

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for October 2016

Accreditation

The Crawford County Health Partners (CCHP) met on October 13. The community health assessment has been completed as well as the community health improvement plan, and we have entered the implementation phase for the action steps selected by the CCHP to address the county's priority health issues. The group will continue to meet on a monthly basis to ensure progress is made and lines of communication remain open.

Olivia and I completed the ADA accessibility survey for existing facilities, which is based on the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design. Some aspects of the facility design do not meet current standards but may be grandfathered. Research is being done to determine actions that need to be taken.

Food Safety

An unusual amount of development has been taking place in Galion. Photos are included of the construction and development at 3 sites in the city: Arby's, Sleep Inn, and Tim Horton's. I met with developers of the Iron Works Grill at the location of the former BJ's Restaurant to evaluate the existing facility and equipment. They are extensively renovating the facility, and have not yet set an opening date. I evaluated the existing facility at Liberty Farm, Home and Garden, formerly Liberty Mill, for licensure as a retail food establishment in order to begin selling Rus-Men Farms meats. I also evaluated an existing church facility for licensure as a food service operation by a couple who formerly had a home-based food business. The Facilities Manager for Bennett Enterprises confirmed the Ralphie's Sports Eatery project will move forward at the location of the former Varsity Grille with an anticipated opening date in March 2017.

Public Health Nuisances

Nine public health nuisances were reported in October; one was a food service operation complaint and the rest were solid waste. I provided education to the implicated food employee about proper handwashing and hygienic practices. Solid waste nuisance conditions reported in two of the cases were unfounded, one case has been abated, and four are ongoing.

Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Special Use Pools

Stephen Long, Recreation Programs Specialist with Ohio Department of Health, conducted a survey of the public swimming pool program on October 6. The final report should be received within 45 days.

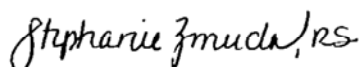
Rabies Prevention

Five animal bites were reported in Galion in October. Three of the victims were bitten by their own animals, and one was bitten by a dog that either belongs to an unknown owner or is unowned. Rabies vaccination information has been received for one of the owned dogs and is pending for the remaining cases.

Smokefree Workplace

Violations of the Smokefree Workplace Law observed in a licensed facility during a routine food service inspection led to an onsite investigation on October 5, which revealed smoking in a prohibited area and the presence of ashtrays. The investigation will result in a letter of warning. This establishment has had 18 standard investigations and 2 for retaliation since the law went into effect December 7, 2006. The most recent finding of violation was in 2008, a fourth finding of violation in a 2 year period, which resulted in a doubled fine of \$2000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Zmuda, RS".

November 4, 2016



Tim Horton's site, 815 Harding Way West, Galion



Arby's site, 700 Carter Drive, Galion



Sleep Inn site, 6600 East Brandt Road, Galion