

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for June 2019

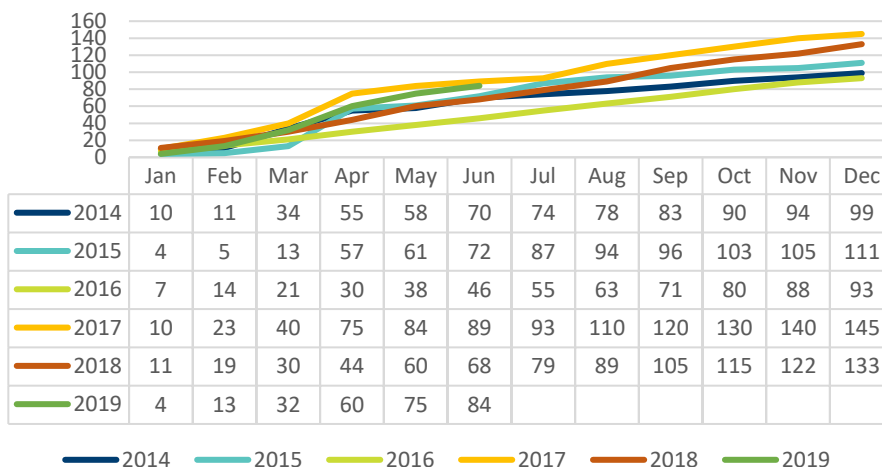
Food Safety

I have been busy inspecting and licensing mobile FSO's. I have scheduled training on-site with the Ohio Department of Agriculture to learn to better apply the food code during inspections. The training will be on July 3rd. I have another food program survey scheduled with the Ohio Department of Health the week of July 15th. I received 2 food service operation complaints and one retail food establishment complaint for the month of June; however, no illnesses were reported to us and full inspections were completed at all three places.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 9 new nuisance complaints in June. Several nuisances are abated or closed. Lauren Fricke, intern from Baylor University started on June 11th. She is currently working on analyzing public health nuisance data, and she will possibly create recommendations/guidelines for reduction in garbage nuisances in Galion.

Public Health Nuisances, Cumulative Total



Swimming Pools

Compliance inspections were completed at Heise Park Pool, Wading Pool and the Splash Park. The slide feature at Heise Pool has been inspected by an engineer and recommendations will be completed prior to opening the slide. Lauren is learning to do pool chemistry to aide in the inspections.

Healthy Homes/Lead

Healthy Homes cleaning buckets were given out at both the May and June Galion 3rd Friday events to over 30 residents in need. Surveys on lead knowledge and cleaning were taken by some residents during the June event. Two lucky people won the prize of a talking CO/smoke detector and/or a \$30 gift certificate to an area restaurant. All Healthy Homes/Lead Poisoning Prevention grant activities have to be finalized by June 30th.

General Environmental Health

At the end of June, GCHD received applications with late fees for the five Rumpke solid waste haulers that operate in Galion. Those truck inspections will be completed on July 11th. The mosquito control aide began trapping the week of June 17th and submissions have been sent to ODH for identification and testing. Mosquito repellent wipes and screen repair kits are available to residents in need (as well as dunks) from the funding provided by the EPA Mosquito Control Grant.



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Fight the Bite! Prevent Mosquito-borne Diseases

DO your part and STOP mosquitoes
from breeding in and around your home:

- Empty standing water from flowerpots, buckets, barrels, tarps/covers and wheel barrows weekly
- Discard trash such as tin cans, plastic containers and other water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property
- Dispose of discarded tires properly or drill holes in tire swings
- Change the water in pet dishes frequently
- Replace the water in bird baths weekly
- Check and clean clogged roof gutters at least twice annually so they will drain properly
- Aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with mosquito-eating fish
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, even those that are not in-use
- Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides they aren't being used
- Consider using products containing Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*), available at many home & garden stores, to control mosquito larvae in containers that are too large to empty; Always follow the label of any product you use.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.
- Use air conditioning if you have it



The Galion City Health Department is providing surveillance of mosquitoes in the city of Galion through the end of September. The Galion City Health Department received funding from the Ohio EPA to provide mosquito surveillance, install bat houses in certain areas, and educate the public. We also have a limited supply of mosquito dunks for standing water, mosquito repellent wipes, and screen repair kits.

**Any questions should be directed to
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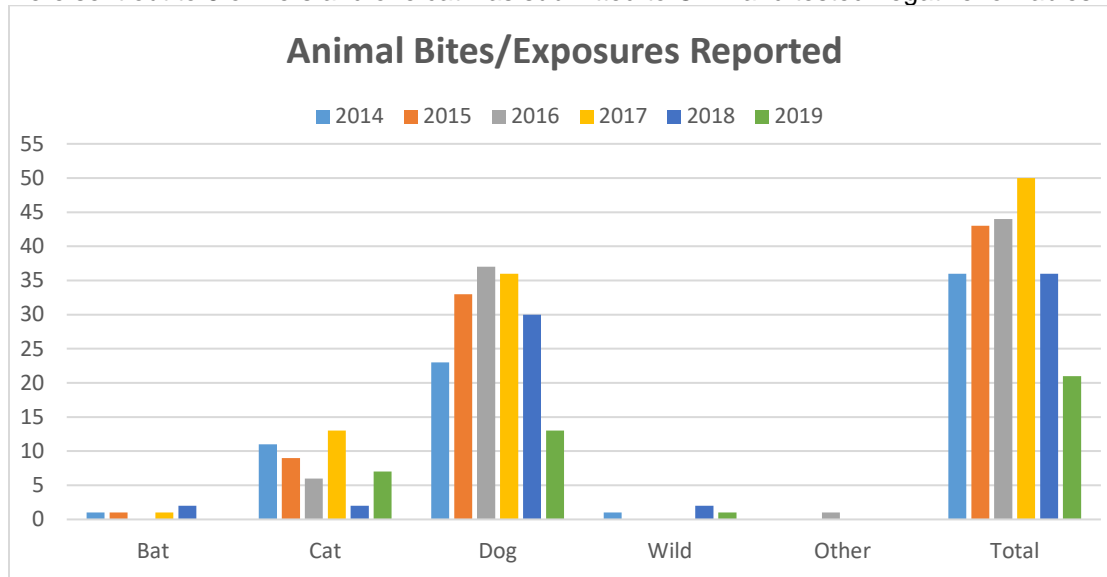
The Galion City Health Department will be offering a Walk-in Clinic for Back-To-School students on Thursdays beginning July 11th through August 15th 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please remember to bring insurance information and immunization records. Regular immunization clinics are every 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9-11am and 1-3:30pm. A late clinic is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-6 pm. Please call for an appointment. Other days and times are available by appointment only, please call 419-468-1075. The Galion City Health Department participates in the Vaccine For Children (VFC) program.

Manufactured Home Parks

The second and final mobile home park inspection was completed in June. This report was submitted to the Ohio Department of Commerce licensor and enforcement agency as well as the park owner the next day. I will invoice the licensing agency for our inspections.

Rabies Prevention

GCHD received 7 new animal (4 cats and 3 dogs) bite/exposure reports in June. 10-day quarantine notices were sent out to 6 owners and one cat was submitted to ODH and tested negative for rabies.



Respectfully Submitted,

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