

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT

October 19, 2020

The Environmental Division has been busy with septic inspections and housing complaints. Jeff worked from home (on quarantine) from September 15, 2020 to September 28, 2020 due to being exposed to Covid – 19.

**Septic Inspections and Housing Complaints from August 17, 2020 to October 13, 2020**

35 Septic Inspections

41 Housing Inspections and/or rechecks for no water, trash, unfit housing and sewage

16 New Housing Complaints

## Foods Division Report

(August 17 – October 9)

- 451 licenses issued from first of year until August 13 (Brick & Mortar + concessions)
- 176 businesses inspected June 1 – Oct. 9 and 164 concessions (340 inspections)
- 11 complaints via email, telephone and in person. Complaints from not wearing face mask and/or restaurant complaints.
- Fairs and festivals with vendors to date this year- Gas City 4<sup>th</sup>, Fairmount 4<sup>th</sup>, James Dean Spring Show, Grant County 4-H (no rides only animals), Van Buren Popcorn Festival, Upland Labor Day, Swayzee Days, Matthews Covered Bridge, Ducktail, James Dean and River Rally.
- New facilities opened- Train Station Pancake House, Steak & Shake (carry out or drive thru ONLY), PANDA Express plans to be opened on or before November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Closed facilities – Sirloin Stockade
- Plan & Review – McDonalds South, they are building a new restaurant south of Harbor Freight.

Scott and/or Dean have driven the command bus and helped nurses with (3) Flu Clinics. Once at Auto Insurance and twice at St Martins.

Convenience Stores along with some restaurants have closed because of positive COVID cases and not enough employee help - Starbucks, Plymouth Club, Gains & Grill, Jackie's and Village Pantry (Fairmount). As of 10 -9-20 all these have reopened except for Jackie's. Jackie's plans to reopen after she and her husband complete their quarantine which should be 10/16 or after.

## Vital Records Report

Teanna Silverthorn resigned as Registrar in late August and Morgan Lee was hired in late September to fill the position. Morgan is a quick learner and seems to be fitting in quite nicely.

Several sessions of virtual DRIVE (Database Registration of Indiana's Vital Events) training was attended by all three vital records staff throughout September. The "go live" date for transition from the current system to the web-based DRIVE system is November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are cautiously optimistic about the new system and the positive changes it is purported to bring.

Birth and death rates remain steady with no obvious trends to report.

## Administrative Notes

The County Council approved the 2021 budget as presented which included the creation of a full-time nursing position. \$1,000 across the board raises were granted to all full county employees as well.