



**April 30<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday.**

**Food Service License Renewal  
Applications  
are due in our office**

**Friday, April 29, 2011  
by 5:00 p.m.**

**-or-**

**Be POSTMARKED  
by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
to avoid late fees**

- ✓ Look over your application and correct any invalid information.
- ✓ Write your email address on the application.
- ✓ Include your payment (checks must be written to the "Genesee County Health Department".)
- ✓ Return your application and the appropriate fee to the Genesee County Health Department no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 or have it postmarked by April 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees.

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Sanitation Awards

Please see the insert in this newsletter with the 2011 recipients of Excellence in Foodservice Sanitation Awards. And check our website at [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us) for a lengthy list of Honorable Mention establishments!

## Genesee County Lead Program

Lead in the home can cause serious brain damage to children, especially those under the age of 6. The best way to prevent lead poisoning is to remove lead-based paint in the home.

Genesee County has received federal grant money to remove lead products from homes of those meeting some criteria: young children in the home, a pregnant woman in the home, low to moderate income, home built before 1978, or family owns or rents the home.

You may have employees that fall into this category and could prevent health risks to their children just by applying for this free service.

Please call the Genesee County Health Department with questions or to request an application. 810-257-3603

## Does Your Menu Offer Healthy Choices?



If you believe your establishment qualifies for a healthy lifestyle menu award, please log onto [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us), download an application and mail with a copy of your menu to us at

Genesee County Health Dept  
EH/Healthy Menu  
630 S. Saginaw St, Suite 4  
Flint, MI 48502-1540



We will review applications quarterly, mail frame-able certificates and post to our website for the community to see!

## Farewell to our Colleagues!

**Janet Phelps** our long time Environmental Health Coordinator decided to retire last summer. We miss her teaching our food service classes and editing this newsletter, among the many tasks she did so well for our division.

**Kevin Hoxsey** also decided to say so long in February. He is the only inspector many have ever had in Burton. Kevin was a grand educator as well as inspector and will be greatly missed.

## Genesee County Budget Deficit Effecting Environmental Health Programs

If you live or work in Genesee County you have heard or read about the County Commissioners attempting to balance the budget in the wake of declining tax dollars.

In May of 2010 Environmental Health Services lost our Director, a Supervisor and three Sanitarians as part of the budget issue. We coped with the change by training staff from other environmental programs to complete food service inspections. You've probably seen a couple of new faces.

We were also directed to reduce the amount of general county fund dollars needed to operate Health Department programs. In light of this request, we will no longer be able to reduce license fees for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point plans [HACCP]. This will somewhat reduce our need for general county funds.

We are truly sorry we cannot offer the license fee reduction to the excellent operators that took the time to think through their food processes and reduce foodborne risks.

## Be Alert

*From the Food and Agriculture Sector Councils*

December was proclaimed Critical Infrastructure Protection Month by President Obama. Food service and retail food establishments are considered a large portion of our national infrastructure.

So the 'If You See Something, Say Something' campaign was born. Owners and operators of food service facilities should be aware of people attempting to gain information by phone or email about your business, or people attempting to gain access to restricted areas or using surveillance equipment.

Assure your establishment's supplies and ingredients are safe and secure. If unusual people are around or unusual circumstances are occurring, call your local law enforcement agency.

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**'If You See Something,  
Say Something'**

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## Employee Health & Hygiene

As the operator or manager of a food facility, it is your responsibility to make certain food service employees are practicing good personal hygiene to reduce the potential for foodborne illness.

Food could be contaminated from equipment or surfaces, be cooked improperly, not cooled properly, or contaminated from employees not practicing good personal hygiene. Ask yourself:

- Are employees washing their hands when needed? In between touching raw meats and prepared foods?
- Are all hand sinks accessible and fully stocked with soap and paper towels?
- How do employees avoid bare hand contact with foods? Do they know when to change gloves?
- Do employees eat and drink away from food preparation areas?
- Are food employees sneezing, coughing, or have a runny nose while working with exposed food or equipment?

If all employees are not practicing good personal hygiene, it may be time for you to hold staff training.

Log onto our website where foodborne illness risk factor information and educational materials are downloadable:

[www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us) .

# Questions regarding licensing, rules, certified managers, etc.? Call your Area Sanitarian for answers:

Plan Review & New Licenses  
West side of Flint/Genesee County  
Argentine, Gaines & Swartz Creek Inspections  
Jeff Kost 810-257-3847

Plan Review & New Licenses  
East side of Flint/Genesee County  
Burton Inspections  
Anthony Pavone 810-257-3825

Clayton & Flint Township (A-K),  
Kelli Pleasant 810-257-3192

Flint Township (L-Z)  
Mundy Township  
Tina Moore 810-257-3130

Flushing & Vienna Townships  
Bill Hough 810-257-3597

Mt. Morris & Montrose Townships  
Dawn Pickard, R.S. 810-257-3601

Atlas & Davison Townships  
Sheryl Dodds 810-257-3199

Grand Blanc Township  
Cheryl Green 810-257-3848

Fenton Township  
Cathy Roeper 810-257-3587

Forest, Genesee, Richfield, Thetford Townships  
Matt Spodney 810-257-3197

If your operation is in the City of Flint,  
Contact our office for your Area Sanitarian.  
810-257-3603

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## *Manager Certification good for 5 years*

Take a look at your Serv Safe certificate: what is the expiration date? Certification lasts 5 years from the date of your passing the exam. Please sign up for a refresher class or an exam date if your certificate will expire within the next few months. Michigan Food Law requires a certified food service manager be present in licensed facilities serving any foods not considered low risk. Each licensed establishment must have a separate CFM. A list of local resources is below.

### **Certified Food Manager Resources Available Locally**

#### Genesee County

- ServSafe® at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, L & L Enterprizes, T. Moore – Instructor, (810) 240-7588. Various dates.
- Prometric through Dortch Enterprises, call 810-771-4500 Catrina Elder or Matt Barcey. One day class 9 to 5 April 9 or 16; May 14 or 21. Call for future dates.

#### Surrounding Counties

- Lapeer County  
Laber Services, Nancy Laber – Instructor (810) 664-0418  
One day Classes: May 12<sup>th</sup>; July 14<sup>th</sup>; Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>; Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011
- Livingston County Health Department – (517) 546-9858
- Oakland County Health Division – (248) 858-1312
- Saginaw County  
Saginaw County Department of Public Health – (989) 758-3686  
April 13<sup>th</sup>; June 15<sup>th</sup>; August 17; October 19<sup>th</sup>; Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Shiawassee County Health Department – (989) 743-2390