



*A Newsletter for and about the Foodservice Industry in Genesee County by the Division of Environmental Health Services*

## Want more timely information?

*Dorothy Gonzales, RS, Program Manager*

It has been time consuming and hard to sort out all the information about the recent peanut-product recall due to Salmonella contamination. Wouldn't it be less stressful if you could get information sorted out for you that pertains to your facility's menu items, quickly? Or hotlinks to the latest info.?

Well, our goal in Food Protection Program is to do just that. We are asking all owners or managers to provide us with a current email address on your license application. We have sent out a couple of test emails from the addresses we received last year, but many have been returned, incorrect addresses, undeliverable.

Besides getting the word out about contaminants to food as quickly as possible to our operators, the Genesee County Health Department is also striving to be more efficient. With your email address, we hope to email future Back Burner Newsletters, Food Law and Code updates, and news from the Genesee Area Restaurant Association.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Awards Presented on March 31<sup>st</sup>**

The GCHD Excellence in Food Service Sanitation Awards Reception was held at the Genesee County Health Department on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in conjunction with National Public Health Week. See the enclosed list of recipients in this issue of the *Backburner News*. Awards were presented in the following categories:

*Excellence in Sanitation  
Healthy Lifestyle (Nutrition)  
Smoke-free Dining Recognition*

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**Don't Forget...  
YOUR  
Food Service License Renewal  
Application  
is due  
Thursday, April 30, 2009  
by 5:00 p.m.**

- ✓ 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 by 5:00 p.m. to the Genesee County Health Department no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to avoid late fees.

**Save money –  
Renew your license on time!**

# Questions regarding licensing, new requirements, fees, etc.? Call your Area Sanitarian for answers:

Plan Review & New Licenses  
West side of Flint/Genesee County  
**Anthony Pavone** 810-257-3825

Plan Review & New Licenses  
East side of Flint/Genesee County  
**Carrie Dickhans** 810-257-3823

HACCP Trainer and Swartz Creek,  
Clayton, Gaines and Argentine Townships  
**Kelli Pleasant** 810-257-3192

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

Flushing & Vienna Townships  
**Bill Hough** 810-257-3597

Flint Township (A-K), Richfield Township  
**Jeff Kost** 810-257-3847

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

Atlas & Davison Townships  
**Heather Havard** 810-257-3129

Burton  
**Kevin Hoxsey, R.S.** 810-257-3152

Grand Blanc  
**Cheryl Green** 810-257-3848

Fenton Township  
**Cathy Roeper** 810-257-3587

Forest, Genesee, Thetford Townships  
**Jeff Fuller** 810-257-3821

If your operation is in the city of Flint,  
Contact our office for your Area Sanitarian.

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## *The Latest on Manager Certification*

Administrative Rules to govern the Manager Certification requirement of Michigan Food Law in each licensed food service establishment are just now going to the Michigan legislature for review and vote. Our understanding is K through 12 schools will be granted a two year extension beyond other licensed facilities; and operators serving only *low risk foods* [serving only non-potentially hazardous foods and precooked potentially hazardous foods – no preparation from raw state] will most likely be exempt from needing a Certified Manager. When we have more clarification, we will update you.

### Food Safety Training Opportunities Available

ServSafe Food Manager Certification Course – Upcoming 6-Week Courses

April 14- May 19, 2009 (Tuesdays)

June 2 – July 7, 2009 (Tuesdays)

(held at the Gateway Centre, Holiday Inn on from 1:30-4:30 p.m. – Cost \$177)

ServSafe Food Manager Certification Refresher / Recertification: \$120.

Monthly schedule for the Review and Exam.

This two session course is for those who are recertifying or retesting.

ServSafe Book and Exam only (no instruction): \$70

CHINESE ServSafe Certification Course – September 16-17, 2009: \$177

Food Worker's Classes – \$12

Monthly schedule (for non-management food service workers).

For more information, call (810) 257-3603 or visit our website at [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us)