

# **Delaware General Health District**



Annual Report  
2014

# From Your Health Commissioner:

It was an amazing and busy year for all of us at the Delaware General Health District! We hope that you and your family also had a wonderful year and benefited from the multitude of services and programs at the Health District.

In March 2014, the Health District received National Public Health Accreditation. What this means for our community is that you can rely on us to provide quality services in a fiscally sound manner all of the time! When we were accredited, there were only four out the 124 health departments in Ohio that had achieved this status. Additionally, we were among the first 31 out of over 3,000 public health entities nationwide. Much of this is thanks to all of our community partners that work so diligently to help us be a better health department for Delaware County.

The community health assessment wrapped up in 2014 with the Partnership for A Healthy Delaware County (The Partnership) identifying these top five issues currently facing Delaware County: Access to healthcare and medications, alcohol and drug abuse, food insecurity,

mental health and obesity/overweight. With the help of The Partnership, five workgroups

began meeting in early 2014 to create the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This five-year plan is complete and now the work begins to help improve these five health issues. Find out how you can partner with us in this endeavor by visiting [DelawareHealth.org](http://DelawareHealth.org) under CHIP Promotional Toolkit.

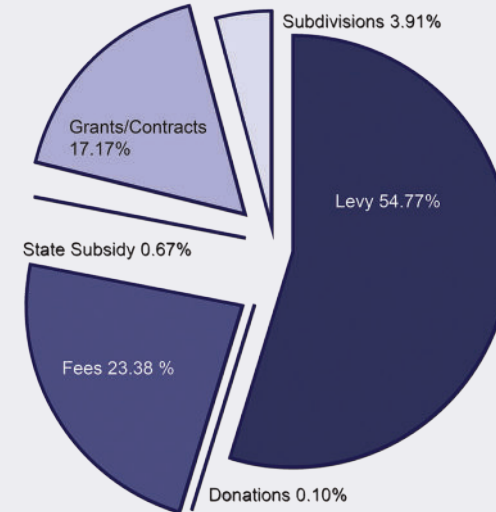
As we continue into 2015, we wish you and your family well and we also wish you peace of mind in knowing that all of your public health needs are being met by an extremely competent workforce at a Nationally Accredited Health District.

Dedicated to your Health,  
Shelia L Hiddleson, RN, MS  
Health Commissioner

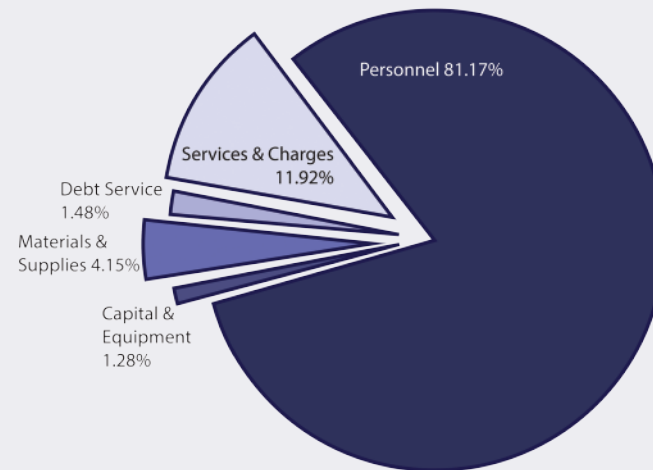


# Fiscal Report

## *Revenue Sources YTD December 2014*



## *Expenses YTD December 2014*





Dr. Walter Threlfall, DVM, MS, PhD, MACT  
Liberty Township  
Term Expires 2017

## From Board of Health President

During my almost 25-year service as President of the Delaware General Health District Board of Health, I have had the opportunity to witness many changes in the priorities of the health issues within Delaware County.

such as water and food safety, along with radon and lead poisoning. As time progressed the initial issues were still present, but more global concerns became part of the Health District's duties.

The introduction of possible terrorism acts to our normal daily world brought concerns such as anthrax and other bioterrorism threats. During this same time period, we also placed an increased emphasis on education regarding diet, exercise, vaccinations, drugs, alcohol and tobacco prevention.

public health concerns that occur within the county and provide services, programs and solutions to combat those issues. And now as an accredited health department, the Health District can officially be recognized for the valuable and important work done over the years.

