



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

Food Safety

I conducted 3 FSO mobile inspections in June. The REHS contractor for food inspections will be completing more food inspections during June through December which will help the environmental division immensely. A large part of the first week of June was spent preparing for my state Retail Food Survey from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. It is an intense day and a half review of all of the retail food establishment files licensed within the city of Galion, including any plan reviews. In the end, I will need to write an action plan for a few incorrect or missed items but it passed so that GCHD will be able to keep the program.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 4 nuisance complaints during the month of June. Two were solid waste issues. Two were nuisance pest complaints. I issue written orders to the homeowners informing them of the violation of the ordinance or regulation and then usually a 10-day reinspection. A second order is issued when necessary. A summons to court is issued when compliance is not being accomplished.

General Health

Once again, the month flew by trying to accomplish BSO duties as well as the Director of EH duties. Efforts toward maintaining the processes have disrupted my environmental health duties unfortunately. I completed the final inspection for manufactured home parks, with the final one being the park in deplorable condition. I have received numerous complaints about this park since I began my career here in 2017. GCHD has always tried to work with city officials and the licensing department of Commerce (who actually has the enforcement authority for MHP's) on what is best for the residents at this location; however, it now only serves 5 occupied trailers.

Mosquito collections began the first week of June, and the contractor will continue trapping and submitting mosquitoes to the Ohio Department of Health through the end of September of 2023. As of now, 92 mosquitoes have been collected in the traps in Galion.

The Galion City School Buildings were inspected on June 22nd, and the reports were emailed to the superintendent on June 30, 2023. There were no major issues to report.

Rabies

Galion received 8 animal bite reports for the month of June 2023, five were dog bites, two were cat bites, and one was a bat exposure. The bat was submitted to the ODH Labs and tested negative for rabies. Letters were sent to owners on the quarantine process and the requirement to take the dog/cat to the veterinarian to confirm the rabies shots for the animals are up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

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