



HealthLine

(A newsletter of the Darke County Health Department)

**Message from the Health Commissioner
Dr. Terry Holman, DVM, RS:**

Accreditation

On May 22, 2018, our Accreditation Coordinator, Traci Owens, MPA, submitted the necessary documentation to be reviewed before our site visit. This was our next step in working towards being Accredited and is a HUGE accomplishment. Way to go to Traci and our staff!

The National Public Health Accreditation Board's (PHAB) process improves service, value, and accountability to stakeholders. The 10 essential services of Public Health are included: Monitor health status to ID community health problems, Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community, Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues, Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems, Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts, Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety, Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable, Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce, Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services, and research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.



Mosquito Trapping

The Mosquito Surveillance and Control Specialist, Grace Winhoven, SIT has started setting out traps all over Darke County to monitor the species and populations of mosquitoes in our area! These traps are totally harmless to the environment and target only mosquitoes. If you happen to come across any of these traps, please do not touch or move them!

If you notice an excessive number of mosquitoes or standing water in your area, or if you would like more information on the mosquito surveillance and control project, contact the Darke County General Health District at 937-548-4196 ext. 203.



*The Health Department is now on Facebook & Twitter.
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New Staff: Zachary Perry

Zachary Perry is the new Field Worker for the Darke County Health Department. He will be primarily working on sewage treatment and educating the community on their sewage systems. Zachary graduated from Greenville Senior High School and received an Associate's Degree at Edison Community College in Social Services. He married his best friend Sierra Dearing on May 19th.

He enjoys being with family, being outdoors, playing with his Mini-Australian shepherd Macy, and watching movies. He is excited to be a part of the Darke County General Health District and looks forward to helping the community.



New Staff: Carrie Winhoven

Here to assist with the Food Program over the summer is Carrie Winhoven, Registered Sanitarian, who formerly worked for the Darke County Health Department in the Food Program. She is a resident of Darke County and currently Jr. High Administrator of the DeColores Montessori School. She's looking forward to the opportunity once again to serve the community through work relating to Public Health.

Darke County Health Department's Mission and Vision

Our Mission: To develop and maintain an efficient and effective system which will provide for the highest quality of public health services and to promote and protect the Darke County community's physical, mental, social, and environmental well being.

Our Vision: Our vision is to be an innovative leader in achieving the highest possible health and wellbeing for Darke County and the environment.



New Staff: Casey Waag

Casey is from Covington and graduated from Covington High School in 2017. He likes the outdoors and enjoys kayaking and fishing. He also spends time working on his truck and Mustang. Casey will be helping us over the summer with our Sewage Operation and Maintenance Program.



The back-to-school season is here, and store shelves are stocked with pencils, folders and notebooks of all colors and sizes. Perhaps the most important thing parents can equip kids with, however, is a visit to the Health Department.

Depending on age, children are required by state law to receive certain vaccines before ever stepping into a classroom.

School-age children – from preschoolers to college students – need vaccines. Getting your child all their vaccinations on time is one of the most important things you can do as a parent to ensure your children’s long-term health—as well as the health of friends, classmates, and others in your community.



SHINGRIX works to boost your body’s protection against shingles. Your immune system declines as you age, and that puts you at an increased risk for shingles. For those who are 50 years and older, SHINGRIX helps your immune system defend against shingles regardless of age.

SHINGRIX is given as a 2-dose series, with the second shot administered 2 to 6 months after the first shot. To ensure you get the protection against shingles offered by SHINGRIX, it's important to get both shots.

EPA Grant Money Used for Septic System Upgrades

The Darke County Health Department has \$300,000 in grant money from the Ohio EPA to be used by the end of 2018. The funds came from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund and are used to repair/replace sewage treatment systems in the county.

Homeowners qualify for the grant money based on total household income and being up-to-date on mortgages/ taxes/ utilities. Depending on the household income, the homeowner can qualify for 100%, 85%, or 50% of the system costs to be paid for by the grant money. The houses are required to have a failing septic system and be homeowner-occupied.

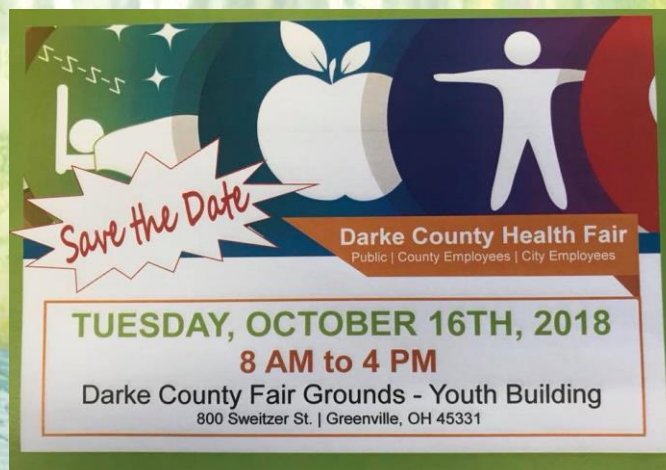
Last year, the Health Department was able to repair/replace 25 septic systems in the county with this funding. This has removed approximately 10,000 gallons per day or more of untreated sewage from ground and surface waters in Darke County.

If you have any questions regarding grant money or your septic system, please contact the Health Department at 937-548-4196 ext. 208.

Regular Clinic Hours: Tuesdays Hours: 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Clinics are walk-in with no appointments needed. Most insurance are accepted. Call 937-548-4196, extension 224, with questions or concerns.

**Adult immunizations are important too. They protect adults from diseases and protect the ones they love from being exposed to a disease that may be carried by their parent, grandparent or caregiver.





Congratulations Grace!



Grace completed a successful grant application and will be awarded \$29,970 for the County. This grant will include a GPS unit, equipment, and fogging for Ansonia, Arcanum, Gettysburg, New Madison, Wayne Lakes, and spray for Greenville. Well done Grace!

Pictured above are Lance Himes- Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Ginger Magoto- Health Department, Grace Winhoven- Health Department, Craig W. Butler- Director of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Leanne Greenlee, Ohio EPA Health Department Liaison.

The Ohio Department of Health begins Sewage Treatment System Surveys at Local Health Departments

Under the authority of section 3718.07 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and in compliance with paragraph (A) of rule 3701-29-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), the Ohio Department of Health is required to survey sewage treatment systems (STS) programs. The purpose of the survey is to determine whether the board is qualified and has the capacity to administer and enforce the law and the rules adopted under the law regarding sewage treatment systems. The survey includes an evaluation of the administrative and field inspection aspects of a sewage treatment system regulatory program. The administrative portion will include review of permits, designs, soil evaluations, and associated documents, fees, fee adoptions, and



enforcement. The surveyor will conduct field assessments of sewage treatment systems by accompanying sanitarians on a 12-month inspection of an approved sewage alteration/ installation

from a subset of permits surveyed, and by onsite discussion of the final inspection process. The field inspection portion will include a review of the approved permit, design, inspection report, and as-built drawings prior to a site visit.

The Darke County Health Department will be one of the first counties to be surveyed. The Ohio Department of Health will be on site on Wednesday, July 11 and Thursday, July 12, 2018. The surveys will occur every three years.