CVSan continues to be recognized by industry leaders during its 80th anniversary year. Here are a few of this year’s highlights:

• California Water Environment Association (CWEA) recognized CVSan as the best small sewer system in California.
• California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) honored CVSan’s Zero Waste character movie as the best long-form video created by a small/medium population agency in California.
• CVSan recently reached 13 years with no time lost due to a workplace accident.
• Castro Valley High School student Angelina Retodo won a scholarship from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for a video she created explaining CVSan’s work.

Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.! CVSan will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary at the Castro Valley Fall Festival on Castro Valley Boulevard. There will be demonstrations, photo booths, games, prizes, and more. We hope to see you there!

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Shelf-stable versus Refrigerated: What’s the Difference?

Starting May 1st, ACI will collect shelf-stable cartons in recycling while refrigerated cartons will continue to be collected in organics. What’s the difference? Shelf-stable cartons for products such as soy milk and soup are found on the shelves in grocery stores. Refrigerated cartons for products such as milk, juice, cream, and egg substitutes are located in the refrigerated section. Both kinds of carton are primarily made from paper, with a thin layer of polyethylene (plastic), but shelf-stable cartons also contain a layer of aluminum.

Wet Wipes Clog Pipes

Though single-use wet wipes are often marketed as “flushable,” many are not compatible with wastewater collection systems because they do not break down after being flushed. “Flushable” wipes can become large obstructions in sewer mains when they catch on tree roots or combine with fats, oils, and grease. Further down the line, they weave together and create giant rags which get stuck in pumps, causing backups and equipment failures. Remember that only the 3Ps—pee, poop, and toilet paper—should be flushed down the toilet. Protect your property by disposing single-use wet wipes in your gray garbage cart.

Selling a Property? Add This to Your To-do List

Are you planning to sell your home? Have you checked the condition of your private sewer lateral? Effective July 1, 2019, CVSan’s Ordinance No. 179 requires property owners to obtain a sewer lateral compliance certificate before selling any property within district boundaries. If the property does not have a valid compliance certificate, the property owner must perform a closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection of the private sewer lateral. A CCTV permit must be obtained from CVSan, and the inspection must be witnessed and reviewed by a CVSan inspector. For more information about Ordinance No. 179 or to check your property’s compliance status, please visit CVSan.org/PSL.

Grants for Private Sewer Lateral Repairs

Castro Valley Sanitary District is pleased to announce the Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP), scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. on August 19, 2019. We are offering financial assistance to qualified applicants to replace your entire defective sewer lateral at 50% of the approved costs, up to a maximum reimbursement of $2,000 per lateral. $50,000 has been allocated to the program.

For program information, please contact CVSan at 21040 Marshall Street, call (510) 537-0757 ext. 109, or visit CVSan.org/Grants.

An Inside Look Under the Streets of Castro Valley

CVSan uses closed-circuit television (CCTV) to perform inspections of its sewer mains throughout Castro Valley. We video-inspect sewer mains every day, totaling around two miles of sewer mains every month! They show us which sewer mains have grease, plant roots, or wipes that need to be removed and help us decide which damaged pipes should be replaced first. By using CCTV, we are able to tackle problems proactively, preventing sewer overflows. Partly thanks to CCTV, there have been few overflows within CVSan’s boundaries in the last few years.