

Environmental Health Monthly Report for July 2016

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Accreditation

The second community health improvement (CHIP) meeting was held on July 14. The group completed the Community Themes & Strengths, Forces of Change, and Local Public Health System Assessments. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 10:00-2:00 @ Galion Community Hospital Board Room.

Again, work that remains to be done yet includes a Quality of Life assessment. We are in need of as many Crawford County residents to complete the assessment as possible. The good news is that this is an electronic SurveyMonkey survey that takes 2-3 minutes to complete. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CrawfordCHIP2016>.

In upcoming events, I will be a presenter along with Steve Jozwiak of Crawford County Public Health for the Crawford Conversation to be held on September 22. "A Business Case for Health" will target business and industry with the message that investing in workforce health and wellness can have a significant impact on our economy, from health care cost savings to increased per capita income.

Food Safety

A ServSafe Food Protection Manager course was held in Galion on July 18 and 19, and was taught by Sheila Hamm of Tri-Rivers Career Center.

Public Health Nuisances

Nine new nuisance complaints were reported in July: 1 sewage and 8 solid waste.

Public Swimming Pools, Spas & Special Use Pools

The East Park Spray Ground was licensed and began operation on July 8.

Our health department is participating in a Drowning Prevention Pilot Project through Ohio Department of Health. The program includes detailed data collection for incidents and injuries that occur at licensed public swimming pools, spas, and special use pools. The data is submitted to the local health department and then to ODH for analysis. The project aims to determine the effectiveness of data collection in order to better understand the circumstances surrounding public swimming pool-related injuries and deaths in Ohio; enhance ODH's ability to make informed, data-driven decisions during the public swimming pool rule review process; and enable ODH to develop programs that can reduce incidences of drownings and injuries in Ohio public swimming pools. We began receiving information in July for incidents and injuries at the licensed facilities in Galion.

Respectfully submitted,

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