

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

Food Safety

The pre-licensing inspection was completed at Mi Cerrito on November 16th and some minor corrections were required prior to issuing the license. The license was then issued; however, the FSO is not ready to open because they are trying to obtain the liquor permit first. The 30 day inspection will be completed on or before December 16th.

The contract inspector and I are hoping to complete all first round inspections at licensed facilities by the end of December. I also did plan approval and licensing for two new Micro Markets at Covert which will close at least two of their vending locations. The Micro Markets are managed by AVI Vending.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 7 nuisance complaints during the month of November. Three of the complaints were solid waste, 1 was a public pool, 2 indoor air/mold, and one was pests/landlord 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. There are a couple of properties that have been given extensions that may need to be taken to court in January for non-compliance.

General Environmental Health

Lead Poisoning Prevention and healthy homes funding proposal was not approved by the Ohio Department of Health for 2023. The response said they received an overwhelming amount of funding requests and the awards went to areas of higher lead testing.

The mosquito control grant opens in December until the end of January for applications to be received at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. I plan to submit the grant in January, 2023 asking for \$13,000 to continue our partnership with the city, EPA, ODH and our community for mosquito control.

Rabies

Galion received 1 cat bite report in November of 2022. The cat was a stray/feral cat so we put a notice on our social media to have the community look for the cat. I was unable to make contact with the victim by phone. The cat was reportedly seen by a woman but never captured in the guarantine timeframe.

Respectfully submitted,

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