



Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for February 2023

Food Safety

The final rounds of food inspections were completed on or before February 28, 2023. Food applications for renewal were mailed out on or before February 1, 2023 and email reminders went out to operators on February 20, 2023 to remind them of the March 1st deadline. I also sent operators a link to fill out the survey for environmental health. The only establishments/operations that are not assessed a late fee after March 1st are mobile food services and seasonal food services. April and May are busy months for inspecting and licensing mobile/seasonal operations.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 5 nuisance complaints during the month of February. Four of the complaints were solid waste complaints and one was a food service operation. Some complaints were given written orders to abate, some were instructional/information given and some were routine inspections. I did go to court in February for a nuisance property at 158 Sixth Avenue in Galion. They are scheduled for pre-trial on 04/11/23 because they plead not guilty.

General Environmental Health

I received notice for grand jury duty in Richland County for 4 dates in March and 4 dates in April, 2023. I am glad now that we asked PHAB for an extension.

I finalized the COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) specific to the Galion City Health Department for CCPH to submit with their PHEP plans as each department must have their own plan. Jason and I also attended a tabletop exercise at CCPH for a radiological accident. Jason was a participant, I was an evaluator for the exercise. It was interesting.

On February 2nd and 3rd, I worked with the Ohio Department of Health to finalize the licensing of the Galion Sleep Inn Swimming Pool. It was determined during this process that their license will last until May 31, 2024. They had to license as a new pool because the last operator failed to renew the pool license for 2 years.

Rabies

Galion received 5 animal bite reports in February. One reported bite was a pet rat, one was a bat, one was a cat, and two were dogs. Rats are not known to transmit rabies, the bat was submitted the ODHL for testing and was negative, the cat is still in quarantine status, and the dogs were properly vaccinated.

Respectfully submitted,

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