

QUARTERLY CALENDAR
September - November 2021

CVSan Offices Closed

September 6th, November 11th, November 25th, and November 26th

Organics, recycling, and garbage collection will be one day later on November 25th and 26th. Collection will be on-schedule all other days.

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings

September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)

(510) 537-0757

(Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

(510) 506-5821

(sewer emergencies, after hours)

cvsan.org

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

(510) 483-1400

alamedacountyindustries.com/cvsan

Household Hazardous Waste

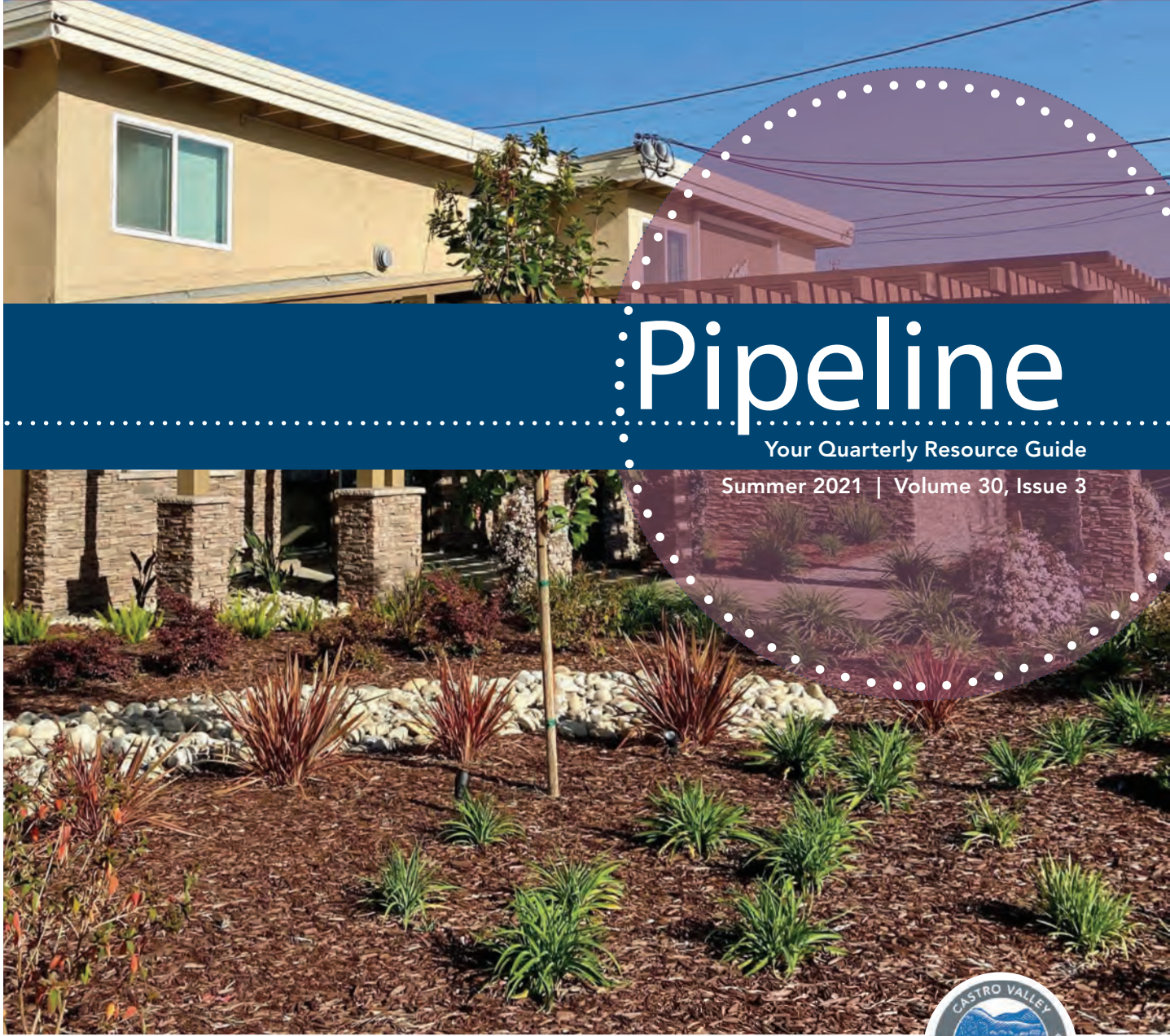
(800) 606-6606

household-hazwaste.org

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CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

General Manager's Message

It is an exciting time for our community and CVSan. Together, we have weathered the hardships of the global pandemic, and as more and more people receive the vaccine, we all look forward to a brighter future. CVSan is currently finishing work on improving Castro Valley's sewer infrastructure by repairing and upgrading key aerial pipeline sections and making significant improvements to our eight pump stations.

