

# Galion City Board of Health

**Environmental Division Monthly Report for August 2022**

## Food Safety

Inspections were completed at 3 food service operations and 3 retail food establishments in the month of August. Plans are being reviewed for Mi Cerrito that is planning to open a food service operation in the location on Portland Way South, next to the bowling alley. They are planning to open after they complete inspection requirements for the building and codes. I have been in talks with several REHS candidates about doing a contract for food inspections. Jennifer Frazier, REHS will be contracting to do the food inspections for the city of Galion through June 30, 2023. She will be doing evening and some weekend inspections. I will assist by completing all vending locations, school cafeterias, and mobiles.

## Public Health Nuisances

There were 9 nuisance complaints during the month of August. Two of the complaints were solid waste, 1 was a retail food establishment, 2 indoor air/mold, 1 was sewage, 2 were landlord/housing, and 1 was scrap tires. 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. A billboard is on Portland Way North advertising mosquito education for one month.



GCHD received its first report of mosquitoes positive for West Nile Virus on August 30th and we followed up with an educational news release.

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 1,054 mosquitoes thus far for the season.

All of the outdoor public swimming pools have been inspected twice in 2022. The Sleep Inn public swimming pool has to re-submitted plans to the Ohio Department of Health Engineers for plan approval so they will be able to obtain a license after the state’s approval process is completed.

Healthy Homes cleanup buckets have been very well-received this summer once again. If the money becomes available from the state for lead poisoning prevention items, I will write for the money to do those activities in Galion.

## Rabies

Galion received 7 animal bite reports in August of 2022; 5 were dogs and 2 were cats. Letters were sent explaining the quarantine process as well as the follow-up for rabies vaccinations for the dogs and cats.

Respectfully submitted,

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