

Summit Cove Medians As of this mailing, the road work on Cove Boulevard, including new medians, is scheduled for this summer by Summit County Government. The work will be done by several difference contractors, including some work by Summit County staff. Residents may see some work beginning in May in preparation for changes in the roadway. The County will be utilizing a new process on the road that involves heating and milling the existing asphalt for recycled use as the first asphalt layer. During the construction process there will be patching and base repairs of the current roadway to prepare for the milling process. The entire project will not be done all at once so residents may observe significant pauses in the work on the roadway, until the final product is completed in the late summer or fall.

The work will include installation of new medians with demonstration xeriscape landscaping. The medians will be wider than the current ones, but the design minimizes the blockage of any view corridors for drivers. Funding for the medians will be through voluntary contributions, grants, conservation funds and other sources.

The District has been working for improvements of the Summit Cove entrance area for over 12 years. It is with anticipation that we look forward to the completion of these improvements.

WATER OUTLOOK Heavy early season snowfall is expected to contribute to a better than normal recharge of the aquifer used by the District. The aquifer has been at low levels for many years due to the drought pattern.

Even in the best years, the water availability in our region can be limited. Over half of the water usage in the District each year is for outside irrigation. As part of the conservation practices that the District encourages, the voluntary water restrictions will begin May 1st for the summer season. The water restrictions are detailed elsewhere in this information. The voluntary restrictions are structured as a guideline for residents to use water sensibly and allow flexibility.

Water "holidays" suggested on Mondays and Thursdays have proven very effective in providing our aquifer a rest period to recharge. Due to wind and heat of the day evaporation, outside water applied in the middle of the day is the most wasteful use of water we observe. Please irrigate only before 10 AM or after 6 PM. Hand watering has no restrictions to allow residents the ability to wash cars when convenient or maintain new plantings as needed. Properly maintained drip irrigation systems are also not restricted as they are a very efficient way of irrigating landscaping suitable in our high mountain environment.

Water Quality Report Enclosed with this mailing is the annual Water Quality Report (also called the Consumer Confidence Report). The high quality of water provided by East Dillon is reflected by the report. Additional information concerning our water source is included in the report.

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

The voluntary water restrictions for the East Dillon Water District begin May 1st. The restrictions are:

- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed on Mondays and Thursdays.
- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM.
- ❑ Hand watering, using either a watering can or a hose with a shut off nozzle is ALLOWED at anytime (no restrictions as to days or time).
- ❑ Outside usage using drip irrigation systems is not restricted.

The voluntary restrictions are for outside usage and are in effect until October 1st. The District monitors water levels in our aquifer and customer usage patterns. Should weather patterns, usage levels or water source problems warrant, the District can impose mandatory water restrictions.

Irrigation Systems Over half of the water produced by the District is used for outside irrigation. The District strongly encourages drip irrigation systems as part of a xeriscape landscaping. However, independent surveys, and the experience of the District, improperly installed or low quality systems can result in a homeowner unintentionally wasting substantial amounts of water. When installing or activating your system, please check it for any leaks. Most homes have water meters that can be manually read to check the amount of water being used. Leaks can be below ground and not readily noticed.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday May 22nd in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 12 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

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