



## Mind the FOG this Holiday Season

**FOG or Fats, Oils, and Grease that go down your drain, if not properly disposed of, cause major problems for homeowners and Goleta West Sanitary District.**

Fats, Oils and Grease are a by product of cooking, and are found in such things as: meat fats, cooking oil, lard and shortening, butter and margarine. When Fats, Oils and Grease are washed down the drain, it may stick to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, it can build up and block an entire pipe.

Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the pipes, they only shred it into smaller pieces. Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease, may pass it down the line and cause problems away from the source. The results of a grease-blocked sewer pipe can be sewage overflows in your home or neighborhood resulting in expensive and unpleasant clean ups, possible exposure with disease-causing organisms, or an increase in maintenance costs at GWSD.

As you are cleaning up from your holiday meals consider properly disposing of your FOG.

To learn more about FOG and its proper disposal, visit our website at [www.GoletaWest.com](http://www.GoletaWest.com).



**Contain it, cool it, toss it!**



## The Goleta Valley Is All About Community

We are always excited to be able to participate in community events. This year was no exception.

### Touch-a-Truck

This fun community event provides kids with the opportunity to learn about and explore more than 20 different trucks, construction vehicles, and public safety equipment. Kids love to sit in and play on the trucks and the event doubles as a fundraiser for PEP (Postpartum Education for Parents)

Goleta West has been supporting PEP by participating in Touch-a-Truck since the kick-off event 4 years ago. This year we again brought our Hydro cleaning Vactor Truck and our street sweeper for community members to enjoy and learn about the service we provide.

For more information on PEP and Touch-a-Truck visit [www.peptouchatruck.org](http://www.peptouchatruck.org).



### Goleta Lemon Festival

For 22 years, the Lemon Festival has been the largest celebration in the Goleta area. It's a wonderful family atmosphere with food, entertainment and activities for all to enjoy.

GWSD was honored to again be a sponsor of this amazing community event. If you didn't make it this year, please come next year. Maybe you will see one of our directors or staff members participating in the pie eating contest.

For more information about the Lemon Festival visit [www.LemonFestival.com](http://www.LemonFestival.com).

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# Goleta West Sanitary District Newsletter

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**Pipeline Project Well Underway**

Western Goleta and Isla Vista's wastewater lines flow like tree branches from neighborhoods, commercial properties and through some of Goleta's most prized open spaces. Eventually, these all feed into one major "trunk" pipeline, beginning near the intersection of Los Carneros and Mesa roads. This main line is known as the Mesa Trunk Sewer Line and it collects the wastewater from our entire system and brings it to the District headquarters pump station. The wastewater is then pumped to the regional treatment plant, east of the Santa Barbara Airport terminal. Since the 1950's, the Mesa Trunk Sewer Line has been located just south of Mesa Road, within what we know now as the East Storke Wetlands.

In 2007, Goleta West completed a Wastewater Master Plan, which determined that the capacity of the "Mesa Trunk Sewer Line" should be increased to ensure that the system is sized to convey future peak wet weather flows. A plan was then put into motion to replace the old 33-inch line with a 42-inch pipeline and to relocate it out of the wetlands and into Mesa Road.

In July of this year the District embarked on this \$9.5 million project paid for out of reserves. You may have noticed that Mesa Road has been closed during construction. We thank you for your patience during this time. The closure allowed the District to utilize a process called "microtunneling" to install the new pipeline underneath the existing pavement of Mesa Road. Approximately a quarter mile of microtunneling has been completed and the remainder of the project will mostly be through UCSB property to connect with the District's system.

The project is slated to be complete and the new pipeline to be fully functional in early 2015. We do not expect any additional inconveniences during the remainder of the work. However, please check our website, [www.GoletaWest.com](http://www.GoletaWest.com), for project updates as well as the status of road conditions in the area.



Again, thank you for your patience and consideration as we construct this important improvement to our system and the surrounding environment.

**Boring Holes for Trench Shoring**



**New 42 inch Pipes**



**Microtunneling Bit**

**Transparency Certificate of Excellence**

**Awarded to Goleta West Sanitary District**

Goleta West Sanitary District was awarded the Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation, in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance to its customers and the general public.



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