



*Hamilton Township, Mercer County*

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Division of Health, Recreation  
and Senior & Veteran Services

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Division of Health 2024 Annual Report

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON**  
Department of Health, Recreation, Seniors, and Veterans Services

2100 Greenwood Ave, Hamilton, NJ 08609



**Public Health**  
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## Message from the Director

I am pleased to present our 2024 year-end Annual report. Inside you will gain insight into the work of the Hamilton Township Division of Health, whose mission is to protect the health and well-being of our Hamilton residents. The achievements highlighted in the 2024 Annual Report would not be possible without the expertise and dedication of our Hamilton Division of Health staff.

Our division is comprised of the following sections: Public Health, Environmental Health and Animal Control Services. Each of our sections are dedicated to providing high quality services to our community within the challenges and opportunities encountered in the evolving public health and healthcare environments.

Animal care is another key component of a healthy community and this section maintains the highest standards of humane animal sheltering; promotes the placement of animals into homes; and encourages responsible pet ownership through education, enforcement, and community partnership.

The Division of Health has its eyes on accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board or PHAB. In 2024, the Division submitted its application for accreditation, all while continuing to deliver the world-class public health services our residents have come to expect from us. Approval from PHAB is expected in 2025.

Thank you to Mayor Martin, his Administration, and our Township Council for their ongoing support of our Department. Our team will continue to work hard in protecting the health and safety of all those we are so privileged to serve in our community.

Yours in Health,

**Kathleen Fitzgerald, RN, BSN, CALA, CDP**  
**Director of Health**



## Message from the Health Officer

Outlined within this document is a detailed snapshot of all of the incredible work the staff has completed throughout the past year. Your health team remains dedicated, compassionate, and effective regardless of whatever the public health topic du jour is. It is the Division's responsibility to prevent diseases, promote healthful behaviors, and protect the community.

Last year I set two goals for 2024:

1. By the end of 2024, submit all documents required for accreditation through PHAB to become an accredited health department.
  - a. I am happy to report, that in October 2024 the Division submitted its application for accreditation by PHAB. Next steps include site visits, and documentation review and clarification, which will occur in 2025. We expect to receive the results of the application later in 2025.
2. Achieve recognition once again as a "Healthy Town" from the NJ Healthcare Quality Institute (NJHQI).
  - a. The Township has received the designation of "Healthy Town" in 2022, 2023, and we're awaiting the announcement for 2024. Join Hamilton's Mayor's Wellness Campaign at our free events that occur throughout the year!

Looking ahead to 2025, the Division will continue to do what it does best - respond to the health needs of Hamilton. This includes providing health educational programs within the community as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, preparing for emergencies, and ensuring all residents have a healthy place to live, work, and play.

This year's goals are by the end of 2025:

1. Finally be an official PHAB accredited Health Department!
2. Achieve recognition once again as a "Healthy Town" from NJHQI.
3. Review and update the Animal Shelter's policies and procedures.
4. Encourage employees to implement at least one innovative pilot project.

Thank you again for taking the time to review the division's annual report.

In good health,

**Christopher Hellwig, MPH MCHES**  
Health Officer



## Contact Information

| Division of Health   |  |
|--|--|
| <u>Administration</u>  | 609-689-5562   |
| Director   | (Director) 609-890-3686  |
| Health Officer   |  |
| Accounts Receivable/Payable                                    |  |
| <u>Public Health Nursing</u>                                   | 609-890-3884   |
| Health Education   | <a href="mailto:hamnurse@hamiltonnj.com">hamnurse@hamiltonnj.com</a>             |
| Childhood Vaccinations   | <a href="mailto:covidvaccine@hamiltonnj.com">covidvaccine@hamiltonnj.com</a>     |
| Flu / Pneumonia Vaccinations                                   |  |
| STD Clinic   |  |
| Infectious Disease Investigations                              |  |
| <u>Environmental Health</u>                                    | 609-890-3828   |
| Inspections and Licensing                                      | <a href="mailto:environmental@hamiltonnj.com">environmental@hamiltonnj.com</a>   |
| Public Health Nuisances  |  |
| <u>Vital Statistics</u>  | 609-890-3826   |
| Marriage Licenses  | <a href="mailto:vitalstats@hamiltonnj.com">vitalstats@hamiltonnj.com</a>         |
| Certified Copies of Marriage, Birth,<br>and Death Certificates |  |
| <u>Animal Shelter</u>  | 609-890-3555   |
| Animal Control   | (ACOs) 609-890-3550  |
| Adoption Inquiries   | <a href="mailto:animal-shelter@hamiltonnj.com">animal-shelter@hamiltonnj.com</a> |
| Dog Licensing  |  |
| <u>After Hours and Holidays (HTPD)</u>                         | 609-581-4000   |
| <u>Complaints or Service Requests (HamStat)</u>                | 609-586-0311   |



Division staff participating in wear red day.

### Visit Hamilton Division of Health Online

[www.hamiltonnj.com/health](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/health)

[www.hamiltonnj.com/animalshelter](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/animalshelter)

Like us on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonTwpNJ](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTwpNJ)

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonAnimalShelter)

Follow us on Twitter at:

@HamiltonTwpNJ

Like us on Instagram at:

@HamiltonTwpNJ

@HamiltonTownshipAnimalShelter

## Mission, Vision, Values

The Township of Hamilton Division of Health serves as the local health authority for the township. Under the guidance of Mayor Martin, Director Fitzgerald, and the Hamilton Board of Health, the Division of Health is responsible for the program areas of public health nursing, environmental health, vital statistics, health licensing, administration, animal control, sheltering, and adoptions.

### MISSION

*The mission of the Division of Health is to serve as a trusted resource for Hamilton Township to improve the health and well-being of our residents through health education and promotion, enforcement of public health safety, and adopting to ever-changing community health needs.*

### VISION

*The vision of the Division of Health is to create a culture of health by increasing accessibility and promoting health equity through honest and credible services and community engagement.*

### VALUES

*The values of the Division of Health are Professionalism; Reliability; Accessibility; Integrity; Community-Minded*

## Township of Hamilton Board of Health

New Jersey Statute requires that each municipality have a Board of Health. Boards of Health, depending on the municipality's form of government, can be advisory, autonomous, or the town council. In Hamilton Township, the Township Council serves as the local Board of Health, under the Faulkner Act. The Council must go out of session as the municipal government and convene as the Board of Health.

