



TODD CREEK VILLAGE  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
Smart Water Homes



# VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

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## Sustainability Thought

In the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.

## Next District Meeting

Thursday, December 18th  
at 4pm. Heritage Todd  
Creek Golf Club.

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## Results - Water Rate Study 2009-2013

Once again, our community has come together to best work with the water issues facing all of us in our state. Here in Todd Creek Village, however, we are able to enjoy several advantages that help us better minimize cost increases due to our dual-pipe system. The initial development of this community greatly reduces the amount of water that needs to be treated for indoor vs. outdoor use. Therefore, modest rate increases proposed over the next five years were approved at last month's board meeting upon careful review of a 5-month independent water rate study of our District's current and future needs. These rates (fully posted on our website; click on Water Rate Schedules) go into effect on January 1, 2009. The board will review the rates annually. In a nutshell, the potable base rate went up \$4.00 to \$49.00 and the irrigation base rate went up \$2.00 to \$32.00, with a tier structure beyond base amounts.

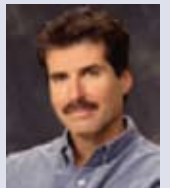
Please review the new rate structure schedule carefully so there are no surprises in upcoming months. Thank you all for your participation and cooperation in helping to keep Todd Creek Village a highly desirable and beautiful community.

## Is Bottled Water Better Than Tap?

### Americans Are Spending Billions on a Drink That's Virtually Free.

It started with Perrier. Somehow, a French company convinced people it's cool to buy bottled water. Today, Evian has surpassed Perrier in sales and now it's the chic French water of choice. Why? It costs about 5 bucks a gallon! Why do people pay so much for something they can get virtually free?

If they're not buying Evian, they buy Aquafina and Dasani and the dozens of new brands that are jumping into this billion-dollar business, including bizarre ones like Venus, the Water for Women, and Trump Ice, with "The Donald" scowling on the label. I'd have to be very thirsty to buy that.



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## Visit Our Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant!

Small groups (4-6 people at a time) will be fascinated to see how this highly sophisticated water treatment process works.

Please email to schedule: [customers@toddcreekvillage.org](mailto:customers@toddcreekvillage.org) and put "RO visit" in subject line to schedule a tour.

## Your Email is Needed for Water Notifications

REMINDER. Have you given us your email address? For everyone's safety in the event of any water related issue (such as a line break or water pressure irregularity), a Water Notification Email Alert will be sent to every one of our 1200+ customers. Please be assured of your complete privacy. This information is solely for our communication purposes with you, our customer.

Please take a moment & send us your email now along with your customer account number, address or ID. Thank you!

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Many people say they buy bottled waters because they taste better. We spoke with people in New York City, asking them why they liked bottled better than tap water. "I drink Dasani. It tastes good, it tastes crisp, like -- natural," one girl said. "I think tap water kind of tastes like sewer," said another. People also say they drink bottled water because they believe it's safer than tap water.

One man told me he's the only one "who's brave enough" to drink tap water at home. His family's afraid to drink tap water because of germs, he said. At recent Earth Day celebrations, a lot of people told us they believe tap water is unhealthy. "As a parent I feel more comfortable giving her bottled water," one father told us. Bottled water, we were told, is cleaner, safer, healthier. Watching bottled water ads, you'd think that tap water might not be healthy.

But it's not true. "20/20" took five bottles of national brands of bottled water and a sample of tap water from a drinking fountain in the middle of New York City and sent them to microbiologist Aaron Margolin of the University of New Hampshire to test for bacteria that can make you sick, like e. coli.

"There was actually no difference between the New York City tap water and the bottled waters that we evaluated," he said. Many scientists have run tests like that and have consistently found that tap water is as good for you as bottled waters that cost 500 times more!

FOOTNOTE: Feel free to review our latest Consumer Confidence Reports posted online. The tap water in Todd Creek Village meets or exceeds federal as well as Colorado health safety regulations, so drink away with confidence and drink as much as you like!



## Recipe Share

With the holidays upon us, we are starting a community recipe-share column on our website. Please submit one or two of your favorite recipes that the rest of us can enjoy to: [customers@toddcreekvillage.org](mailto:customers@toddcreekvillage.org)



### Holiday Cookies - makes 5-6 dozen.

From a great-grandmother.

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup shortening or butter
- 1 cup sour milk (make by adding 1 tsp. vinegar and let set for a little while)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 5 1/2 cups flour

#### Directions

- Cream sugar and shortening, add eggs and beat together.
- Add dry ingredients and mix well.
- Roll out on floured board and cut out with favorite cookie cutters.
- Bake at 350 for about 10-12 minutes.
- Cool and Frost.

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## Denver Zoo Lights

December 12 - January 4 5 - 9 p.m.

WHERE WILDLIFE MEETS WILD LIGHTS!

Come and experience a holiday light safari with more than 38 brilliantly-illuminated ACRES of lights, featuring more than 150 animated animal sculptures that swing through trees, jump across lawns, hide in bushes and appear in places where they're least expected.

OH, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE COLD. ZOO LIGHTS HAS WARMING STATIONS AND INDOOR EXHIBITS TO KEEP YOU WARM & TOASTY! VISIT SANTA: December 12 - 23 Time: 5- 9 p.m. Cost: Activities free with Zoo Lights admission.



As an organization dedicated to conservation, Denver Zoo believes in celebrating the holidays in the most environmentally responsible way possible by making wise conservation choices. The sparkle and glow of holiday lights bring magic and excitement to the season and are an important tradition for families and the community. Denver Zoo's goal is to honor the holidays and celebrate tradition while having as little impact on the environment as possible.