Get Creative! Be Crafty! Enter the District’s 5th Annual Recycled Art Contest

Fire-breathing dragons... wind chimes... rugs... mobiles... these are just a few of the clever and creative winning entries in last year’s CVSD Recycled Art Contest. Not only did winners (and their winning schools) take away cool cash prizes, their work was displayed at the Sanitary District’s administrative offices and was featured in a colorful calendar (pictured here) that was mailed to residents.

“The calendar was such a hit last year that we’ll be doing it again in 2002,” noted Noelle Hartshorn, CVSD’s new environmental education/recycling program coordinator. “It’s a great way of showing off the many talents of our residents and to get the recycling message across.” In addition to color photos of a dozen of the entries and contestants, the 2001 calendar included recycling tips and key dates, such as District Board meetings, Tire Amnesty Day and the District-wide Garage Sale.

October 1 was the kickoff for the art contest but there’s still plenty of time to create an art piece out of salvaged materials (anything that could end up as trash) and enter it. For complete details, pick up an entry form at CVSD’s Marshall Street offices or call 537-0757. The art contest is open to Castro Valley Sanitary District residents and students only.

Cash prizes of up to $250 will be awarded in six separate categories: Castro Valley Sanitary District residents and Castro Valley students grades K-2; 3-5; 6-8; 9-12; and Class Project. The prize-winning students’ schools will also receive equivalent cash awards.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Recycled Art Contest entries accepted: week of Nov. 5-9
Awards ceremony: Nov. 27 at 6 p.m., CVSD Board Room
Everyone’s invited!

Get Out and Vote — Election Day Is November 6

Castro Valley Sanitary District is your Sanitary District! It is governed by five hard-working members who are elected by you, the community it serves. Each director fills a four-year term, with elections held in November of every odd-numbered year.

This year, two seats on the Board are up for election. These are very important positions, for directors spend many hours making policy decisions, representing the District at business and political functions, researching topics, attending committee meetings, and working with staff to efficiently run the District—your District—in a cost-effective manner.

____ incumbents and ____ new candidates have filed for election, so now it’s time for you to do some homework. Read up on each candidate and vote for those you feel can best represent you, your neighborhood, the entire community.

See you at the polls November 6!
President’s Message

Need New Message

New message here

District Projects Update

This summer was a busy one for the District. Sometimes it seemed like all of Castro Valley was being torn up—at the same time! While summer is the traditional season for sanitary system projects, 2001 witnessed some exceptionally major construction work going on in the Valley.

One of the largest disruptions was that caused by East Bay Municipal District’s (EBMUD) Southern Loop Pipeline Project. A large-diameter pipe was installed from the western portion of Castro Valley to Crow Canyon Road and beyond. Your Sanitary District partnered with EBMUD to replace decaying sewer pipes in Stanton Avenue, reducing disruption to residents in this area of town while completing two very needed improvements. CVSD also worked with EBMUD to ensure no private laterals were damaged along the route of the new waterline through the Valley.

Another major project involved repaving/reconstructing several local streets. Before Alameda County paving crews came through, the District made sure the public sanitary sewer lines were in good condition, replacing those that weren’t.

The District has completed many other improvements to make our system work even better. These included the $300,000 replacement of undersized sewer lines on Redwood Road, Almond Court and Seven Hills Road; treatment of more than 20,000 feet of sewer to remove roots, which can cause clogs and backups; and the upgrade of the District’s oldest pump station (aptly called Pump Station No. 1) to current standards.

All of the District projects described above were determined, designed, bid and managed in-house by Sanitary District staff. Through our cooperative efforts with other agencies and use of our own staff, your District has saved the rate payers of Castro Valley hundreds of thousands of dollars.

As always, there is more work than time or money. We have much more to do in the future and are working hard to make each and every dollar count.
The Scoop on Solid Waste Services

The District’s new solid waste/recycling contract with Waste Management of Alameda County offers residents several new benefits. These were spelled out in detail in a brochure that was delivered to all residents and are reviewed briefly here. (Lost your brochure? Call 537-5500 for another copy.)

