

M *Castle Pines North* METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Providing the people, families, neighborhoods and small businesses of Castle Pines with clean, safe, reliable drinking water, renewable water, wastewater, storm water, parks and open space services in the most fiscally responsible manner, while serving as stewards of the community's water-related assets and Standard & Poor's AA and Moody's A1 bond ratings.

Chief Legal Counsel



The CPNMD Board bids fond farewell to its Chief Legal Counsel, John Hayes, of the law firm of Hayes, Phillips, Hoffmann & Carberry, who represented CPNMD with distinction

from 1997 to 2011. We thank John for his service to the people of CPNMD, and hope he and his wife, Carolee, enjoy a much-deserved retirement with their three beautiful grandchildren.

As much as we will miss John, we are pleased to welcome CPNMD's new Chief Legal Counsel, Joan Fritsche, of the law firm of Foster, Graham, Milstein & Calisher.

Joan and her firm are known for providing meticulous legal counsel in every facet of special district law including: public facilities financing and construction, TABOR compliance, contract negotiations, district elections, budgets, day-to-day district operations, public meetings, and human resources. Joan is also known for her knowledge of Colorado constitutional, statutory and common law as they pertain to special districts and possesses exceptional relationship-building skills. Welcome Joan Fritsche!

Whimsical White

There's nothing like a daisy to bring a smile and a bit of whimsy to a xeriscape garden. **Avalanche White Sun Daisy** (*Osteospermum 'Avalanche'*) is a 2011 **Plant Select**® beauty well-suited for gardens in Castle Pines.

Prolific white blooms on striking green foliage combine with its hardiness to make this flower particularly appealing. **Avalanche White Sun Daisy** grows to a height of 8" to 12" and blooms from April to late summer. The blossoms close at dusk and a metallic color on the underside of the leaves brightens the evening garden.

This versatile perennial will grow in anything from full sun to partial shade and in a variety of soils: sandy, clay or loam. The fact that this beauty is disease-resistant makes it a particularly desirable landscape feature.



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Blue Bombshell



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Penstemon mensarum, commonly called **Grand Mesa Beardtongue** is one 2011 **Plant Select**® recommendation that delivers a stunning cobalt blue flowered knockout to any garden.

Flower spikes grow 24-30 inches tall from April to June. Later in the year, evergreen rosettes render an orange-red color to fall and winter landscapes. **Grand Mesa Beardtongue** grows wild in Western Colorado and will thrive in full sun to partial shade and in moderate to dry soils: sandy, clay or loam.

For information on these and other floral xeriscape beauties, please visit www.plantselect.org®. The Denver Botanic Gardens and Colorado State University jointly administer **Plant Select**®, whose mission is to seek out and distribute the best plants for landscapes from the High Plains to the Intermountain region and beyond.



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