



## **Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for December 2022**

### **Food Safety**

The 30-day inspection was completed at MiCerrito on December 16, 2022; however, they are still not in operation because they still had not received the liquor permit. They plan to open in January, 2023.

The contract inspector and I have completed all but 6 first round inspections at licensed facilities. She plans to inspect those remaining this first full week in January. December went by very quickly. I spent several hours working with ES to get HealthSpace, our electronic inspection database up and running on the new laptop, but it is good now.

### **Public Health Nuisances**

There were 5 nuisance complaints during the month of December. Three of the complaints were solid waste, 1 was a sewage, and one was animal manure 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**

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.

The two Body Art licensed facilities have been renewed for 2023. Toward the end of December, I was able to take a two-day virtual Certified Pool Operator Class and exam. I now have my CPO Certification which will help me complete my pool inspections as well as give me some bonus points upon receiving my state survey. This certification is mandatory in several states across the nation to operate a public pool/spa. In Ohio, it is highly recommended.

### **Rabies**

Galion received 0 animal bite reports in December of 2022. For the entire 2022 year, we had a total of 40 animal bites or exposures. 28 were dog bites, 7 were cat bites, 2 were bat exposures, and 3 were raccoon exposures.

Respectfully submitted,

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