The Board of Health's role is to ensure a reliable and efficient public health system exists in Hamilton. Additionally, the Board of Health is responsible for the oversight of the activities of the Division of Health as they pertain to NJAC 8:52, the public health practice standards of performance for local boards of health in New Jersey.

The Health Officer provides updates to the Board of Health throughout the year on the state of the Township's health. Future meeting dates, along with agendas and minutes are posted on the Township's website: [www.hamiltonnj.com/council](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/council).

| 2025 Board of Health Members    |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Richard Tighe, <i>President</i> | Pasquale "Pat" Papero, <i>Vice President</i> |
| Anthony Carabelli               | Nancy Phillips                               |
| Charles F. Whalen               |  |

## Organization Chart

| Division of Health   |  |
|--|--|
| <u>Director</u>  | Kathleen Fitzgerald  |
| <u>Health Officer</u>  | Chris Hellwig  |
| <u>Administration and Vital Statistics</u><br>Jessica Purdy - Supervisor<br>Chief of Administrative Services | Sarah Papadem - Principal Clerk / Registrar<br>VACANT - Clerk Typist / Deputy Registrar<br>VACANT - Senior Clerk Typist  |
| <u>Environmental Health</u><br>Lisa Surtees - Supervisor<br>Chief REHS                                       | Kelly Thomas - Senior REHS<br>Eric Cuperwich - REHS<br>Randy Donovan - REHS<br>Brielle Spadola - Health Aide*  |
| <u>Public Health Nursing</u><br>Giovanna Guarraggi - Supervisor<br>Admin Director of Nursing                 | Jill Belviso - Asst PHN Supervisor<br>Anita Masiello - Senior PHN<br>Kelly Colton - Senior PHN<br>Patricia Buczynski - PHN<br>Christine Santoro - Head Clinic Nurse*<br>Veronica Eisenmann - Health Educator*<br>Mamai-ee Freeman - Health Aide*<br>Jill Rudd - Senior Clerk Typist  |
| <u>Animal Shelter</u><br>Donielle Gioia - Supervisor<br>Management Specialist                                | Marion Munford - ACO<br>Anthony Agabiti - Asst ACO<br>Jay Schutz - Asst ACO<br>Shaquille Pennerman - Asst ACO<br>Susann Dipersio - Senior Animal Attendant<br>Noelle Goodwin - Animal Attendant<br>Michaela Meleg - Animal Attendant<br>Jeremy Button - Animal Attendant<br>Jocelynn VanHandel - Animal Attendant<br>Brielle Bianchini - Animal Attendant (PT)<br>Erin Tessein - Clerk Typist<br>Donna Peroni - Senior Clerk Typist<br>VACANT - Volunteer Coordinator (PT) |
| <u>Hamilton Alliance Against Substance Abuse (HAASA)</u>   | VACANT - Alliance Coordinator*   |

\*Grant funded positions

| Division of Health Staffing      |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Number of Employees/Positions    | 34 |
| Number of Per Diem Employees     | 3  |
| Number of Volunteers             | 53 |
| Number of Contract Organizations | 6  |

## Demographic and Health Profile of Hamilton

Health starts in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. Most residents have heard the recommendations of a healthier lifestyle: seeking preventative care, not smoking, eating more fruits and vegetables, and getting regular exercise. But, did you know that where you live has an important role in you and your loved ones' health? According to HealthyPeople 2030, which is a set of national health objectives, our health is also determined in part by access to social and economic opportunities; the resources and supports available in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities; the quality of our schooling; the safety of our workplaces; the cleanliness of our water, food, and air; and the nature of our social interactions and relationships. In the tables below, are selected characteristics intended to provide a quick glance at the indicators that play a role in determining the health of Hamilton residents.

**Table 1.** US Census Bureau (2020) Demographic Characteristics for Hamilton Township, NJ

| Demographic Characteristic                        | Measure  |
|---|----------|
| Total Population                                  | 92,297   |
| Veteran Population                                | 4.8%     |
| Disabled Population                               | 10%      |
| <b>Age</b>  |          |
| Persons under 18 years                            | 18.9%    |
| Persons over 65 years                             | 18.0%    |
| <b>Race and Ethnicity</b>                         |          |
| White alone                                       | 75.2%    |
| Hispanic or Latinx                                | 15.8%    |
| Black or African American alone                   | 14.9%    |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latinx               | 63.7%    |
| Asian, alone                                      | 4.4%     |
| Two or more races                                 | 2.1%     |
| <b>Education</b>                                  |          |
| High school graduate or higher, persons 25+ years | 91.0%    |
| Bachelor's degree or higher, persons 25+ years    | 30.6%    |
| <b>Income</b>                                     |          |
| Median household income                           | \$78,177 |
| Persons in poverty                                | 7.9%     |

**Table 2.** BRFSS 2017 Age-Adjusted Comparison of Health Indicators for Hamilton Township (n=81) and Mercer County (n=540), NJ

| Health Indicator                           | Hamilton Twp. | Mercer County |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Fair or Poor Health Status Reported        | 24.3%         | 16.9%         |
| Adults with at least one chronic condition | 12.3%         | 14.0%         |
| Diabetes                                   | 5.3%          | 9.3%          |
| Pre-Diabetes                               | 7.0%          | 11.6%         |
| Angina or Coronary Heart Disease           | 5.6%          | 3.5%          |
| Cancer, other than skin cancer             | 7.4%          | 5.5%          |
| Frequent mental distress                   | 3.8%          | 16.8%         |
| Obese, individuals 20+                     | 27.8%         | 28.0%         |

**Table 3.** Comparison of Mortality Data (deaths due to any cause) between Hamilton Township and Mercer County, NJ, 2019

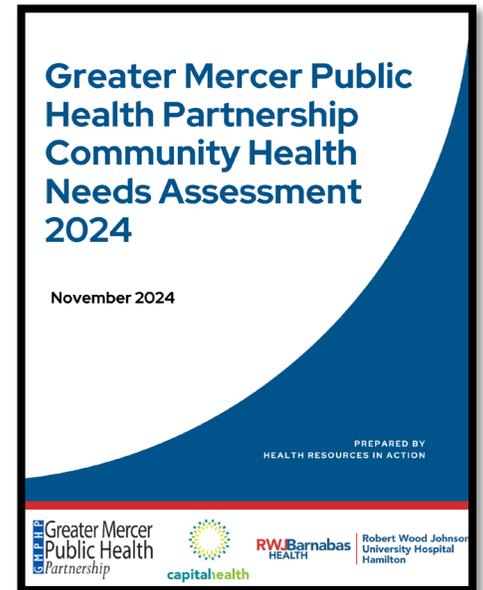
| Mortality Statistic                              | Hamilton Twp. | Mercer County |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Avg. age at death, 2000-2019, years              | 76.9          | 74.5          |
| Age-Adjusted Rate, Deaths per 100,000 population | 718.6         | 646.3         |

## Community Health Assessments

The Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP) is a collaboration of local hospitals, health departments, human and social services agencies, and other not-for-profit organizations, which jointly work to measurably improve the health of residents of the Greater Mercer County community.

