

MANUFACTURED HOME PARK NEWS

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INSPECTION FINDINGS

The Delaware General Health District annually inspects each manufactured home park. Additional inspections may be necessary depending on the findings of the first inspection. The 2009 inspections found many of the same violations throughout the parks including: solid waste, playgrounds, and road maintenance.

Solid waste is defined as "unwanted residual solid or semisolid material ...includes garbage, street dirt, debris and combustible and noncombustible material." Any solid waste shall be collected in watertight containers with close-fitting lids. Large items such as furniture should be held in the home until trash day to avoid creating a place for insect or pest harborage.

Playgrounds are to be maintained in good condition. If you are unable to maintain the play area, it may be time to remove it from the park. An improperly maintained play area may lead to injury.

Streets are to be properly maintained. This includes filling in potholes and replacing crumbling walkways.

You are always welcome to accompany the inspector during the walk through of your park.

If you have any questions after receiving your inspection report, please contact the inspector for clarification.

RABID BATS FOUND

In 2009, rabies was identified in five bats collected from within the Health District. Three of those were from within Delaware City limits, and the other two were in rural parts of the county. Please remember that rabies is naturally occurring in the wildlife population.

DISTRICT LICENSING COUNCIL POSITION OPEN

The Council members are appointed by the same entity that appoints the Board of Health. An individual from each of the business activities for which the Board of Health operates a licensing program will be appointed to the Council. The programs are: Food Operations, Campgrounds, Mobile Home Parks and Swimming Pools.

The District Licensing Council members will meet to elect officers and their representative to the Board of Health. They are required by law to meet one time per year without compensation. However, our District Licensing Council meets twice per year. The initial term will be for three years and any additional terms will be for five years.

If you are interested in being the Mobile Home Park representative, please contact this office at 740/368-1700.



It is important that all pets, including barn cats, have up to date rabies vaccinations. It is also extremely important to exercise caution around stray or wild animals, especially those that may appear sick. Any mammal can carry rabies and can spread disease through a bite or scratch. Anyone who is bitten should seek medical attention and notify the Health District as soon as possible. Additional information about rabies, as well as the Health District's "Animal Control Regulations," can be found on the web at www.delawarehealth.org.

