QUARTERLY CALENDAR
September - November 2010

Recycled Art Open House
October 7th - October 15th 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Castro Valley Sanitary District, 21040 Marshall Street. Please see inside for more information.

District Offices Closed
Monday, September 6th (No change to Solid Waste collection)
Thursday, November 11th (No change to Solid Waste collection)
Thursday-Friday, November 25th-26th (Organics, Recycling, & Garbage services will be one day later than usual through Sat.)

Upcoming CVSD Board Meetings:
September 7, October 5, November 2
Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room and are open to the public.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Castro Valley Sanitary District
510-537-0757 (M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
510-506-5821 (sewer emergencies after hours)
www.cvsan.org

Waste Management of Alameda County
510-537-5500 (residents)
510-613-8700 (businesses)
www.wm.com

Household Hazardous Waste
800-606-6606
www.household-hazwaste.org

California Poppy
Eschscholzia californica
California native plant

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“Leading to preserve the environment and promote waste reduction.”
General Manager’s Message

I hope you enjoy this most recent edition of the Castro Valley Sanitary District’s quarterly newsletter “the Pipeline.” In this offering we will be discussing the District’s ongoing construction and wastewater projects, and improvements to the solid waste landfill which now produces liquefied natural gas or LNG. Also we will share helpful tips affecting your recycling services and sewer lateral. We hope you find this information informative and useful.

If you are interested in finding out more about our projects and programs and also want to serve your community, consider joining the District’s Community Advisory Committee commonly referred to as the “CAC.” The CAC represents the community’s interests by providing a voice directly to the Board of Directors. The CAC meets once a month on the second Thursday at 6:00 pm. We currently have one (1) seat open and would love to see it filled. If you are interested, please feel free to contact the District at 510-537-0757.

Again, enjoy this edition of the Castro Valley Sanitary District Pipeline!

Roland P. Williams, Jr., General Manager

Wastewater Tip of the Quarter

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A SEWER OVERFLOW?

VSD is responsible for cleaning and maintaining all 155 miles of the public sewer system or “pipe” in Castro Valley. Property owners are responsible for plumbing pipes and sewer lateral lines, including the connection to the public main line.

If your plumbing pipes seem to be flowing slowly, please call Castro Valley Sanitary District at 510-506-5821 so we can determine if something in the public system is the cause and fix it.

Occasionally, sewer problems occur in privately owned sewer laterals which can lead to back-ups and overflows. In the unlikely event that raw sewage backs up onto your property, it’s important to take immediate action, as the sewage may contain bacteria that can cause disease in people and pets. Look on the internet or in your local phone book under “Restoration” to find a professional company that provides sewer clean-up services. They will help minimize property damage and any unsafe health conditions.

Solid Waste Tip of the Quarter

PREVENT OVERFLOWING CARTS

It’s important not to overload carts (lids must close or overage fees may be applied to overflowing carts). Try these options instead:

ORGANICS
- For occasional extra organics, 30-gallon Paper Garden Bags may be purchased from CVSD. Please see “Bags” inside for more details.
- Call WMAC at 510-537-5500 to request a 96-gallon* organics cart at no additional charge.

RECYCLING
- Place flattened cardboard (up to 4’x4’) next to your blue recycling cart.
- Call Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (WMAC) at 510-537-5500 to request a 96-gallon* recycling cart or additional recycling cart at no additional charge.

GARBAGE
- 32-gallon plastic “Bag-Its” may be purchased for the occasional need to dispose of extra garbage. Please see “Bags” inside for more details.
- Or, visit www.cvsan.org and click on the Residential Curbside Services Guide to learn how you can send less to the landfill. You might be surprised by how little really needs to be thrown away!

*Standard recycling & organics carts are 64-gallons in size.

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The organic materials transformed into Liquefied Methane gas. That gas is degrade and produce landfill gas? a fleet of cutting edge recycling, and garbage reach the Altamont fewer tons than were landfilled in 2008!

Garbage is the New Gas

Did you know that your curbside organics, recycling, and garbage are being collected by a fleet of cutting edge hauling trucks fueled by landfill gas? The organic materials from your garbage that reach the Altamont Landfill in Livermore, CA degrade and produce methane gas. That gas is transformed into Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). This closed-loop fuel helps power recycling, organics, and garbage collection vehicles throughout California, including Castro Valley. By using LNG, our community enjoys cleaner air.

In addition to contributing to cleaner air and reducing our dependence on fossil fuel, this process reduces carbon dioxide emissions by an estimated 30,000 tons a year. This is based on the estimated 13,000 gallons of LNG produced daily at the landfill.

Sewer Construction Update:

T he District continues to implement the repair project locations, please visit www.cvsan.org. Construction at each location is expected to be completed within a few weeks, followed by a few days of final work when all projects are completed. CVSD will strive to minimize traffic interruptions during construction.

Clearing the Sanitary Sewer Lines

C VSD’s maintenance crew uses a fleet of vehicles to keep Castro Valley’s sewer lines clear and functioning properly. One of the more recognizable vehicles you may see is CVSD’s high-velocity hydraulic cleaning unit, pictured at right.

High-velocity hydraulic cleaning is the cornerstone of an effective sewer maintenance program. Usually a team of two to three people performs the cleaning—operating the equipment and the other(s) providing visual guidance and traffic control “downstream.”

The truck-mounted pressure washer pushes sediments, grease, and other debris from slower-flowing sections of the sanitary sewer system to sections that are flowing faster. This helps to control odor, prevent stoppages, and makes periodic inspections of the sewer system easier. In a sewer emergency, this powerful cleaning unit may be used to remove debris and break stoppages.

Recycled Art Open House

T he Recycled Art Contest has been cancelled this year and the District will no longer be presenting the program. As a finale, the District is honoring those artists who have given their time and talents to provide examples to the community of how to save resources through the creation of art.

Please join us at Castro Valley Sanitary District offices for a Recycled Art Open House which will be open to the public Thursday, October 7th – Friday, October 15th during the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Open House will feature a 13-year display of Recycled Art Contest winners, 10 Recycled Art Contest calendars, and select recycled art projects. Visit www.cvsan.org for more information.

Please recycle when finished reading.