In 2024, GMPHP participated in the development of the new Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with the consultant group Health Resources in Action (HRiA). The process included a combination of data collection and analysis of primary and secondary source data, including a comprehensive community health survey for the community. This process resulted in the Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Executive Board identifying Mercer County's priority health areas to be addressed in a plan for collaboratively improving the community's health. The priority areas identified include:

- Mental and Behavioral Health
  - Goal: Mercer County nourishes the mental health and wellness of all, promoting a healthier community.
- Access to Wellness
  - Goal: All in Mercer County have equitable access to physical, social, and economic resources to achieve their own optimal health and wellness.
- Housing and Built Environment
  - Goal: Everyone in Mercer County has a place to feel safe and call home in a thriving community.
- Maternal and Infant Health
  - Goal: Women and infants in Mercer County have equitable access to quality care and resources across the continuum to improve health outcomes.



More information on the CHNA and CHIP can be accessed online: [www.hamiltonnj.com/health](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/health)

The Community Health Survey conducted in 2024 to inform the new Community Health Needs Assessment and Improvement Plan (CHNA/CHIP) included open-ended response for residents to share thoughts and concerns. The Division reviewed this qualitative data specifically for Hamilton Township residents to further understand health concerns within the community.

The question asked was "Use the space below to expand on a topic previously mentioned or an important health-related topic that was not mentioned in this survey that you believe is important for when planning health and community services." The Division analyzed the comments collected to this question for responses connected to Hamilton Township zip codes (08619, 08690, 08610, 08620, 08629, 08691, 08501, 08609, and 08650). There were 1,210 respondents to the survey within these zip codes, 194 of them had a response to the open-ended question (16% of the responses).

The 194 comments were analyzed using content analysis in Microsoft Excel. Three separate staff members at the Division read the comments independently to identify common patterns among words and phrases. Each comment was categorized into the theme(s) it represents, and then totals are calculated to see which themes appear most often across all comments. Results were compared between the three different analyses to identify the most common patterns and themes.



The most common themes that emerged from the data included healthcare access, mental health, healthcare quality and health insurance concerns. The word cloud shows all of the themes that emerged from the data.

Review of the qualitative data from the Community Health Survey provides greater insight into the health concerns among Hamilton residents. The recurring themes highlight gaps in access, affordability, and quality of care across healthcare, housing, and community services. Many of the comments centered on concerns with accessing healthcare, issues with insurance and coverage and the quality of care received from healthcare providers. It was also evident that mental health is a significant concern among residents highlighting the cost of care, provider availability, accessible resources, education on mental health and call for local programs for mental health conditions.

The health of specific populations are of concern including older adults, people with disabilities, children and pregnant/postpartum women. A common theme intertwined with comments included cost of living and financial struggles when it came to housing, food and healthcare. Transportation issues centered around two common concerns, first, lack of public transportation and difficulty getting to and from appointments. The second centered around pedestrian safety and traffic volume on the roads making residents feel unsafe driving, walking or biking.

This data highlights the wide variety of social conditions that affect health and wellness within the community, also known as social determinants of health (SDOH) - the conditions in the environment where people live, learn, work and play that affect health and quality of life.

The qualitative and quantitative data from the Community Health Survey is a valuable resource for the Division in the development and revision of programs to help meet resident health needs. The priority areas identified in the CHIP (Mental & Behavioral Health, Access to Wellness, Housing and Built Environment and Maternal and Infant Health) directly relate to the themes from the open-ended responses from residents.

Upstream policy and systemic changes are needed to result in substantial improvements to healthcare access, quality, health insurance and cost of living concerns. At the local level modifications to programs, resource sharing and partnerships have the opportunity to help inform and connect residents to existing resources and services. The Division will utilize the comments from this survey and other data sources to help provide programs, connections and support to residents to help them reach their health and wellness needs in 2025 and beyond.

## What does Public Health do?

The Hamilton Township Division of Health (HDOH) works tirelessly to protect and improve the health and well-being of our community, as well as the environmental resources upon which we all depend. Since 1900, the average lifespan of U.S. residents has increased by more than 30 years, with 25 years of this gain attributable to advances in public health, such as:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Vaccination  | Safer and healthier foods                     |
| Motor-vehicle safety                                     | Healthier mothers and babies                  |
| Safer workplaces   | Family planning                               |
| Control of infectious diseases                           | Fluoridation of drinking water                |
| Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke | Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard |

Today, HDOH, along with our sister agencies across New Jersey and the country continue to promote health and wellness. The Division of Health...

- **Protects you from health threats.** HDOH works to prevent disease outbreaks and makes sure the water you drink, the food you eat, and the air you breathe are all safe. The Division is also ready to respond to any health emergency – be it bioterrorism, Ebola, food-borne diseases, rabies, Legionnaires’ disease, COVID-19, or Monkeypox (MPX).
- **Educates you and your neighbors about health issues.** HDOH provides you with information that helps you to make more healthful decisions, like exercising more, eating right, quitting smoking, and washing your hands to protect yourself from communicable diseases. During a public health emergency, we also provide important alerts and warnings to protect your health.
- **Provides healthy solutions.** HDOH offers the preventive care you need to avoid disease and maintain your health. The Division took the lead in Mercer County and launched COVID-19 vaccination for eligible residents in December 2020. The Division continues to provide annual flu vaccines to all township residents and the pneumonia vaccine to residents aged 65-older. Eligible children receive the immunizations required to attend school and prevent diseases. Additionally, the Division provides confidential STD testing, screening, and treatment to residents.
- **Advances community health.** HDOH takes part in developing new policies and standards that address existing and emerging challenges to our township’s health while enforcing a range of laws to help keep our residents safe. The Division stays up-to-date with research and staff training to maintain expertise and deliver up-to-date, cutting-edge health programs.



