



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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## **CITY OF MERIDIAN RECOGNIZES THREE LOCAL RESTAURANTS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

MERIDIAN – Three Meridian restaurants received the City of Meridian’s 2015 Food Service Establishment Excellence Award for demonstrating environmental stewardship by consistently demonstrating pollution prevention and preventing oil and grease from entering the sanitary sewer system, which can potentially cause blockages and service disruptions.

This year’s recipients are Ed’s 50’s Café (979 S. Progress Avenue), Five Guys Burgers & Fries (2830 N. Eagle Road), and The Club at SpurWing (6800 N. SpurWing Way).

“We inspect about 380 restaurants a year, and these businesses rose to the top of our list,” said Randy Elliott, Pretreatment Inspector. “Fats, cooking oils and grease are hot water soluble. They solidify in wastewater lines, and can create messy clogs and backups – and expensive clean up bills. Also, these businesses have taken the extra step to ensure their facilities’ kitchen equipment, sinks and floor drains were correctly hooked up to the grease lines – even though it took extra effort and expenditures on their part. They wanted to do things right the first time and we sincerely appreciate that effort.”

“We want to thank Ed’s 50’s Café, Five Guys Burgers and Fries and The Club at SpurWing for their sustained focus on best management practices. From kitchen operations to grease interceptor maintenance, they exhibit real leadership,” said City of Meridian Pretreatment Manager Steve Maneck. “These businesses have consistently been proactive in their waste management practices and showcase the responsible business leadership that helps to protect our precious natural resources.”

1. File Title: Eds 50s Cafe (L-R: Randy Elliott, City of Meridian, Cindy Bird, Co-Owner, Ed Bird Co-Owner)
2. File Title: Five Guys (L-R: Randy Elliott, City of Meridian, Chelsea Bonde, General Manager)
3. File Title: Spurwing (L-R: Randy Elliott, City of Meridian, Chad Thomason, Executive Chef, Sean Cooper, Food & Beverage Director)

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