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Happy New Year  
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- FCWU Christmas Party
- Two to Retire
- Manager's Corner



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## F.O.G. Fats Oil & Grease

### Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG)

When Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) go down the drain, it builds up in the pipes, causing clogs. These clogs can cause a sewer pipe to break or back up into the street, causing a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO). Large amounts of oil and grease in the wastewater cause trouble in the collection system pipes and the wastewater treatment plant. It decreases pipe capacity and requires that piping systems be cleaned more often and/ or some piping to be replaced sooner than otherwise expected.

Grease in a warm liquid may not appear harmful. But, as the liquid cools, the grease or fat congeals and causes nauseous mats on the surface of

settling tanks, digesters, and the interior of pipes and other surfaces and this may cause a shutdown of treatment plant units or messy backups in your home or business.

This can also cause harmful bacteria that is unhealthy for people and pets that might come in contact with them. SSOs are usually cleaned up at the site, but they can spill into the gutter and storm drain system before we can get there. Raw sewage in our waterways causes pollution that kills wildlife, causes foul odors, and makes our waterways unsafe to enter.

### Help Us - Keep It Off the Streets

If you see water and sewage bubbling up from a maintenance hole or pooling in a

grassy area, please report it immediately by calling the office [870.633.2921](tel:870.633.2921). Here are some ways that you can help prevent SSOs.

### In the Home

Never pour grease down sinks, drains, or the toilet.

Collect cooking fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into a container and dispose of them in the garbage.

Before washing, wipe FOG from pans with a [paper towel](#).

Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains. Throw scraps in the garbage.



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## Observing the Holidays

During the month of December, Forrest City Water Utility had their company Christmas Party at the Forrest City Civic Center. This was a D & R catered event. D & R Caterers did a fabulous job with the food and the delicious peach cobbler. Many thanks

goes out to the manager, W.H. Calvin Murdock and the Administrative Assistant, Kimmie-K. Autry for putting on such a well received event. It has been awhile since Forrest City Utility has had a company Christmas Party and there is hope there will be

more to come. Pictures from the party follows :



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## Observing Holiday cont.



*Our office will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 to observe Martin Luther King Holiday.*



## Two FCWU Employees Set for Retirement

Forrest City Water Utility would like to recognize two employees who are set to retire this month. One is Anderson Byers who has served the Utility and his community for forty-one years as our Back Hoe Operator and Truck Supervisor. Mr. Anderson says he has enjoyed his time here at Forrest City Wa-



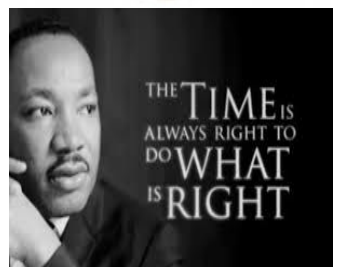
ter Utility. According to Mr. Anderson, "If and when I can, I would like to get back into fishing. However, my time now is to rest, spend more time with the wife, and spoil my only granddaughter." The other employee is Kenny Douglas who has served the

Utility and his community for forty years. These two men have served their community and the Utility combined for over 80 years. That is a lot of experience that the Utility will be loosing. These two men have shown this company bountiful years of service. FCWU is very thankful for their years of service and will be sorely missed.

## Manager's Corner

2014 was a very successful year for Forrest City Water Utility. We are saddened by the departure of some of our key employees, but we are also encouraged by the addition of new youthful employees who will bring new energy and enthusiasm to the Utility.

We are looking forward to 2015 with great expectations for exciting new programs to launch. Forrest City Water Utility is committed to self-evaluation and continuous improvement in every level of operations. W.H. Calvin Murdock, Manager



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