

### Cherokee Metropolitan District



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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:

**December 11, 2007**

(2008 Meeting dates are subject to approval)

Tentative 2008 dates:

**January 8, 2008**

**February 12, 2008**

**March 11, 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)

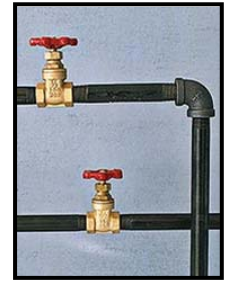


Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

## Frozen Pipes: Don't Be a Victim

Winter has once again arrived bringing its cold weather. Each year more than a quarter-million households are left cleaning up and repairing damage from ruptured pipes caused by freezing temperatures. Avoid being one of the victims by following these tips:

- **If you have not already done so, be sure to remove all garden hoses from outside spigots.**
- **Look for drafts near electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes. Use insulation or caulking to keep the cold air out.**
- **Insulate pipes located in crawl spaces or attics since they are more susceptible to freezing temperatures.**
- **Keep your thermostat at 65°F, and open cabinets allowing warm air to circulate near pipes.**
- **Make sure everyone knows where the main shut-off valve is located and how to use it. If a pipe bursts you can minimize the damage by taking quick action.**

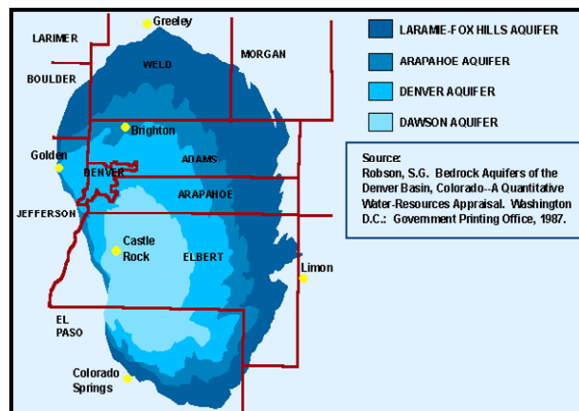


If you suspect frozen pipes – you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out – don't take any chances, leave the faucets on and contact a plumber. If the pipes have burst, turn your water off at the main shut-off and contact a professional.

Simple precautions can make a world of difference. Your proactive approach will keep you, your family and your home warm and dry this winter.

## Denver Basin Water

We are continually working to identify and acquire water resources for our customers. One potential source is Denver Basin Water. This basin consists of four deep aquifers stacked atop one another occupying a large portion of Eastern Colorado. Since the 1950's, Cherokee has held multiple leaseholds for water within this basin.



Denver Basin Map

Source: [http://waterknowledge.colostate.edu/denv\\_map.htm](http://waterknowledge.colostate.edu/denv_map.htm)

In February 2005, the District began an application process with the Colorado Ground Water Commission (CGWC) to quantify and obtain the rights to develop water under our leaseholds. However, CGWC rules also state that the overlying landowner can apply for a quantification of water they have the right to withdraw beneath the lands they own, or in Cherokee's case, controls through lease provisions. Our recent actions to continue this process has increased awareness of the media and residents of eastern El Paso County.

These applications are being pursued to fully develop all potential water resources for the District. At the moment, we do not know how much water can be annually withdrawn. We will have a better understanding in April 2008, when a hearing is held before CGWC's Hearing Officer.

Once we can quantify the available water, many factors will determine where and when the District drills additional wells. Since Denver Basin wells are historically deeper and more expensive to develop, we hope to identify more cost-effective options. Look for periodic updates on this process in future *Channel* editions.

## Current Water Conservation

STAGE	MONTHS	LAWN RESTRICTION	ODD ADDRESS DAY	EVEN ADDRESS DAY	TIME ALLOWED	WATERING TIMES	TREES FLOWERS GARDENS	CAR WASHING
<b>WINTER</b>	November – March	<b>One day per month</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	Two hours	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Above 40°F	Any day 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Above 40°F	Any day w/ positive shut-off

Cut along dotted line and keep for quick reference

### See the Signs: Water Leaks and Cone Zones

Homeowners aren't the only victims of freezing temperatures. Every winter our crews spend hours repairing broken water mains caused by the falling mercury.

These repairs can take place anytime, even midnight, which can make working conditions less than favorable. The good news is you can help – by seeing the signs. Not only can you identify a potential water leak, you can help keep our workers safe while making the repair.

If Old Faithful comes to mind when thinking of a water leak, you may want to reconsider. Most water main leaks are nothing more than a continuous, pooling flow of water coming from a central source. If you see this or other signs of a leak, contact 597-5080 day or night, we'll send someone out to check.

Crews create cone zones to keep their work sites safe. Should you come across a work zone, please slow down, obey the signs and we'll get the job done – safely!



#### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!


To better serve our customers, we need feedback. Tell us what you like, don't like or want to see in future editions of the *Cherokee Channel*. E-mail your questions, comments or ideas to [benglish@cherokeemetro.org](mailto:benglish@cherokeemetro.org)

#### COMING IN JANUARY

2008 Budget and Rates

### Progress Report

The last *Cherokee Channel* brought you the State of the District. This article discussed several ongoing projects started since December 2006. These projects are all aimed at increasing our water resources. Here's an update on several of the larger projects and what it means for the District.

	GOLF COURSE WELLS	RECHARGE BASINS	TIPTON WELL
CURRENT STATUS	One well has been completely drilled and the distribution system is currently being installed. Final paperwork has been submitted and the system should be fully operational by January 1, 2008.	 <p>Construction is 70% complete with the in-ground water delivery system in place.</p>	New well is currently being drilled. Old well is connected to our system and pumping water.
2008 OUTLOOK	One hundred acre feet of non-potable water will be available for 2008 summer irrigation needs. Which means additional water will be available for our customers.	Wastewater Treatment Facility project bids will be awarded the first quarter of 2008. Groundbreaking will take place shortly after – look for an announcement!	Well production will reduce our dependence on outside water sources. By limiting the purchase of these costly resources, we will keep rates low and save you money.
2009 & BEYOND	Explore options to completely remove the golf course from the District's water distribution system.	Project completion will take place the first quarter of 2010. State-of-the-art facility will increase pumping yields from our Southern Wells.	Well will yield an additional 225 acre feet of water per year.