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**2018 Galion City Food Safety Award Winners Announced**

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Galion City Health Department is pleased to announce the 2018 Clean Plate Award recipients. An awards ceremony will be held on April 9, 2019 at 4:30pm at the Galion City Health Department, prior to the Galion City Board of Health meeting. Recipients will be recognized and given a certificate. They are as follows: American Legion, Arby's, Burger King, Candi Bar, DK's Drive In, East of Chicago, Elk's, **Galion Booster Club – Galion Booster Club – Football Concession, Galion Booster Club – High School Concession, Galion Golden Age Club, Galion High School, Galion Intermediate School, Galion Middle School, Galion Primary School, Galion Owl's Club, Galion YMCA, Heisi Pool Concession, Jen Cor Food Store Magnolia Terrace, McDonald's, Moose Lodge, Peco II Baseball, Phil's Deli, Planet 14, Sara Beegle Daycare, Speedway, St. Joseph Catholic School, Subway, Taco Bell, Tim Horton's, Trackside 30, and Victory Lanes.**

The Clean Plate Award program was established in 2014 in order to recognize Galion food service operations and retail food establishments that consistently demonstrate a commitment to protecting the public's health. Eligibility for an award is based on having met the following criteria:

- Have a valid food service operation (FSO) or retail food establishment (RFE) license, Risk III or IV
- Have at least 1 full licensing year's inspection data
- Have the same licensee for at least 1 year
- Have no confirmed foodborne illness within 2 years
- Have no administrative hearings within 2 years
- Post a written employee health policy (verified by Health Department staff during inspection)
- Have at least 1 person in charge per shift certified in Level 1 Food Protection or above
- Earn a composite performance score of at least 90 points

Data collected during the 2018 license year (March 1, 2018-February 28, 2019) was the basis for these most recent awards. The performance score comes from a facility's compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code and implementation of best practices. While a perfect record with no violations during the year is the goal, a facility can have a small number of violations, primarily those that are non-critical and corrected at the time of inspection, and still be eligible for the award. Environmental Health Director Andrea Barnes said, "Protecting public health and prevention is difficult to quantify. Food-borne illness is much less likely when there is teamwork, regulations, inspections, trainings, and dedication to serving food safely. Congratulations to the Clean Plate Award recipients for 2018-2019; your commitment to food safety is protecting the public's health and that deserves recognition."