All members of the Board of Health live in this county and are extremely proud of the foundation our predecessors created. We want to continue to make Delaware County an ideal place to live for future generations and would greatly appreciate your continued support in improving the health of the community.

When I started my tenure, we were initially concerned with more local public health issues

The Health District will continue to educate residents about past, present and future

## Board of Health Members



Patrick E. Blayney, P.E., F.ASCE  
Vice President  
Genoa Township  
Term Expires 2015



Suzette Hall, RN  
Thompson Township  
Term Expires 2016



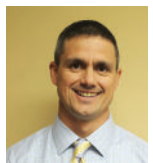
Rebecca Kidd, BS, MBA  
Brown Township  
Term Expires 2019



Jill Love, RN, BSN, MS  
City of Powell  
Term Expires 2016



Dolores Smith, BA  
City of Delaware  
Term Expires 2020



Mark Hickman, MD  
City of Delaware  
Term Expires 2016



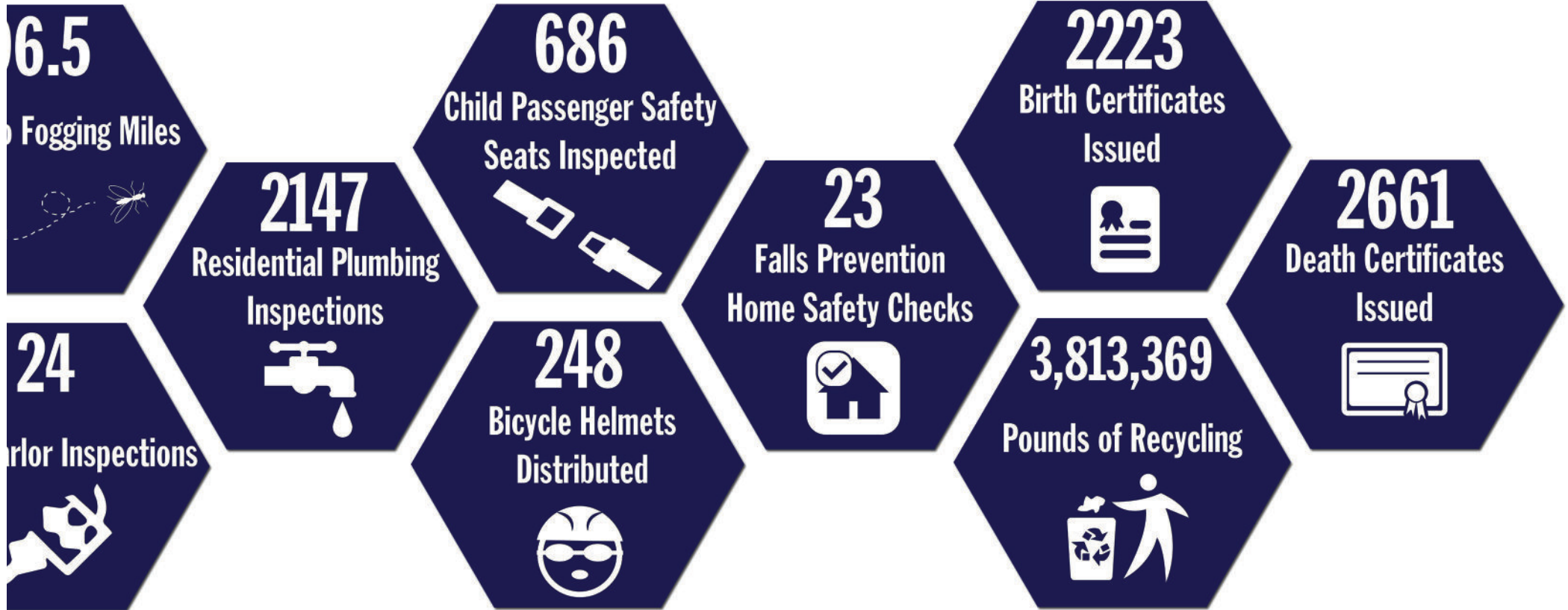
Vasili Konstantinidis  
DLC Representative  
Term Expires 2015

The Delaware General Health District serves all of Delaware County except for the cities of Columbus, Dublin and Westerville. The Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of 1 W. Winter Street in Delaware.

