

# Health Department Board Meetings Quarterly Review

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## Administration News

### *Fight the bite!*

- Use spray that has DEET in it so mosquitoes do not bite you or your family.
- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and socks when you are outside.
- Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water in your yard. Pour it out.

- A second community discussion on Clean Indoor Air was held on May 25. The Smoke Free Ohio Campaign sponsored by the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and American Lung Association was discussed.

- The Board of Health approved Resolution 05-13 Smoke Free Ohio Campaign Endorsement on June 16.

- The Board approved Resolution 05-11 Vital Statistics Fees Increase. It is part of the Ohio Budget and will fund domestic violence shelters in

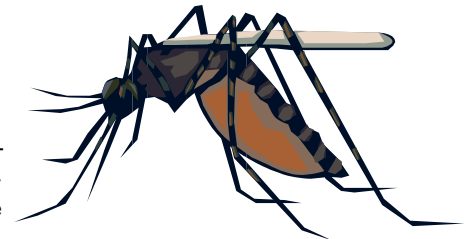
Ohio, which was previously funded by the Criminal Justice Department.

- The Health Department participated in a Bioterrorism Preparedness Exercise on May 16, 2005.

- In recognition of Employee Health & Fitness Day on May 19, a Healthy Ohioans Fitness Walk & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at the Collegial Woods Park walking trail located on the NE side of the Ohio University Zanesville & Zane State College

campuses.

- The Board approved



Protect Yourself and Your Family from West Nile Virus.

the hire of Valerie Wears as CVH Program Coordinator June 2, 2005.

- The Board of Health approved with regret the retirement of Judy King, RN on July 29.
- See you at the Muskingum County Fair.

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## Environmental Health News

- The Board of Health approved the Second Reading of Resolution 05-10 Food Protection Certification Course Fee. Sanitariums will offer this course to food service operators.

- A survey of the Retail Food Establishment Program was conducted by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. A report is pending of our administration of Ohio Food Codes.

- Sanitariums presented Farmers Market educational program to vendors on Food Service regulations.
- Technicians spray to control mosquitoes.

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## Personal Health News

- A conference “Roadblocks to Learning: What Gets in the Way” was held at the Ohio University Zanesville Campus Center in June. Medical Director, Vicki Whitacre, MD, presented information regarding childhood obesity to local educators.
- The Board of Health approved the Franklin Local School Nurse Contract.
- The Board approved with regret the resignation of Donna White, RN on May 31, 2005.
- The Board of Health approved the hire of Michele Pease as BCMH Nurse on

June 2, 2005.

- The search for a new dentist is underway. Dr. Rockey will resign effective August 5, 2005.
- Caring for Kids Dental Screening Day will be held on July 27, 2005. Local dentists have volunteered to provide free dental health screenings to children ages 3 to 18 from families who are uninsured, underinsured, or receiving Medicaid and have no local dentist.
  - Next month it is time to get everything you need to go back to school. It's never too early to get your child vaccinated. Child im-

munization clinics are open at the Health Department throughout the year, but waiting times get longer as back to school gets closer. Shots are only \$5.00 each with a \$25.00 family maximum per visit. Parents must be a resident of Muskingum County and bring their child's immunization record.

- The beginning of each school year is when infestations by head lice become most apparent. Lice infestations are a major cause of absence in schools. Sharing personal articles like clothing, combs, hats, or jackets can spread head lice. Check weekly for lice if there have been lice at school or friends have had lice.



Schedule your child's school shots today