## Administration

The Office of the Health Officer within the Division of Health plans and executes the decisions needed to ensure continued compliance with all applicable rules, laws, and guidelines set by township, state, and federal agencies. Additionally, the Health Officer is in charge of:

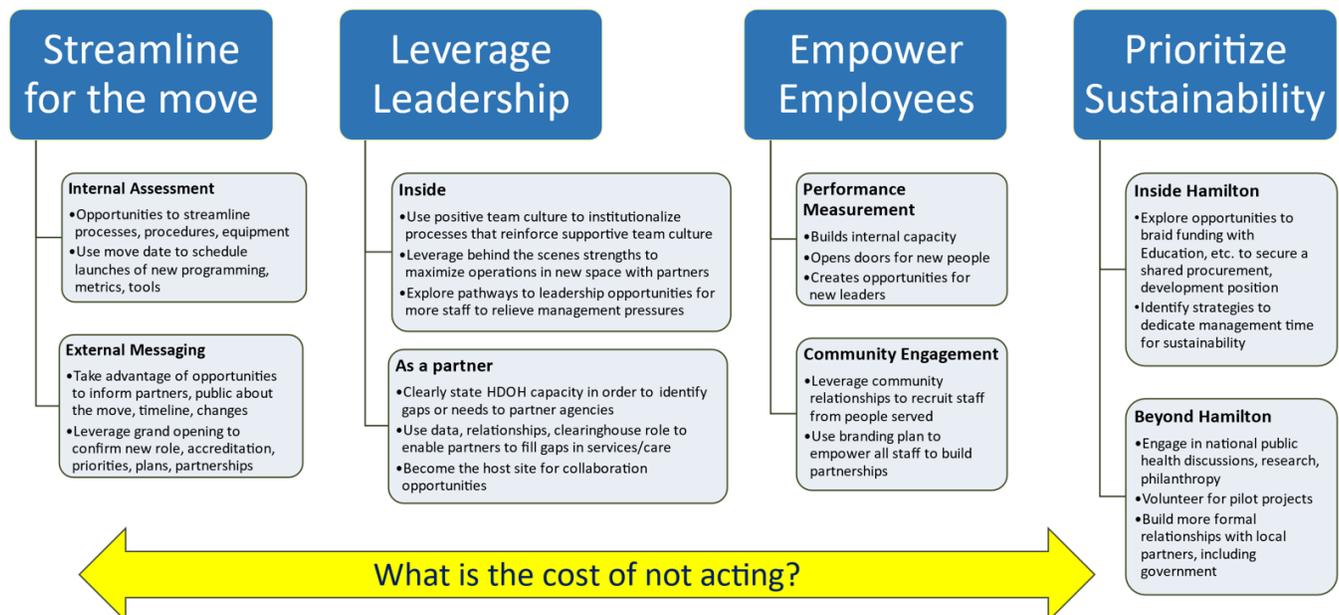
|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Financial Management | Strategic Planning         |
| Public Information   | Workforce Development      |
| Record Keeping       | Inter-Governmental Affairs |
| Personnel Management | Public Health Enforcement  |

|   | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Total number of OPRA requests filled                        | 304     | 351     | 377     |
| Animal Shelter related requests                             | 135     | 164     | 144     |
| Environmental/Public Health requests                        | 170     | 187     | 198     |
| Approximate number of staffing hours spent filling requests | 72      | 80      | 80      |
| Approximate cost of staff time spent filling requests       | \$1,769 | \$2,585 | \$2,672 |

The Division of Health, with the assistance of a consultant, conducted strategic planning sessions in order to prioritize and guide the Division’s actions over the next three (3) years. The below infographic illustrates our four priority areas: 1) streamlining for the move to the new municipal building, 2) leverage our leadership skills, 3) workforce development, and 4) become more sustainable. Within each priority area, are objectives for the Division to work on.

## Strategic Priorities for Action: Foundational Public Health Services

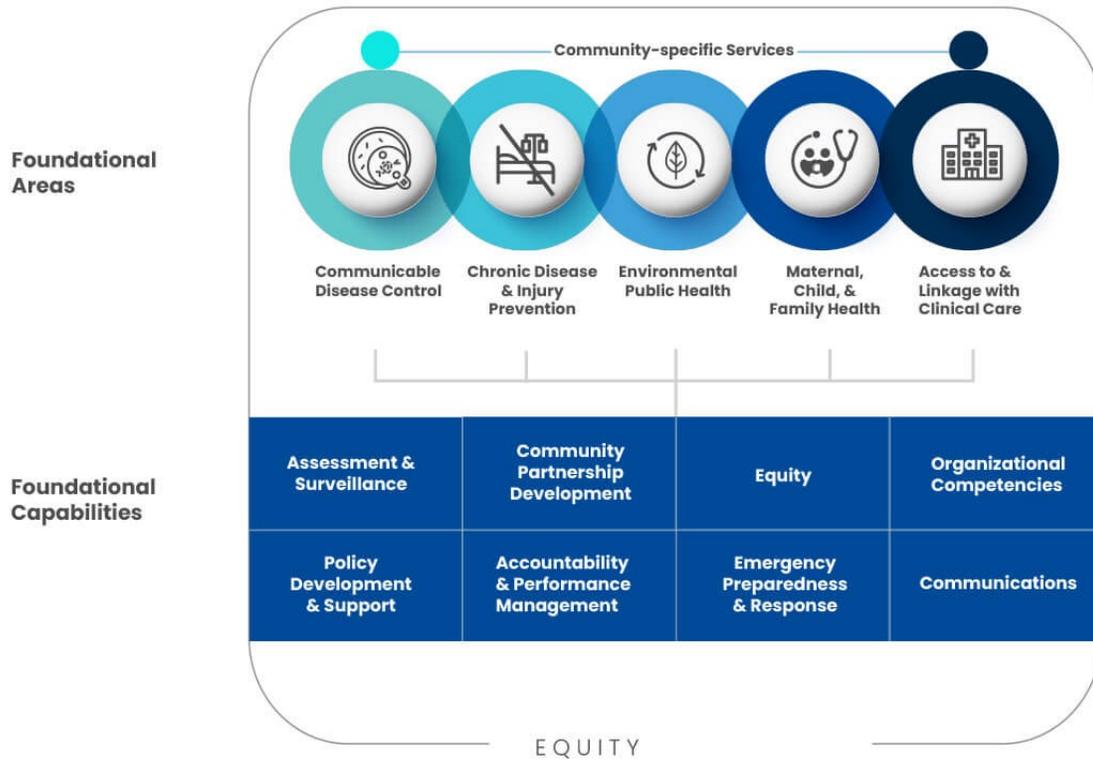
*Assessment & Surveillance - Community Partnership Development - Equity - Organizational Competencies -Policy Development & Support, - Accountability & Performance Management - Communications*



