

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

Accreditation

The Crawford County Health Partners (CCHP) met on November 10. The large group will begin meeting during the first month of each quarter in 2017 to allow four subcommittees that have been formed, to meet. The subcommittees and their agency chairs are as follows:

- Obesity – Galion City Health Department
- Adult Cardiovascular Disease – Avita Health System
- Youth Substance Abuse – ADAMH Board
- Prenatal Outcomes – Crawford County Public Health

An organizational meeting of each subcommittee is planned for December.

I spent time in November writing standard operating guidelines for the Rabies Prevention and Smoke-Free Workplace programs.

Food Safety

Updated photos are included of the construction and development at 3 sites in the city: Arby's, Sleep Inn, and Tim Hortons. Arby's scheduled a pre-licensing inspection for December 13. The estimated date of completion for Sleep Inn is January 31, and the estimated date of completion for Tim Hortons is December 23. Renovations continue at Iron Works Grill, the location of the former BJ's Restaurant, with completion slated for January 2017. Renovations have also begun at Ralphie's Sports Eatery, the location of the former Varsity Grille, with an anticipated opening date in March 2017. Liberty Farm, Home and Garden, formerly Liberty Mill, will not pursue licensure as a retail food establishment in due to prohibitive costs.

Public Health Nuisances

Eight public health nuisances were reported in November, all solid waste. Solid waste nuisance conditions were unfounded in one of the cases, six cases have been abated, and one is ongoing.

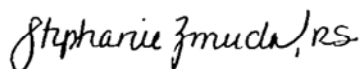
Rabies Prevention

Three animal bites were reported in Galion in November: two dogs and a rat. Rabies vaccination information has been received for one of the owned dogs; the other is a puppy which is too young for rabies vaccination. Rats are rarely infected with rabies and the biting rat has never been exposed to the bite of another animal, so there was no concern about rabies infection in the rat or transmission of rabies to the bite victim.

Smokefree Workplace

Two new complaints were reported in November for alleged violations of the Smoke-Free Workplace law in Galion facilities. The Smoke-Free web application is a complaint-based system which opens an investigation when a complaint is received. The facilities have been notified that complaints were received and onsite investigations will be conducted within the next two weeks. One of the facilities was found to be in violation of the law during an investigation in June 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Tim Horton's, 815 Harding Way West, Galion – November 4 and December 12, 2016



Arby's, 700 Carter Drive, Galion – November 4 and December 12, 2016



Sleep Inn, 6600 East Brandt Road, Galion – November 4 and December 12, 2016