



Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for March 2023

Food Safety

All licensed facilities have paid their renewal fees except for the mobile FSO's that are not yet in operation for the year. There were approximately 5 facilities that renewed after the March 1st deadline and were assessed late fees. I have been scheduling mobile FSO inspections for April. The REHS contractor will be inspecting some of the ball concessions in April as well. The first quarter is completed so transmittals will be completed and remitted to the state offices in April.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 10 nuisance complaints during the month of March. The majority were solid waste issues. Some complaints were given written orders to abate, some were given instructional/information given and some were routine inspections. I prepared a nuisance package for the assistant law director Thomas Meagher for a nuisance complaint involving residents at 158 6th Avenue.

General Environmental Health

I was able to attend the Midwest Workshop in Columbus in late March. It is put on by the Ohio Department of Health staff for trainings and updates in Environmental Health programs. I was able to obtain 12 continuing education units for those two days.

I prepared a short newsletter email for the public swimming pool operators to remind them that renewals would be sent out in April. I also reminded them of pertinent rules that they are required to follow when changing equipment by completing the Ohio Department of Health Equipment Notification Form. All public swimming pools shall be renewed by May 1, 2023.

I am finishing up the expenditures for the 2023 Mosquito Control Grant by April 30, 2023, and GCHD was awarded the MCG for 2023-24.

Rabies

Galion received 0 animal bite reports for the month of March 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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