



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

Food Safety

Inspections were completed at several mobile and temporary food service operations at the Galion Oktoberfest on September 30th. There were several inquiries this year from the public about how to obtain a temporary or mobile license to sell food. The rules on cottage foods, labeling, and home bakeries are complex and under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Agriculture; however, GCHD gets the questions frequently. Jennifer Frazier, REHS is the contract inspector for food operations, and she has successfully completed several inspections thus far; however, because of the late start of the contract, I will be assisting by completing all vending locations, school cafeterias, mobiles, and some operations that she may not be able to get to in a timely manner.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 11 nuisance complaints during the month of September. Eight of the complaints were solid waste, One of the complaints was a food service operation and two were other nuisances. Indoor air/environment complaints continue to be reported in several apartments in Galion. Some complaints were given written orders to abate the nuisance and some were given instructional information.

General Environmental Health

The GCHD continues to give out mosquito control products that were purchased via the Ohio EPA mosquito control grant. Money will still be spent on mosquito prevention education and adulticide for the city to spray next season. The 2022 MCG is a grant that ends in April of 2023.

Mosquito surveillance was completed through the end of September. More West Nile Virus mosquitoes were found in a trap set on September 10th, 2022 in Galion. The mosquitoes collected have been submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for testing and identification. GCHD has submitted 1,194 mosquitoes thus far for the season.

GCHD issued to a temporary campground license for the ride operators at the Oktoberfest. An inspection was completed with only minor corrections to make.

Body Art inspections at licensed facilities shall be done annually. GCHD licenses two facilities and they will be inspected in October.

Rabies

Galion received 3 animal bite reports in September. One dog and two cats. Letters were sent explaining the quarantine process as well as the follow-up for rabies vaccinations for the dogs. Unfortunately, the cats were specimens sent to the ODHL for rabies testing but they were found to be negative.

Respectfully submitted,

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