.06 mgd from last May. Should this trend continue it will be necessary to implement one day a week or no outside watering.



It is our goal to continue Stage 2 Conservation this summer, but we need your cooperation and a community effort to make it happen. Please help conserve our water supply by following the Water Conservation Stage in effect. You can also help out by reporting all leaks, no matter how small.

We continue to acquire additional water resources with persistent and progressive tactics. While these efforts take time to implement, eventually, they should enable us to supply additional water for irrigation. Until then, we ask for your support.

## Election 2008

### RECORD TURNOUT FILLS TWO POSITIONS

The 2008 election brought a record number of voters to Cherokee's office on May 6<sup>th</sup>, filling two vacant positions. The final count revealed a staggering 521 voters, or 326 more than the previous record of 195. We would like to thank everyone for coming out to vote.

The election winners were Robert Lovato and Steve Hasbrouck. Mr. Lovato was re-elected and will serve a second term, and Mr. Hasbrouck will be serving his first. Both candidates were sworn in at the regular board meeting held Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Each will serve a four-year term.

Leaving the board after six years of service is Mr. David Hacker. We would like to thank Mr. Hacker for his dedication to the District and its residents.



### YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>President:</b>	<b>Ted Schubert</b>	<b>Director:</b>	<b>Andy Anderson</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Steve Hasbrouck</b>	<b>Director:</b>	<b>Robert Lovato</b>
<b>Secretary/ Treasurer:</b>	<b>Gayle Jones</b>		

# In the Spotlight

MEET THE EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR YOU!



We are continually looking for better and more unique ways to communicate our commitment to the District and services we provide you. One new *Cherokee Channel* feature will help accomplish just that.

Each *In the Spotlight* article will introduce you to a different member of the Cherokee team, their responsibilities, contributions and how they positively impact the services you receive.

To start off, we would like to introduce you to the newest member of the Cherokee team – Pete Heidebrecht.

## Meet Pete

**JOB TITLE:** *Lead Wastewater Operator*

**EMPLOYEE SINCE:** *January 2008*

**LICENSES:** *Class "A" Water and Wastewater, State of Colorado*

**FIELD EXPERIENCE:** *29 years*

**CURRENT PROJECT:** *Cherokee Wastewater Treatment Facility and Recharge Basin*

A project of this scale requires a great deal of knowledge and experience to ensure its success, and that's where Pete Heidebrecht comes in. The truth is, he knows water and wastewater and has been involved in the design, construction and startup of five water and/or wastewater plants.

A District resident since 1999, Pete has experienced first-hand the transition from no watering restrictions to a full-scale conservation effort. And once he heard Cherokee was building a new wastewater plant/recharge basin and in need of an operator, he quickly applied and was hired for the new position.

Now he will get a chance to make a difference as he is responsible for monitoring construction and managing the plant once online and operational. "I was able to reduce the costs and improve the operations at all of my previous places of employment, I intend to do the same here at Cherokee Metro," Pete stated.

Pete arrives each day filled with optimism and enthusiasm. He knows how important this facility is to the community and what it means for the future. "The plant and the recharge basins are a giant step in the right direction for water use and reuse."

Pete's knowledge and experience are only outdone by his eagerness. He is committed to the success of the project, and you can rest assured it's in good hands.



Look for a water quality report with your next bill or view it online at [www.cherokeemetro.org](http://www.cherokeemetro.org)

## Prevent Sewer Backups

CALL CHEROKEE FIRST

Quick action can prevent sewer backups before they occur. Mark Cuchiara, Cherokee Foreman, recommends customers be aware of the warning signs. These include slow drainage in sinks, toilets and showers, or black debris – grit and sand – around basement floor drains.

**Should you notice any of these signs, day or night, please contact 597-5080 immediately.** At no charge, our crew will check, and if necessary clear the main line that services your area.

If the mainline is free-flowing, there may be an issue with your property's service line. District personnel will advise you of your responsibility and any action that should be taken.

### Aerial View: Recharge Basins



### Correction/Clarification

Common Areas should be watered according to the Odd-day watering schedule and not according to even or odd address numbers as indicated in the Cherokee Channel: 2008 Water Conservation Edition.

<b>Restriction:</b>	2 days per week
<b>Watering Days:</b>	Tuesday/Saturday
<b>Time Allowed:</b>	Rotors: 45min/zone Pop-ups: 15 min/zone
<b>Watering Times:</b>	Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.

Coming in July  
**Extreme Makeover:  
Billing Edition**