

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for June 2022

Food Safety

I have been busy inspecting and licensing mobiles once again. Plan reviews for temporary operations were completed for the Pickle Run and they will be inspected during the first evening of the Pickle Run on July 1, 2022. Plans are being reviewed for Mi Cerrito that is planning to move into the location on Portland Way South, next to the bowling alley. They are planning to open in July. I am still not having luck filling the position to help complete inspections in the food program.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 18 nuisance complaints during the month of June, increasing my workload at an already busy time. Three of the complaints were solid waste, 3 FSO complaints, 2 indoor air/mold, 4 housing, 1 sewage, 4 pests, and 1 animal issues. Some complaints were given written orders to abate, some were instructional/information given, some were routine inspections, and some were referred to the appropriate agency.

General Environmental Health

The GCHD continues to give out mosquito control products that were purchased via the Ohio EPA mosquito control grant. Education and advertising is also being obtained through the grant.

Mosquito surveillance is being completed weekly. The mosquitoes collected have been submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for testing and identification. GCHD has submitted 557 mosquitoes thus far which surpasses the total amount submitted in 2021.

Manufactured Home Parks were inspected, and the written reports and invoicing were submitted the Ohio Department of Commerce. ODC is the governing agency for MHP's. Our department has no enforcement; we only contract to inspect.

Rabies

Galion received 4 dog bites in June of 2022. Also 3 raccoons were involved in a bite of a lady on the last day of May. The raccoons were submitted to the ODH Labs for testing and were all negative for rabies. Letters were sent explaining the quarantine process as well as the follow-up for rabies vaccinations for the dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

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