

Days Inn passes LCHD, fire marshal inspections



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Days Inn, 1134 N. Main St., has reopened following its passage of inspections by the Logan County Health District and the State Fire Marshal's Office, Craig Kauffman, LCHD environmental health director, reported at Wednesday's board of health meeting.

The 65-bed facility was shut down in April by a health board order stating that it was a public health nuisance. Issues cited at the motel included problems with plumbing, mold, roof leaks and an insect infestation.

The State Fire Marshal's Office — the agency responsible for licensing motels and hotels in Ohio — also found numerous fire code violations, such as smoke detectors inoperable because of missing batteries.

Owners Raxon General Trading USA have worked to correct violations, and the facility reopened two weeks ago.

"They took out a lot of walls because of the mold problem, and then built them back up," Mr. Kauffman said. "The roof has been patched and is not leaking anymore, which was a cause of a lot of the problems."

"Their washers and dryers are back up running, and they are working to adjust their housekeeping schedule."

The motel is now under a new license that restricts guests to occupying only first floor rooms. Mr. Kauffman said the first and second floors alike passed cleanliness inspections, but the owners, after disposing of some furniture, had only enough furniture for the first floor.

In other matters, Health Commissioner Dr. Boyd Hoddinott indicated that the agency is working to schedule a mass vaccination clinic for the seasonal flu this fall, which would take place at the health district rather than at an area school or other community location as in the past.

The health commissioner also mentioned that the LCHD has not received official word about how potential H1N1 immunizations will be handled in the upcoming months.

"What are we going to do about H1N1? Stay tuned. It's all over the summer camps right now," he said of the virus. "We expect it to appear at the schools early."

However, he reminded the public that H1N1 is not currently causing serious issues for otherwise healthy individuals.

Members issued a citation to Jay Krzeminski of Englewood to appear before the board at the next regular meeting — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 — to indicate why his property at 149 Clermont Ave., Russells Point, should not be demolished. The house has been vacant for more than one year, meets the health board's protocol for condemnation and the village of Russells Point has indicated that it has funds available to abate this nuisance.

Mr. Kauffman's annual evaluation was approved by the board, and he was issued a cost of living increase, with a new rate of pay of \$31.48 per hour.

During the public forum, Jeff Moore, 3641 State Route 235, DeGraff, said he suspects that individuals living at the Riverside Campground have been dumping trash on his neighboring 160-acre property for some time, as he has found tires and personal garbage. He also has found sewage on his property that he believes is coming from the campground. Mr. Kauffman said the health district will investigate this issue.

In other action, the board:



Days Inn is located at 1134 N. Main St.

- ordered Lowell Hines, 301 Main St., Quincy, to remove solid waste, including manufactured home skirting, metal waste and siding, from his property within 14 days;
- ordered Rick Hutchins, 222 E. State St., West Mansfield, to remove a cardboard barrel of trash, paint cans and buckets from his property within seven days;
- ordered Robert Brown, 9011 Princess Road, Lakeview, to cease open burning of solid waste immediately and to remove all solid waste from the cinder block burn ring on his property within three days;
- approved annual evaluations for Leigh Barnes and Darcy Tidd, home health nurses; Kathleen Davis and Tracy Davis, WIC nurses; and Kim Casady, environmental health worker;
- granted variance requests to the following individuals to install wells on their property: Betty Kennedy, 9933 Buckeye Drive, Huntsville; Jon K. Sayers, 7748 Walnut St., Russells Point; Todd Hinze, 9465 County Road 254, Belle Center; and
- granted a variance request to David Saxton to install a well at Middleburg Service Center, 12020 Green St., Middleburg.

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