- **New Carts Supplied!** With your new set of wheeled curbside containers, collection has never been easier. Residents now have brown garbage carts, gray recycling carts, and green yardwaste carts to simplify garbage disposal and recycling.

- **Cart Placement** Place your trio of carts 3 feet apart, in the street with wheels against the curb. Wheel carts to curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day and retrieve them the same day. Do not overload carts—lids must close. Cart not full? You don’t have to put it out; wait till next week if that’s more convenient.

- **Motor Oil, Paint, Etc.** Used motor oil should be placed in special free jugs, available by calling 510-537-5500. Place jugs, used oil filters (sealed in heavy plastic freezer bags) and latex paint cans between your brown and gray carts at the curb.

- **Commingled Recycling** Place a wide variety of recyclables (plastics, newspapers, empty cans, junk mail, etc.) in your new, all-in-one gray recycling cart. But please, no plastic bags, foods and liquids, styrofoam or aluminum foil.

- **Green Waste Collection** Yardwaste is now collected weekly instead of every other week.

- **FREE On-Call Bulky Pickup** Residents can again have up to four tires, 2 cubic yards of refuse, three large appliances, three large furniture items and extra tree prunings, picked up at the curb each year. This is a free, once-a-year-service that can be obtained by calling Waste Management at 537-5500.

Household Foodwaste Program to Start

We all hate to see waste happen, but uneaten food is a pretty big part of what now goes either into our landfills or down our garbage disposals. So Castro Valley Sanitary District, in conjunction with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, will be supplying each single family household within the District with a 10-liter garbage pail which can easily be kept on the sink top or under the sink. Residents can line the pail with newspaper (plastics don’t compost) and add to it any food scraps, including meats and cheese, along with food-soiled paper such as used paper plates, paper towels, and even pizza boxes! The pails can then be emptied directly into your green (yardwaste) cart along with your yard trimmings, to be collected on a weekly basis. All materials collected will be taken to Modesto and processed into compost. The program is slated to begin in two specific areas (the Columbia area and a section off of Grove Way) at the beginning of November and will include over 1,000 homes. So watch for your green kitchen pail—and instructions—coming soon!

NewsNotes

Residents Recycle Old Tires
Residents took advantage of the District’s 4th Annual Tire Amnesty Day on July 28, dropping off nearly 10 tons of discarded tires at the administrative offices. Collected tires will be recycled into crumb rubber at Bay Area Tire Recycling in San Leandro for manufacturing into products such as rubberized asphalt and athletic and playground surfaces.

District Booth at 29th Annual Fall Festival
Foodwaste recycling (see item on previous page) continued on back.
Board of Directors

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Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room. Special meetings are held as needed. Meetings are open to the public. Public input is welcomed. Contact the Board at the address above, or by calling (510) 537-0757.

was demonstrated at CVSD’s popular booth at the 29th Annual Castro Valley Fall Festival on September 8–9. CVSD Board members and staff also handed out Recycled Art Contest and other information, and attendees enjoyed spinning a “wheel of fortune” to win prizes.

“Kreature Komforts”
Do you have any old towels, blankets or sheets? The local animal shelters are in constant need of these items. In celebration of “Second Chance Week,” October 20–28, you can drop off used linens between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the CVSD administrative offices, 21040 Marshall Street. Please be sure items are clean. For more information call 510-537-0987. The homeless dogs and cats are counting on you!

Donate Items Left Over From Your Garage Sale
If you still have leftovers from the District-wide Garage Sale (September 22), remember that many of them are welcomed by local charitable organizations such as Goodwill. In demand by Goodwill shoppers are usable clothing and shoes, housewares, toys and books, small appliances, VCRs, radios, CD players and DVD players (all need to be in working condition). Goodwill cannot accept items such as computers/accessories, TVs, microwaves, large appliances, building materials, etc. For more information on what to do with your leftover items, please call the Alameda County Recycling Hotline at 1-877-STOpWASTE.

Before You Toss It...
Can you reuse it? Entries for the Castro Valley Sanitary District Recycled Art Contest will be accepted November 5–9. Turn that recyclable trash into a treasure and win up to $250!

The District Prese...