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# FCWU Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Alive with Pride
- New faces at FCWU
- Halloween Safety
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Manager's Corner

We are on the web!!

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## ALIVE WITH PRIDE

Beginning in the month of October, The Forrest City Water Utility will be starting a new initiative called "ALIVE WITH PRIDE." The idea behind "Alive with Pride" is the FCWU direct action plan to do its part to improve the city's look by giving FCWU a face lift on all its properties. We are sprucing things up all around town. Cleaning up all the FCWU property areas; repaint any and all old fading signs that have FCWU on it and repaint all fire hydrants.

According to the Mission of FCWU, is to have the residents of Forrest City and the residents of St. Francis County to be proud of its city and its

buildings. We all should take pride in our city. We are the Jewel of the Delta and that's something to be proud of. The FCWU main office will get a nice



face lift as well, including new paint and much needed

replacement of the carpet in the whole building.

Everyone can do their part in this initiative "Alive with Pride" by cleaning up around their properties i.e., picking up debris from around their homes, pruning and cutting back trees and shrubbery, a fresh coat of paint on your

home, or simply planting beautiful flowers. Whatever your vision is, have pride in your home and just maybe the spirit will catch on and everyone will get on board with "Alive with Pride!"



## New Faces at FCWU Main Office

The Forrest City Water and Utility has added some new faces recently. Ms. Alanna McCleod who is from Rison, Arkansas is now the new FCWU's Bookkeeper. She is a graduate from the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff and she has her B.S. in

Accounting. Ms. Alanna says she loves her new position and appreciates the opportunity to be working for the city of Forrest City and the, Forrest City Water Utility.





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Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The following steps can help you stay well and improve your odds against breast cancer:

## Alive with Pride cont.

Ms. Kimberly Autry, known to most as Kimmie-K., who is originally from Los Angeles is now the new FCWU’s Administrative Assistant. Ms. Autry has a B.A. in Speech Communications and a MSE in Speech Communications from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Ms. Kimmie-K. says she is gracious for the opportunity to work for Forrest City Water and Utility.

The Forrest City Water Utility Main Office is now fully staffed. Along with our new employees, we still have with us: Leslye Laws, Nancy Goff, Michael Posey, and Kendra Triggs. Please come by and welcome them on board and say hello if you plan on walking in to pay your water bill.



## Trick or Treat Corner

Remember Halloween falls on a Friday this year. Make sure when Trick or Treating in the neighborhood:

- \* Children should go out with a responsible adult.
- \* Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by an adult.
- \* Make sure your child carries

a flashlight, glow stick or reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

- \* If going out without an adult instruct your children to all stay together.
- \* Instruct your child to never go in a home or car of a stranger .

- \* Plan a safe route for your children . Give them a set time to return home.



The earlier breast cancer is found, the better. If you are 40 or older, get a mammogram and breast exam every year and report any breast changes to your doctor right away.

You can help reduce your breast cancer risk by maintaining a healthy weight throughout life, being physically active on a regular basis (at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity or

75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity each week) and limiting alcohol intake to less than 1 drink each day for women (2 drinks for men).



### FCWU Manager’s Corner

This is the first issue of our monthly Forrest City Water Utility newsletter. Each issue will contain articles that we feel will be of interest to our customers and employees. Water quality is a large part of healthy living. The FCWU is partnering with you to promote and enhance a better quality of life for our families, friends and neighbors. I hope that you find what you read interesting and informative. Please let me know from time to time what you think about our newsletters. We welcome your thoughts and encouragements.

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## Petticoat Junction



*“We’re sprucing things up around Forrest City.”*

*“FCWU is getting a face lift.”*

The time has come for FCWU to clean, inspect our water storage tanks. Depending on where you live, you may experience lower than normal water pressure for about three or four days.

FCWU apologizes if you are experiencing any inconvenience during our service time, however, it is necessary for our maintenance event. This is a five year annual event. Please see the attached schedule below.



## Tank Inspection and Cleaning Schedule

### Fletcher Ground Storage Tank (FGS)

Effects to FCWU Customers: little to none

October 15, 2014

Tank Isolation and Drain

October 16, 2014

Inspection/Clean/Disinfection

October 16, 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

October 17, 2014

### Kittle Elevated Tank (KET)

Effects to FCWU Customers: All High service zone customers will have a very noticeable reduction in pressure.

October 29, 2014

Tank isolation and Drain

October 20, 2014

Inspection/Clean/Disinfection

October 30, 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

October 31, 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

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October 17 – October 22 upon receiving Neg. test results, tank placed back in service

### Kittle Ground Storage Tank (KGS)

Effects to FCWU Customers: little to none

October 22, 2014

Tank Isolation and Drain

October 31 - November 5: upon receiving Neg. test results, tank placed back in service.

### Newcastle Elevated Tank (NET)

Effects to FCWU Customers: Some Barrow Hill Road and Hwy 284 area customers may notice a reduction in pressure.

November 5, 2014

Tank Isolation

November 6, 2014

Inspection/Clean/Disinfection

November 6, 2014

October 23, 2014

Inspection/Clean/Disinfection

October 23, 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

October 24, 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

October 24 – October 29 upon receiving Neg. test results, tank placed back in service.

1<sup>st</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

November 7, 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Bacti Sample Collection

November 7 – November 12: upon receiving Neg. test results, tank placed back in service.

**This schedule is tentative and may change without notice**



Richard Weiss



# Domestic Violence Awareness Month



*“We have earned our reputation as the most reliable service there is. The power may go out, the cable may be down, even phone service may be out, but you can depend on FCWU to outperform all others.”*

Every October, **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)** is observed to bring to light an issue that affects our community in a staggering way.

We know that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. We know that young people between the ages of 16-24 experience domestic violence

at the highest rate. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning. We know that there are generations of people who never

have to feel its effects, which is why this DVAM we are returning to **LOVE** - spreading it, teaching it, living it - so that no one in our community ever has to feel unsafe in their home again. Remember, Domestic violence can be prevented.



**LOVE**  
  
**SHOULDN'T HURT**



Arkansas One Call



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.