## Accreditation

During 2024, the Division completed its accreditation application through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Accreditation measures the Division’s performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused, and evidence based standards. Accreditation has many benefits including improvements in the areas of quality, workforce development, emergency preparedness, community partnerships, health equity and overall accountability and use of resources.

### Foundational Public Health Services



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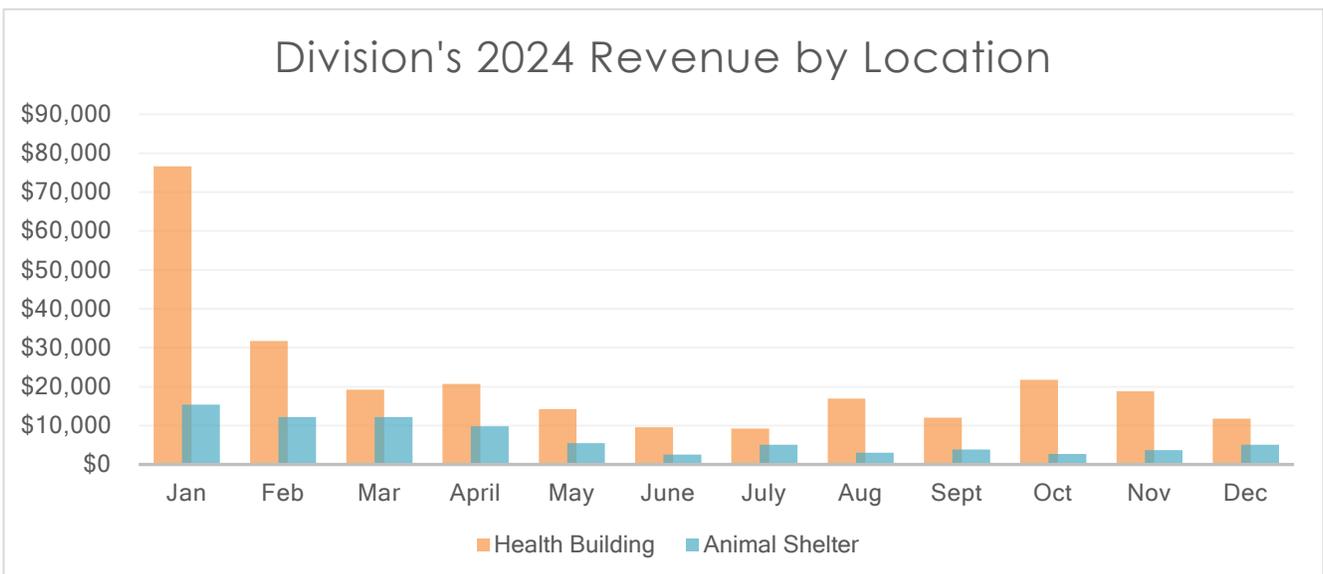
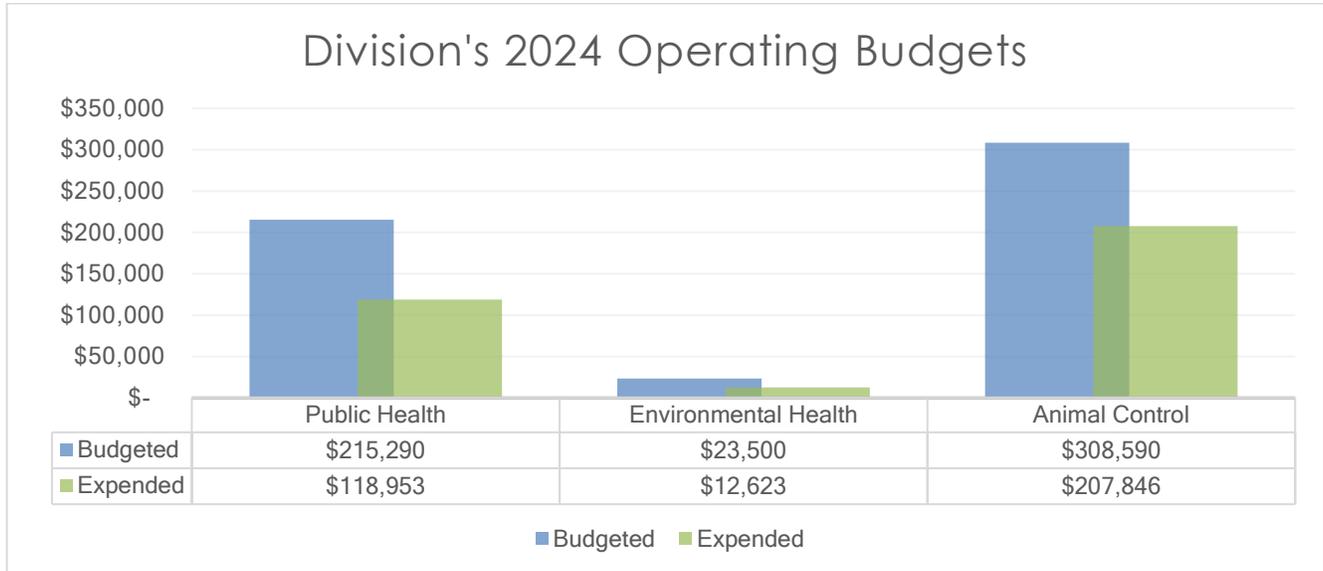
In October 2024, the Division submitted the completed application for initial accreditation to PHAB. Documentation submitted included over 200 examples from different facets of the Division that highlight the standards and measures within the ten different domains. The Division ended 2024 awaiting feedback on the documentation submitted. The next steps in the process include document revision and a site visit from PHAB, which are both expected to happen in 2025.

