Call For Recycled Art Contest Entries

Deadline is October 9—win a cash prize and be featured in 2003 calendar!

Flying pigs, hissing snakes and patriotic reminders were just a few of the many imaginative winning entries in Castro Valley Sanitary District's 2001 Recycled Art Contest. What will tickle the judges' fancy this year? You'll never know till you enter!

The popular contest is open to all residents of Castro Valley Sanitary District. Prizes will be awarded in six divisions: grades K–2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–12, adult, and class project.

Entries for the 2002 Recycled Art Contest, which kicked off on Sept. 3, will be accepted between Oct. 3–9. Judging is set for Oct. 16 and winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in the District Boardroom on Oct. 22.

The top entries will win cash prizes and many will be featured in the 2003 CVSD calendar.

Last year's contest drew hundreds of entries and resulted in a colorful calendar that was recognized for excellence with a printing industry award (pictured at right).

Even if you don't enter, residents of CVSD can look forward to receiving the 2003 calendar in the mail before year's end.

Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance

Professional contractors and do-it-yourself remodelers alike will be affected by a new Construction and Demolition (C & D) Debris Recycling Ordinance that will take effect Nov. 1, 2002. Under the terms of the ordinance, at least 50% of debris from all construction, demolition and or renovation projects must be recycled— not landfilled.

To obtain a building permit, applicants for large projects (valued at $50,000 or more at the time permit is issued) will be required to complete and have approved by CVSD a Waste Management Plan indicating the volume of debris and how it will be recycled. A Performance Security must also be submitted. Once the project is completed, the receipts of actual disposal will be required for refund of the Security. Violation of the ordinance will result in substantial fines. For more information, contact the District at 510-537-0987 or e-mail noelle@cvsan.org.
Proud to Serve You

President’s Message

THIS YEAR MAY BE WINDING DOWN, but activities at the District are in full swing. We are pleased to announce the launch of the District website, cvsan.org. The art contest will be held this fall and, we look forward to visiting with many residents at the District’s Fall Festival informational booth.

We are working hard to improve our wastewater and solid waste programs. Our staff has been working with LAVWMA to ensure that improvements to the CVSD’s sewer lines are performed when the new export pipeline is installed next spring. We have also been working with Oro Loma Sanitary District on an $11 million wastewater treatment plant upgrade project. This project will provide improved quality of wastewater discharged from the plant. And lastly, our C&D Ordinance, which requires construction and demolition debris to be recycled, will take effect on Nov. 1, 2002. This ordinance will aid in reaching the mandatory 75% diversion rate goal by 2010.

We are proud to serve Castro Valley and will continue to seek new, innovative and economical ways to improve wastewater and solid waste services. As we remember and reflect on September 11th, let’s treasure each and every day and remember that truly—The Difference Is You In 2002.

Harry R. Francis
President

E-Waste / Tire Day Collects Tons of Discards

THE RITE-AID PARKING LOT ON Castro Valley Blvd. saw a steady stream of cars and trucks on July 13 as residents took advantage of the Sanitary District’s first-ever E-Waste/Tire Roundup.

District staff, assisted by personnel from the Davis Street Transfer Station, accepted tons of electronic and electric waste. Recyclable waste included everything from outdated computers and monitors to TVs and toasters. Also collected were tons of old tires.

As computers and other electronic devices become increasingly cheap and sophisticated, what to do with outdated equipment has become a real concern. Thanks to the District’s program, they will be recycled and won’t end up in our landfill, or shipped overseas, where they would be unsafely dismantled.
CVSD Website Goes Live

Be sure to “bookmark” Castro Valley Sanitary District’s new website (www.cvsan.org) for everything you’ll ever need to know about garbage, recycling, yardwaste and sewer services in our community. The easy-to-navigate site answers frequently asked questions (“FAQs”) about everything from how to recycle used paint to where to call if your garbage service is missed. The site also allows visitors to download forms, back issues of the Pipeline newsletter, agendas and minutes from board meetings and other printed information. An online calendar lists board meeting dates, District holidays and important events. Another page gives current sewer service fees for different types of businesses and industries in Castro Valley as well as residential rates. You’ll also find e-mail links to the Board of Directors as well as District personnel. It’s just one more way we’re here to serve you!