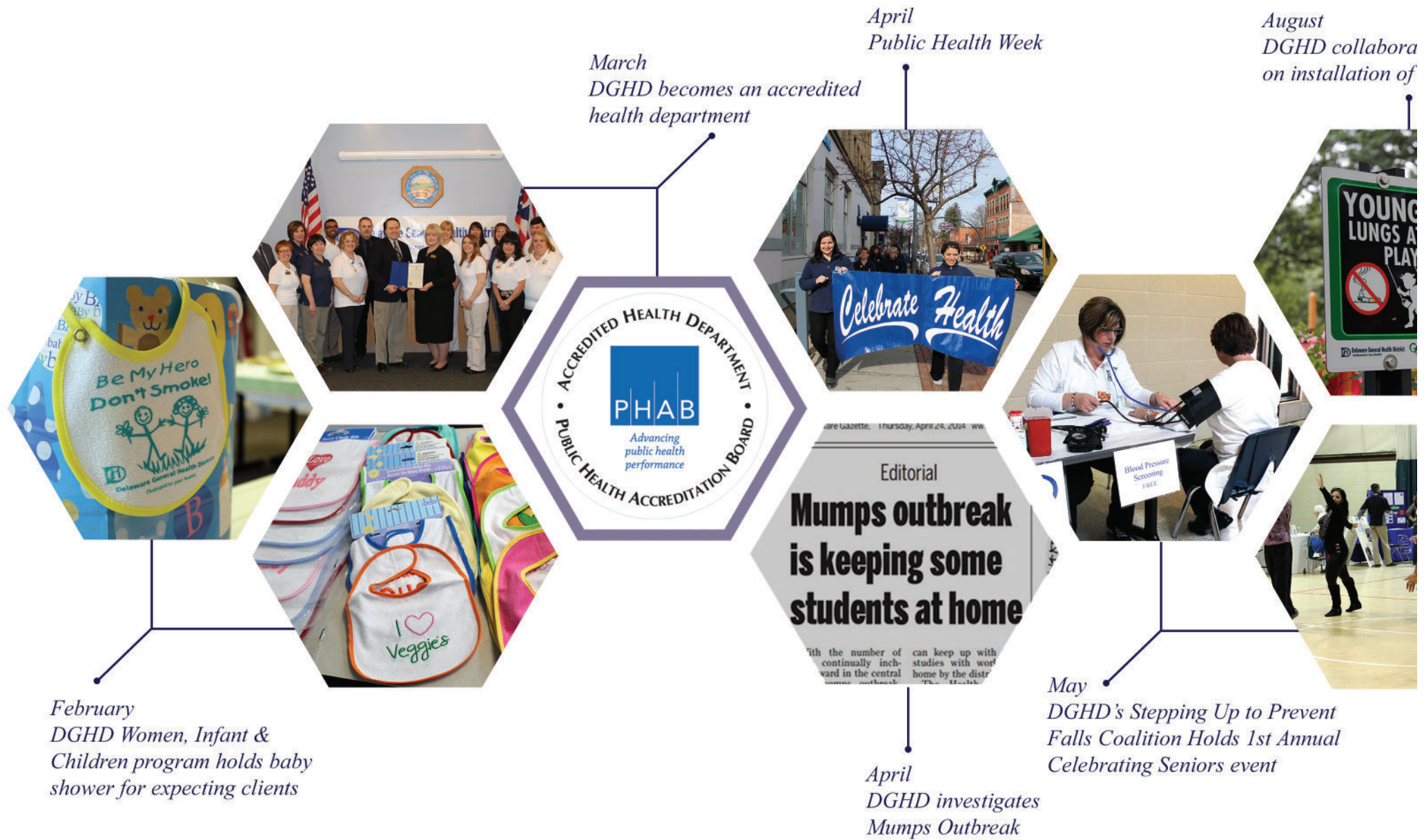
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# ct 2014 By the Numbers



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# 2014 Timeline

Collaborates with City of Delaware  
on installation of tobacco-free park signs



September  
DGHD sponsors Senior Citizen's  
Day at Delaware County Fair



September  
DGHD's Keep Delaware  
County Beautiful Coalition  
presents annual Scioto  
River Sweep



November  
DGHD awarded Creating  
Healthy Communities Grant



August  
DGHD's Safe  
Communities Coalition  
kicks off Drive Sober or  
Get Pulled Over campaign  
at Delaware County Jail



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October  
Newborn Home Visiting  
program begins

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