HDOH  
Values in Action!  
**Integrity**

## Financial Management

One of the main responsibilities of the Office of the Health Officer is to monitor the financial health of the Division. This includes ensuring that bills are paid in a timely manner; staff have the resources needed to complete their jobs; applying for grants to offset costs to the Township; and being responsible stewards of taxpayers' dollars.

The chart below displays the Division's appropriated budgets verse what was actually spent. Grants continue to help offset expenses usually charged to Environmental and Public Health. Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, the grant outlook looks limited.



This chart displays the gross revenue of the Division. Revenue is made through the collection of fees for licenses, plan reviews, vital records, adoptions, and insurance reimbursements. The beginning of the year sees the greatest revenue due to license renewals, while a spike occurs in the fall due to insurance reimbursements for vaccinations.

Grants allow the Division to expand or launch new programs to improve the wellbeing of Hamilton Township without placing the burden solely on Township tax dollars. Each grant mandates that the Division meet certain deliverables and report on the progress quarterly. Additionally, most state grants are awarded according to state fiscal year (SFY) which runs from July 1 - June 30, each year.



Left: Mayor's Wellness Campaign walk event.

### Grants awarded in 2024

| <u>Township Program</u> - Funder - <i>Grant Name</i>   | Amount             |
|--|--------------------|
| <u>Municipal Alliance</u> - Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse -<br><i>Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction fund</i>                                       | \$40,811           |
| <u>Public Health</u> - New Jersey Assoc. of County & City Health Officials -<br><i>Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure grant</i>                         | \$168,049          |
| <u>Public Health</u> - New Jersey Department of Health -<br><i>Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program grant</i>  | \$74,664           |
| <u>Public Health</u> - New Jersey Assoc. of County & City Health Officials -<br><i>Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure grant (continuation from FY23)</i> | \$1,221,443        |
| <u>Environmental Health</u> - New Jersey Department of Health -<br><i>Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention grant</i>   | \$189,800          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1,694,767</b> |

Public health tends to see large influxes of grant funds following health emergencies (H1N1, Ebola, COVID-19, etc...), which taper off and eventually end. The grants the Division received in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have been extremely important in allowing the Division to scale up and meet the needs of the Township's residents.

## Public Health Services

The Division of Health employs Public Health Nurses and Health Educators to provide health promotion services to our residents in Hamilton Township as well as the residents of the municipalities the division maintains shared services agreements. The nurses and staff in the Public Health Nursing Section work closely with all the sections of the division in order to support the following services:

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Flu and Pneumonia Vaccinations  | Health Education                    |
| Childhood Immunizations         | STD Screening and Treatment         |
| Childhood Blood Lead Screenings | Communicable Disease Investigations |
| School Immunization Audits      | Public Health Clinics               |

## Childhood health

|   | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Individual Children Seen in Clinics           | 522   | 609   | 623   |
| Childhood Immunizations Administered          | 1,721 | 1,661 | 1,790 |
| Blood Lead Level (BLL) Screenings             | 21    | 27    | 20    |
| Reported Children with Elevated BLLs          | 12    | 13    | 8     |
| Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Enrollment | 160   | 253   | 214   |
| Children Tested for Anemia (Iron Deficiency)  | 21    | 28    | 20    |
| School Immunization Records Audited           | 5,736 | 5,844 | 5,787 |



Local resident, Julianna Guarraggi, presented with a scholarship award at a Board of Health meeting.

## FREE VISION SCREENING



**Date/Time:**  
August 19, 2024 from 1pm-4pm

**Location:**  
Hamilton Township Division of Health:  
2100 Greenwood Ave, Hamilton, NJ, 08609

### DETAILS



#### SCREENING PROVIDED

Participants will receive a visual acuity screening for distance and an eye pressure check for glaucoma suspect. After the screening you will review your results and get appropriate follow-up instructions.



#### WHO CAN GET SCREENED?

Adults and children (ages 3+) are welcome at the screening. The screening is free for both insured and uninsured residents! **If you haven't had your eyes checked in a while, make an appointment today!**

Vision screenings are performed by trained screeners from the NJ Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired - [Project BEST!](#)



July 2024

**APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**  
Contact us to schedule!

609-890-3825  
[HamHealth@HamiltonNJ.com](mailto:HamHealth@HamiltonNJ.com)

### Annual School Immunization Audit Analysis

Each year the Division's Public Health Nurses conduct routine immunization audits of student records in schools across the Township. These audits take place to ensure children attending the Township's public and private schools have all the required immunizations mandated by the State. Schools must have proof of the students' immunization history or proof of exemption. Ensuring adherence to immunization requirements limits the spread of vaccine preventable diseases.

| 2024 Immunization Audit Statistics                    |                           |   |  |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|
| School Category                                       | Number of Records Audited | Percentage of schools that received 100% compliance on their original audit | Percentage of Schools that required a re-audit |
| Daycares and Pre-Schools                              | 1,993                     | 47%   | 53%  |
| Private and Religious Schools - Pre-K                 | 183                       | 80%   | 20%  |
| Private and Religious Schools - Kindergarten          | 181                       | 83%   | 17%  |
| Private and Religious Schools - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 157                       | 57%   | 43%  |
| Private and Religious Schools - Transfers             | 110                       | 83%   | 17%  |
| Public Schools - Pre-K                                | 302                       | 83%   | 17%  |
| Public Schools - Kindergarten                         | 835                       | 83%   | 17%  |
| Public Schools - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade                | 936                       | 80%   | 20%  |
| Public Elementary School - Transfer Students          | 455                       | 72%   | 28%  |
| Public Middle School - Transfer Students              | 196                       | 50%   | 50%  |
| Public High School - Transfer Students                | 439                       | 67%   | 33%  |
| <b>Totals all schools</b>                             | <b>5,787</b>              | <b>71%</b>  | <b>29%</b>                                     |

## Communicable Diseases

The Public Health Nursing Section is responsible for the investigation of all NJDOH reportable communicable diseases that occur within Hamilton Township residents. The nurses provide case management with medical providers and residents to ensure that all of the required information is collected to prevent the further spread of disease, proper treatment is given, and the diagnosis is correct. The nurses also work closely with congregate settings, schools, and high-density housing located within the township on any outbreaks, which may occur.

| DISEASE NAME (2024 Confirmed Cases*)                        | COUNT        |
|---|--------------|
| NOVEL CORONAVIRUS - 2019 NCOV                               | 996          |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES                                   | 664          |
| OTHER - Diseases with case counts of 4 or less              | 27           |
| HEPATITIS C - CHRONIC                                       | 22           |
| SALMONELLOSIS - NON TYPHOID                                 | 14           |
| CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS  | 11           |
| PERTUSSIS   | 10           |
| HEPATITIS B - CHRONIC                                       | 9            |
| STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE                                    | 9            |
| SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING E.COLI (STEC)                         | 6            |
| STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES (GAS) - WITHOUT TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME | 6            |
| AMOEBIASIS  | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,779</b> |

\*Preliminary data - Municipality-level data with values less than five could lead to the identification of individuals and therefore are not released publicly without accompanying interpretation.

