What’s Your Idea of Art?  Sculpture, Song, Short Film?

When you imagine art, do you think of a sculpture, a song or maybe a short film? Castro Valley Sanitary District’s upcoming 10th Annual Recycled Art Contest will honor the artistic diversity of District residents by accepting various forms of media. From canvas to computer, we want to promote recycling through art.

Guidelines: Create an art piece with either:
1. Materials that would have otherwise been trash.
2. Media of your choice. If you opt to use media of your choice, the piece must convey a message of waste reduction and/or recycling.

Categories: Entries will be divided into 10 categories: CVSD residents; students grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12, Best Class Project for each grade category and Adult Collaborative Project.

Awards/Ceremony: Up to $250 awarded for 1st place! Prize winning students whose schools are within CVSD or CVUSD will also receive equivalent cash awards for their school. For Open House and Awards Ceremony details, see entry forms. Winning artwork may be photographed and published in the 2007 CVSD Calendar/Annual Report.

Deadline: Official entry forms will be available starting in August at District offices located at 21040 Marshall Street and online at www.cvsan.org. Completed entry forms and artwork must be delivered to CVSD between October 2 – 6 during the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please see entry forms for participant requirements. 1 entry per person or class. For more information, call (510) 537-0757.

Sewer Service Charge (SSC) Effective July 1, 2006

Historically, the District sewer service charges have been among the lowest in Alameda County. The District still maintains the lowest residential sewer service charge in the County.

Some of the reasons for the increase are the District lost approximately 10% of its total budget for two years due to the State’s budget shortfall and improvement projects at the Treatment Plant and our Collection System.

Residential Rates
Effective July 1, 2006 the annual fee is $190 and will increase $20 on July 1, 2007 to $210 per year. District residents will still enjoy the lowest sewer service rate in Alameda County. This rate includes collection, treatment...
Thank you to our Sponsors!
Approximately 2,000 participants attended the Festival, volunteered in the Community Clean-Up, and completed the 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, April 29. CVSD partners included Palomares Elementary School (Castro Valley Unified School District), Alameda County District 4, and Castro Valley High School Cross-Country Runners Club.

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Bay-Friendly Landscape

The Sanitary District has recently completed a renovation of the landscaping at the main office at 21040 Marshall Street in Castro Valley. The renovation removed the typical water-hungry, high maintenance landscaping and replaced it with a new “Bay-Friendly” Landscape.

You might ask, as I did, what exactly is a Bay-Friendly Landscape? I originally wanted the District to simply look at the current landscaping maintenance contract and figure out how to save money. This new landscape not only will save the District more than half the cost of maintenance in trimming and the like, but also saves on water and energy as well. The District applied for and received a $5,000 grant from StopWaste.Org towards the cost of the renovation.

This project was made possible by the hard work of staff and some special people who took time out of their busy lives and participated on our Bay-Friendly Ad-hoc committee. This committee met several times over the past five months and worked with the landscape architect to select every element in the new landscaping. On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank the committee for their service to the District and community.

On September 5, 2006 at 5:30 pm, the Board of Directors will dedicate this landscaping to the community as a demonstration of how Bay-Friendly Landscaping can be used in a commercial setting. Please join us to see the new landscaping and receive valuable information about how we all can help contribute to a healthy environment through this kind of creative project.

HARRY FRANCIS, President

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Non-Residential Rates
The non-residential rates have gone through quite a progression over the past three years. Rates had remained the same for nine years. The rates were adjusted for non-residential users to bring equity between residential and non-residential.

With lots of public input, the rate classifications were expanded from seven to thirty-six effective July 1, 2006.
New State Requirements

On May 2, 2006 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for all publicly owned sanitary sewer collection systems in California.

Commencing November 1, 2006, the District shall:
1. Develop a Sewer System Management Plan
2. Electronically report overflows

The Plan will specify many of the things the District is currently doing and will incorporate elements of the District’s Wastewater Collection System Master Plan study.

SHOP GREEN IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

By choosing Green Businesses you can help reduce waste and protect our environment because Green Businesses employ pollution prevention practices, conserve energy, water, and other resources and minimize waste.

Look for the Bay Area Green Business Program logo at participating businesses. Auto repair shops, printers, wineries, hotels, landscapers, restaurants, and other types of businesses are ready to serve you, and more businesses are being certified green every day. Visit www.greenbiz.ca.gov/ShopGreenAC.html for a listing of green businesses in Alameda County.

MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING

Multi-family (apartments or condominiums with 5 units or more) complexes are eligible to participate in the District’s recycling programs at no additional cost to the tenants or property owners. CVSD is making recycling easy by offering:

- Single Stream (All-in-One) Recycling (all paper, cardboard, bottles, cans).
- Free technical assistance and follow-up, supplies, brochures, and signs.
- Waste Management (WM) customer service and operational support.

Voters passed the Alameda County Waste Reduction and Recycling Act in 1990 to divert (not send to the landfill) 50% of waste by 2000 and 75% by 2010. CVSD reached 60% in 2005, and encourages all apartments and condominiums to participate as we continue to increase diversion.

CONNECTION FEES

New sanitary sewer connection fees have also increased from $8,500 to $9,700 effective July 1, 2006 and will pay for expansion and capacity capital improvement costs. The increase is based on a 2001 comprehensive study in which the $8,500 fee with a 3.5% annual increase was recommended.

The most recent study states the actual costs for the treatment plant restoration are to be spread over approximately 2,100 Single Family Dwellings instead of 2,800 resulting in the $9,700 fee effective July 1, 2006.
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Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the District Board Room and are open to the public. Upcoming 2006 Board meetings are scheduled for September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

CVSD NewsNotes

Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) Update (2006/07)
The District kicked off the 9th year of its Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) on July 3. Twenty-nine (29) sewer laterals will be replaced under this year’s LRGP. For 2006/07 the District is investing $50,000 to eliminate sources of excess flow. Many other agencies are using the District as a model for similar lateral replacement programs.

Compost Give-Away 2006
More than 600 residents picked up their free bag of compost (made from District food scraps and greenwaste) at the Compost Give-Away 2006 held March 22 – 25. Thank you to Castro Valley Adult School students and staff for providing a convenient give-away site and friendly, supportive event staff.

Treatment Plant Update
The combined $31 million Castro Valley Sanitary District/Oro Loma Sanitary District Treatment Plant Capacity Restoration Project is nearing completion on budget and ahead of time -- by mid-August 2006, approximately 240 days ahead of schedule. The project is designed to reliably and efficiently treat 20 million gallons of wastewater every day for the foreseeable future. This project will keep both Districts in the forefront of wastewater technology and service. Stay tuned for a project completion celebration later this year.

Report Sewer Emergencies
If you find a sewage overflow in your home, property, or public roadway, please contact us immediately.

Business hours, M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CVSD offices (510) 537-0757
CVSD after hours (510) 506-5821
Contact us first to assess the situation prior to hiring a plumber.

Free Magnet Clips
The Castro Valley Sanitary District is offering a magnet clip to assist residents in reporting sewer problems immediately. Initially, magnets will be delivered at District-sponsored events and handed out by maintenance crews as they encounter the public in the field.

Magnets may be placed on refrigerators or other metal surfaces around the home to serve as a convenient reminder to contact the District ASAP if “Sewer Problems” are noticed. To receive a magnet clip, please call the District at (510) 537-0757.