

Environmental Health Monthly Report for January 2016

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Food Safety

I attended training in January for updates to the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code that become effective on March 1, 2016. There is a new requirement for a manager at each facility to obtain Level 2 training within one year. Operators will also need to have a written procedure for employees to follow and a kit to use when responding to diarrheal or vomiting events within the facility, an effort aimed at reducing the spread of Norovirus. Changes will be communicated to operators in person during inspections and through a newsletter that will be sent along with licenses.

Manufactured Home Parks

The Inspection MOU with Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission (OMHC) was renewed in January. I will conduct annual inspections in Galion's two manufactured home parks on behalf of OMHC for a base rate of \$275. Additional inspections, if requested by OMHC, may be provided at \$75 each.

Public Health Nuisances

Seven new solid waste nuisance complaints were reported in January. Six solid waste nuisances are in progress, and one has been abated. An annual report describing public health nuisance program activities for 2015 is attached.

Public Swimming Pools

Mark Wiesner of Ohio Department of Health conducted a survey of the public swimming pool program on November 18, 2015. We received the survey report in January along with notification that Galion City Health Department is approved to remain licensor for the district it serves. The survey report is attached.

STEM Exemplar

I am honored to have been selected as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Exemplar by the Ohio Academy of Science, Believe in Ohio program. The goal of the program is to recognize individuals statewide who graduated from an Ohio high school, attended higher education in Ohio or elsewhere, and are employed in or retired from a STEM field in Ohio. Exemplars will serve as role models to encourage students to pursue STEM careers and become entrepreneurs and innovators. The press release is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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