



## **Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for August 2023**

### **Food Safety**

Received several inquiries by phone, email, and in person from the public about how to obtain a license for mobile and/or temporary food service operations. Approved new equipment at Planet 14 and Cake & Icing. The REHS contractor completed a complaint inspection at a licensed FSO and found several critical violations and conducted a reinspection for compliance.

### **Public Health Nuisances**

There were 6 nuisance complaints during the month of August. Five were solid waste issues. One was an unlicensed tattoo artist that is still in process. Written orders are issued to the homeowners informing them of the violation of the ordinance or regulation and then usually a 10-day reinspection. A second order with no improvement or correction may lead to a summons to court.

### **General Health**

I have been helping Leanna with some grant budgets, billing, and reports; however, she is really adapting well and understanding our systems exceptionally well given her being brand new to public health. I have spent some time trying to update HDIS and daily activities as well.

Mosquito collections continued through August, and the contractor will continue trapping and submitting mosquitoes to the Ohio Department of Health through the end of September of 2023. As of now, 1,121 mosquitoes have been collected in the traps in Galion. GCHD received notification from ODH on August 30<sup>th</sup> that one pool of mosquitoes collected in August on the NE side of town tested positive for West Nile Virus. A news release was submitted to ODH, Facebook, and local news media about this.

Second routine inspections were conducted at the Heise pool and wading pool in early August. Violations will need to be corrected this fall or prior to the pools opening in 2024. Cost analysis for the pool program will be completed before the September BOH meeting which will recommend any changes in pool fees for 2024.

### **Rabies**

Galion received 3 dog bites and one opossum bite in August. Quarantine letters were sent to the dog owners, requesting that they provide proof of rabies vaccination after the 10 days to release the dog from quarantine. The lady did not want to trap or submit the opossum under her porch because she believed it was a baby and would not have rabies. I reviewed the risks with her and told her to follow-up with her family doctor. Rabies is deadly and may be transmitted by raccoons and bats to other wild animals and/or pets in Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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