

# OUR NATURAL

# environment

## WATER: A PRECIOUS RESOURCE

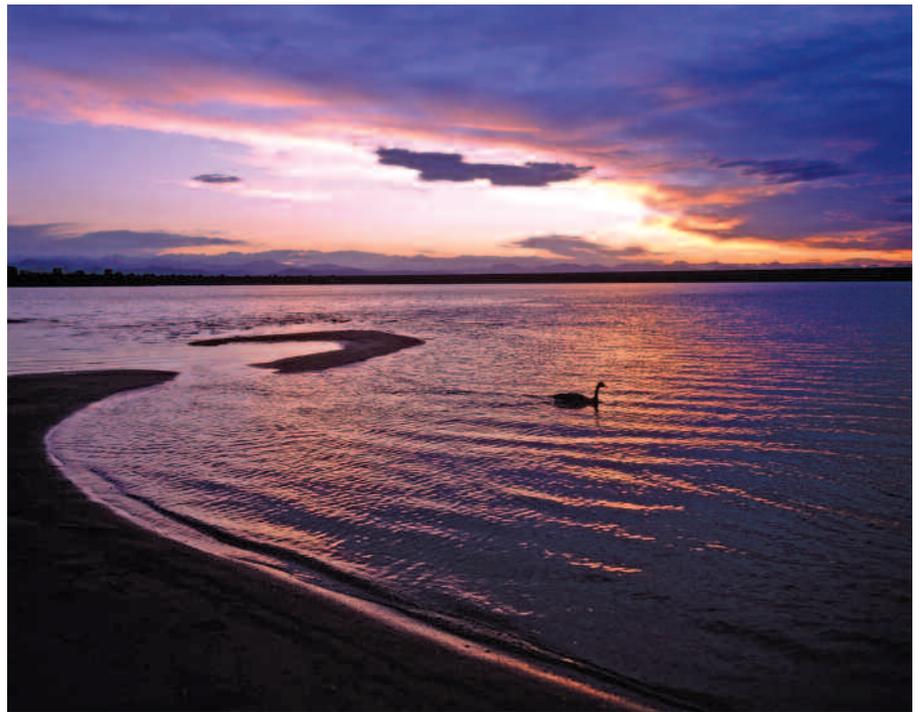
Water plays an integral role in all aspects of life as it is broadly felt by all who see, touch and taste it. Second to the air we breathe, water is the basis for the survival of humans, animals, nature, the environment, and the economics of our community and the world.

## CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR

Cherry Creek Reservoir is an 880 surface-acre body of water within Cherry Creek State Park that offers an abundance of water activities for all ages. Visitors can enjoy boating, fishing, jet skiing, and sailboarding. The swimming beach with a roped off swimming area is open in the summer and is a great place for water play.

Since 1998, the Village has helped spearhead efforts to improve storm water quality in the Village and in Cherry Creek Reservoir. Most of the Village's efforts have focused on removing pollutants from runoff after rainfall or snowmelt before the runoff reaches the gulches and creeks, and Cherry Creek Reservoir. One of the most abundant pollutants that affects the Village's gulches and creeks is excess nutrients. This is especially true of Cherry Creek Reservoir. The Reservoir suffers from periodic algae blooms during the summer months which impair the ability of the Reservoir to support fish and also diminishes the recreational enjoyment of the visiting public.

Nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, are necessary for plant life to survive and grow. When adequate nutrients are available, the algae and



*Cherry Creek Reservoir*

other plant life grow enough to provide food for the fish and other animal life in the water. However, when excess nutrients are available, algae grows too quickly to be eaten by the fish and causes the algae blooms that are visible at the surface of the water. When algae die, the dead material sinks to the bottom and decomposes. As the material decomposes, the oxygen that is in the water is depleted, jeopardizing the life of

aquatic habitat, and recreational opportunities for users.

## OTHER RECREATION RESERVOIRS IN THE STATE

- Antero Reservoir
- Chatfield Reservoir
- Cheesman Reservoir
- Dillon Reservoir
- Eleven Mile Canyon Reservoir
- Gross Reservoir
- Waterton Canyon
- Williams Fork Reservoir

For more information on these reservoirs, directions, and recreation opportunities, please visit [denverwater.org](http://denverwater.org) and click on Recreation.

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## JUNE SEASONAL TIP

Keep your lawn mower blade height on the highest setting. Longer blades of grass will keep the soil cooler so less moisture will be lost to evaporation from the soil surface. Sharp mower blades provide a clean cut so the grass blades do not brown up on the edges.



Westlands Park

## WESTLANDS PARK WATER FEATURE

Accented with majestic mountains in the background is one of the Village's most popular destinations, Westlands Park and its interactive water feature of surprise jets of water which shoot water on a random basis allowing young park users to interact with the fountains. *GV*

## WATER SAFETY FOR THE SUMMER

- Maintain supervision at all times.
- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child.
- Teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Actively supervise children whenever around water — even if lifeguards are present.
- Always stay within arm's reach of young children.
- Avoid distractions when supervising children around water.
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix
- Protect your head, neck, and spine — don't dive into unfamiliar waters — feet first, first time
- Swim parallel to shore if you wish to swim long distances
- No glass containers at the beach — broken glass and bare feet don't mix

# TAKE *note*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACADEMY

MONDAY, JULY 12 - FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010

The Greenwood Village Police Department will be hosting its annual Summer Youth Academy for local area students between 13 and 18 years of age. The purpose of the Summer Youth Academy is to provide a variety of presentations on the operations of the Greenwood Village Police Department and to share experiences with the youth of the community. There is no cost to attend!! Residency is NOT required. Enrollment numbers are limited.

The Youth Academy will cover a wide range of law enforcement topics:

- Police Communications
- Patrol Procedures
- Traffic & D.U.I. Enforcement
- Traffic Accident Investigation
- Criminal Investigations/Crime Lab
- Conflict Resolution
- Witness/Observation Skills
- Safe Driving Skills
- Use of Force Issues
- K-9 Police Dog

Participants must commit to attending all sessions offered in order to benefit from the Youth Academy program. Parents must complete and submit waiver of liability and consent to participate forms prior to a student being allowed to attend. Applications are available at Greenwood Village City Hall or online at [greenwoodvillage.com](http://greenwoodvillage.com) on the Home Page under the Village News Flash section. For more information, call Sergeant Tracy Thompson at 303- 486-8253 or e-mail at [tthompson@greenwoodvillage.com](mailto:tthompson@greenwoodvillage.com). *GV*

