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Class Location Added!

We are happy to announce we will be adding an additional class starting in July. On the first Wednesday of each month we will be teaching a 2 p.m. food safety class at the North Regional Health Center located at 5424 N. Madison in Tulsa (just off of 56th Street North and Peoria). Class size is limited to the first 70 class participants. We will begin selling temporary food handler permits at this location at the beginning of June. If you live or work in this area we look forward to seeing you there. Our first class will be July 7, 2010. Please see the attached class schedule for additional class dates.

Class Location Reminders

No food safety classes are taught at the QuikTrip Center.

To clarify where you can attend a food safety class by the Tulsa Fair Grounds, please note that the location of The Health Department is next to the old Driller's Stadium. The exact address is 4616 E. 15th Street. It is a brown brick, 3 story building located on the SW corner of 15th and Yale. You may enter our parking lot via Gate 7 or Gate 8. Please note that the classes are NOT located at the QuikTrip Center.

Broken Arrow classes are held at the Broken Arrow Library located at 300 W. Broadway. If you have any questions please call 595-4335. Do not call the Broken Arrow Library; they do not have any information regarding classes. We only utilize their meeting rooms.

For complete class locations and times see the attached food handler class schedule. Class size is limited and is based on a first come, first served basis. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled class time to allow adequate time for class processing.



City License Renewals Due!

This year your City License Renewal Application (or business license) for those operating in Tulsa, Bixby, and Broken Arrow was mailed to you via the U.S. Postal Service instead of being hand-delivered by your inspector like in years past.

If you have not received your renewal application, or if your application contains wrong information, call our office at (918) 595-4300 for a corrected application.

After you receive your application, the process of renewing your business license remains the same. You must mail or take the application along with the indicated fee to the location listed on the application. In addition, the Cities of Tulsa and Bixby require a copy of the establishment's sales tax permit to be included with the application to verify that the information listed exactly matches the application.

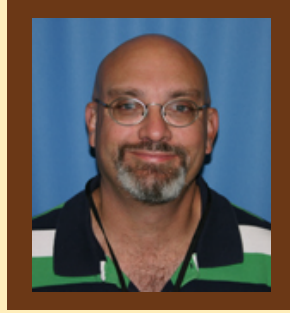
Remember City Licenses expire on June 30th. Please have your business license purchased by July 1st. Penalty for late purchase is 50% of the fee.

Getting to Know Tulsa Inspectors:

Bert Plants

Education:

B.S. Physiology Michigan State University '81, DVM University of Georgia '86, currently workin on MPH



Years of service:

3 here, plus 7 in the Air Force

Favorite team:

West Virginia University Mountaineers

Hobbies or favorite pastime:

Reading, fishing, cooking

Favorite meal:

Grilled pork chops

Favorite style of music:

Blues and rock

What I like most about my job:

Learning how various restaurants prepare dishes, and working with folks.

Disclaimer: The inspector featured here is NOT necessarily your inspector. Your inspector will be featured eventually in one of the upcoming newsletters.

Myth Buster

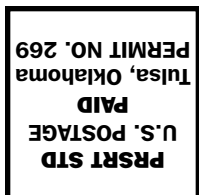
Myth: "I can let food sit out because I am going to cook it again before I serve it."

Fact: Some bacteria produce toxins (waste) which cannot be destroyed by high cooking temperatures. Remember to keep cold foods cold (41° F or below) and hot foods hot (135° F or above).

Most importantly: When in doubt...Throw it out!

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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