During the next fiscal year, CVSan plans to invest another \$6.2 million in infrastructure upgrades that are essential to the healthy and vibrant community we all enjoy.

This edition of the Pipeline highlights ways we recognize members of our community and local businesses for their work and investment in improving the environment. In the following pages, you'll learn how you can get involved by participating in CVSan's new Waste to Zero in 60 Days Challenge.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager



CVSan's New Operations and Engineering Building Project

CVSan is excited to be one step closer to transforming our Center Street site into the new CVSan Operations and Engineering Building, as we continue with preparing construction documents and the next phases of design.

Construction on the new headquarters is anticipated to begin in early 2022, and we expect construction to last approximately one year. When complete, the new facility will allow CVSan to consolidate all operations and staff under one roof,



and give the community a state-of-the-art facility where we can work both for and with the people of Castro Valley. Please visit cvsan.org/Projects to learn more.

Custodians Care for Schools



Since 2012, CVSan has recognized the outstanding work that custodians do at Castro Valley schools to practice the 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot). Awards in past years have focused on custodians' efforts to educate students on how to sort waste, reduce garbage, and participate in food scrap recycling programs. In addition to their environmental work, custodians have the added responsibility of COVID-19 preparedness and safety as students return to school. This year's awards will be announced soon. Thank you to all school custodians for the work you do!



Waste to Zero in 60 Days Challenge

July is CVSan’s Waste to Zero in 60 Days Challenge! On Facebook @CVSan, residents can post ways they are moving toward zero waste and be entered in a drawing to win one of nine \$25 gift cards.

Additionally, we will be sharing a CVSan tip of the week on the following topics: advocacy, composting, do a waste audit, Zero Wasters online, food waste prevention, go unwrapped!, meal planning, repair and reuse, reusables, and upcycling. For more information please visit cvsan.org/Zeroln60.



Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Reduction

Inflow and infiltration is when unwanted water, such as rain water, enters the wastewater collection system. Too much I&I can overload the system and cause sanitary sewer overflows. In the two years since CVSan implemented the Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Program, approximately eight miles of defective, leaky private sewer lateral (lateral) pipe have been replaced.

While that is less than one percent of the estimated miles of private sewer lateral pipeline that exist within CVSan’s wastewater collection system, it does bring CVSan closer to its goal of reducing and eliminating I&I. As we continue to work towards I&I elimination over the coming years, we will reduce the stress on our wastewater collection system and reduce the wet weather capacity needed at the Castro Valley/Oro Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Summer Recycles Day

CVSan’s Recycles Day event will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Canyon Middle School from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19, appointments will be required to participate and walk-ups will not be allowed access to the event.

Alameda County residents can drop off Household Hazardous Waste such as e-waste, paint, pharmaceuticals, household cleaners, and more. Castro Valley residents can also drop off textiles and pick up three bags of compost!

For full event details, COVID-19 safety requirements, and to register for your appointment, visit cvsan.org/RecyclesDay.



Business Stars Shine

Last year, CVSan recognized and awarded Meena Sharifi from PostalAnnex as a 4R Star Employee for her outstanding efforts to reduce waste and reuse materials. Meena was recognized for reusing boxes and packaging materials and giving customers the option to print double-sided copies to save paper.

PostalAnnex is a 4R Star Business that accepts previously used packaging materials and donates them to customers for reuse. They accept materials such as paper packaging, bubble wrap, and cardboard boxes. Please call (510) 750-1116 to confirm they can accept your items.

To learn more about becoming a 4R Star Business, visit cvsan.org/4RStar.

New Multi-Family Community Recognition Program



Is your multi-family community green and working to reduce waste? Multi-family communities on the path to Zero Waste can qualify for CVSan’s new Green Neighbor Community Recognition Program! With program certification, the property and its tenants will receive an award of up to \$475 in value. Green Neighbor Communities also

receive recognition in CVSan marketing and publicity and a framed award certificate. The multi-family community must meet the criteria listed in the 4R categories—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot (organics)—on the application to qualify for an award. To apply or learn more, please visit cvsan.org/GreenNeighbor.

BSD Spotlight



CVSan’s Business Services Department provides continuous support to all CVSan operations. Application Support Specialist Efren Quiroz oversees the implementation of CVSan’s IT Strategic Plan and has the big job of keeping CVSan connected. During the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order, mobile computing for field use and remote work became crucial. Efren also played a key role in launching CVSan’s new website cvsan.org.

Efren knows that new technologies will continue to increase work efficiencies and empower CVSan to do a better job while better serving the community. When asked what Efren enjoys most about his job, he stated, “The variety and complexity of issues that come up in IT and the ability to work as a team with other staff members to find impactful solutions.”