### Seasonal Respiratory Vaccinations

Each year, the Public Health Nurses offer Hamilton residents their annual seasonal flu vaccine at no out-of-pocket costs. The flu clinics are held each fall throughout the township. Additionally, the nurses will make home visits to residents who may be homebound. Residents who are eligible for the pneumonia vaccine are also able to receive it at no out-of-pocket cost from the Division of Health.



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|  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of flu clinics held                       | 18    | 21    | 26    |
| Total number of flu vaccines administered        | 1,951 | 1,691 | 1,616 |
| Number of High-Dose flu vaccine administered     | 349   | 497   | 492   |
| Total number of pneumonia vaccines administered  | 25    | 54    | 35    |
| Total number of home visits made for vaccination | 49    | 61    | 52    |

Clinics are held throughout the community including at the Nottingham Firehouse, Hamilton Senior Center, Hamilton Public Library, Wilson Center, Bromley Center, Project Freedom, 55+ Living Communities, the YMCA, and at Oktoberfest. In addition, the Division of Health staff performed home visits for homebound residents within the community.

### *Tuberculosis (TB) Screening and Treatment Program*

Hamilton residents diagnosed with Tuberculosis (TB) are required to complete antibiotic treatment under the observation of a Public Health Nurse in order to prevent the spread of TB in the community. Treatment schedules can range from a few months to over a year depending on the strain of TB, and the resident's compliance. The Public Health Nurse visits the residents home daily to ensure the medication is taken, this is called Directly Observed Therapy (DOT.) The Division also conducts PPDs, which is a skin test for TB. \*In 2021, Trenton Health Team managed DOTs. \*\*The Division has started offering virtual DOTs.

|  | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Number of residents placed under DOT           | 3    | 1    | 1    |
| Number of home visits conducted                | 183  | 66   | 5**  |
| Number of PPDs conducted                       | 167  | 124  | 157  |
| Number of positive PPDs referred for follow up | 8    | 5    | 5    |

### *Internships and Clinical Education*

The Division of Health strongly supports the training of future public health and nursing professionals. The division provides real world community experience for students interested in public health and nursing. Students assist within the clinics, inspections, and outreach under the guidance of a mentor.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of College/University affiliation agreements | 3    | 3    | 2    |
| Total number of interns/student nurses              | 9    | 15   | 23   |

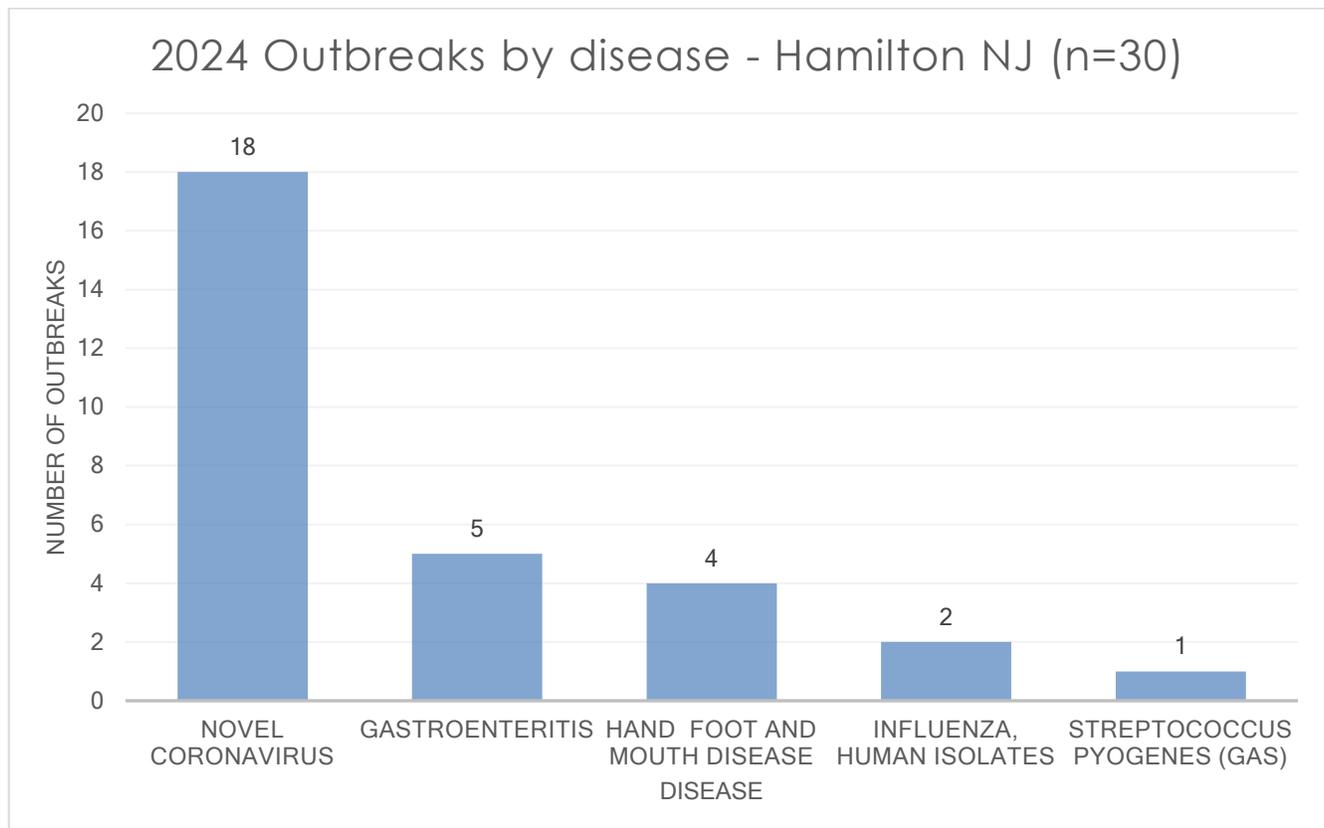


Left: Public Health Nurses participating in Senior Health Day at the Hamilton Senior Center. Top: Staff providing community outreach.