Keep Recycling That Used Motor Oil!

Ever wonder how to properly dispose of used motor oil, oil filters and other auto fluids? If they end up down the gutter, storm drain or sink, it’s not a pretty sight. From the storm drain they flow into our wetlands, the marshy areas where birds and other wild animals live! Help preserve our beautiful Bay Area environment by taking your used motor oil, filters and other auto fluids to a Certified Used Oil Recycling Center (see list of local centers at right)—or take advantage of the District’s collection program.

To do this, place one-gallon screw-top containers like the one pictured at right, at the curb beside your carts on your regular waste collection/recycling day. (Jugs are available free of charge through Waste Management or may be picked up at the Sanitary District office on Marshall St.) You may recycle up to three one-gallon jugs per week of motor oil, transmission fluid, gear lube and other lubricants commonly used in cars and light trucks. Oil filters can be put in a double plastic bag or a heavyweight zipper-type freezer bag and placed curbside.

Remember: LRGP Is Now Twice as Nice

On July 1, Castro Valley Sanitary District’s Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) maximum allotment doubled to $2,000—making it twice as advantageous to replace that leaky old sewer lateral now! The program is available to all homeowners in CVSD who replace their entire lateral from the house to the connection to the CVSD sewer main. For more information—and before you hire a contractor—call the District at 510-537-0757.
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Regular meetings 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, by calling 510-537-0757 or e-mailing board@cvsan.org.

CVSD NewsNotes

Do your civic duty!
Nov. 5 is election day, so don't forget to vote!

Sewer Service Charge reminder
In July, a $22 per year increase in the sewer service rate went into effect. This is the first time in more than five years the rate has been raised, and it is still the second-lowest of the 16 sewer agencies in Alameda County—far lower than the Bay Area average. The new rate of $12.66 per month ($151.90 per year) continues to appear on residents' property tax bills.

Food scrap update
Food scrap recycling is catching on in Castro Valley! Residents have been doing a great job of using their little green pails to collect household food scraps, food-soiled paper napkins, coffee grounds and tea bags, and placing the pail's contents in their greenwaste carts for weekly pickup. Instead of taking up precious space in our landfill, the scraps are sent to a facility and made into compost. The program is completely voluntary but provides big benefits to the environment.

If you haven't received a pail, call Waste Management at 537-5500. For other questions call the District at 537-0987 or 537-1500.

Goodwill Industries
A Goodwill Industries donation trailer will be at CVSD on Nov. 16-17 (Sat. and Sun.), from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Goodwill is looking for usable clothing, housewares, toys, books and small appliances in working order. Questions? Call CVSD at 537-1500.

Bag-Its available
Bag-Its are handy helpers for homes with occasional extra garbage. They cost just $2.25 for a 32-gallon bag, which you fill and place next to your garbage cart for collection. Call WMAC at 537-5500 to have the bags shipped to your home and billed to your account or pick up Bag-Its at CVSD offices or WMAC offices in Hayward (22770 Main) or Oakland (172 - 98th Ave.).

Holiday tree recycling
Holiday trees will once again be collected by WMAC for processing into soil amendments and other useful products. Simply place your holiday tree beside your greenwaste cart on your scheduled collection day between Jan. 6–17. Trees must be cut into lengths of 6 feet or less. Flocked trees are acceptable, but no plastic bags, tinsel, ornaments or decorations. Remove nails from the tree stand. After Jan. 17, trees will not be collected curbside. To recycle trees after this date, cut them up and place them in your greenwaste container.

Second Chance Week—Kreature Komforts
Second Chance Week will be held Oct. 19-27 nationwide. Last year the District observed this special week by accepting donations for local animal shelters and has recycled over 60 cubic yards of linens for our furry friends. Residents have been so gracious, the District has kept this as an ongoing event. Clean, reusable blankets, towels and sheets may be dropped off at District offices Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Kudos to residents for their thoughtfulness to our four-legged companions.