## Outbreak Investigations

In addition to conducting investigations for individual instances of certain diseases, the Public Health Nurses case manage outbreaks in settings such as long term care (LTC) facilities, schools, workplaces, and youth organizations. Outbreaks are defined differently based on the specific disease and may be declared if several individuals who exhibit similar symptoms are in the same room, same wing or attended a common event; there is an increase in absences with report of similar symptoms; two or more individuals are diagnosed with the same reportable disease; or a single case of a highly infectious disease exists or is suspected to exist. The PHN assigned to the outbreak will work closely with the facility to ensure proper infection control measures are implemented, sick individuals are either excluded from participation or isolated, and helps the facility perform contact tracing and case investigation.

| Outbreaks and investigations by Exposure Setting | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Group home                                       | 1         | -         | -         |
| Daycare facility                                 | 1         | 6         | 4         |
| Healthcare - Assisted Living Residence           | 15        | 13        | 8         |
| Healthcare - Long Term Care                      | 15        | 18        | 13        |
| Healthcare - Acute Care Hospital                 | 1         | 1         | -         |
| Healthcare - Outpatient                          | -         | 1         | -         |
| Community  | 2         | 1         | -         |
| School or University                             | 21        | 4         | 4         |
| Sports Team                                      | -         | -         | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>56</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>30</b> |



## Preventing Legionnaires' Disease

Tips for Homeowners to maintain healthy household water

*Legionella* bacteria can grow in many parts of a water system that are continually wet, and certain devices can then spread water containing the bacteria. Examples of areas where *Legionella* can grow and spread include: water storage tanks, water filters, faucets, aerators, showerheads, hoses, pipes, hot tubs, and humidifiers.

Home air conditioners are NOT at risk because they do not use water to cool the air

### Tips for a healthy home:

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
|   | Run faucets and showers for 3 minutes when they have not been used for more than a week                    |   | Remove, shorten, and/or regularly flush existing dead legs (a section of pipe with low use) |
|   | Follow manufacturer instructions and clean/replace water filters in your home                              |   | If you are at risk for Legionnaires' disease avoid high risk activities (ex: power washing) |
|   | Clean or replace shower heads and faucet screens when buildup is visible, follow manufacturer instructions | <b>A hot water tank set to a temperature of 140°F is best for controlling <i>Legionella</i>. The minimum temperature should be 120°F. If the temperature on the tank is higher than 120°F a mixing valve must be installed to prevent burns. Drain and flush hot water tank per manufacturer instructions, consider hiring a professional.</b> |   |
|  | Follow manufacturer instructions for medical devices and humidifiers                                       |    | Follow manufacturer instructions to maintain proper chemical levels in your hot tub         |
|  |  |    | Turn off and drain garden hoses when not in use for the season                              |

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)  
 NJ Department of Health (NJDOH): [www.nj.gov/health](http://www.nj.gov/health)

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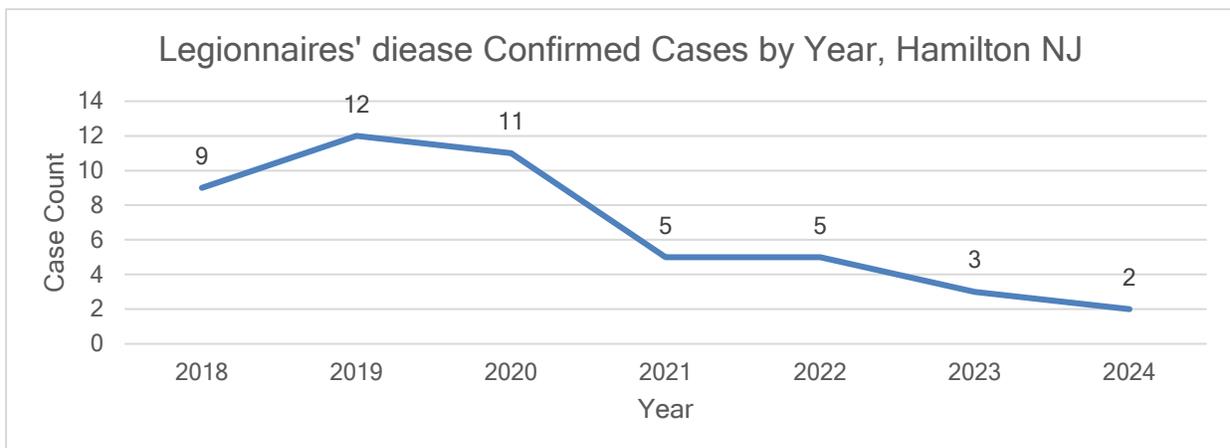


## Legionnaires' disease

Legionnaires' disease is a respiratory illness caused by bacteria, and is a type of pneumonia that people can get after breathing in aerosolized water (small droplets of water in the air) containing *Legionella* bacteria. Symptoms of Legionnaires' disease include cough, shortness of breath, fever, muscle aches, and headaches, which are similar to symptoms caused by other respiratory infections, including COVID-19. Most healthy people exposed to *Legionella* do not become ill. However, people who are 50 years or older, especially those who smoke cigarettes, or those with certain medical conditions, including weakened immune systems, chronic lung disease or other chronic health conditions, are at increased risk for Legionnaires' disease. Legionnaires' disease is treatable with antibiotics so it is important that anyone who thinks they have symptoms of Legionnaires' disease contact their health care provider and seek medical evaluation.

The Township of Hamilton has been working with Trenton Water Works (TWW) and its partners at NJDEP, and NJDOH, to investigate cases of Legionnaires' disease within the Township for over 10-years. The Township and its partners have issued multiple press releases, social media posts, and mass mailers to every TWW customer in regards to our investigation of Legionnaires' disease within the Township. Additionally, there have been numerous news reports covering this. All of these outreach attempts were to better educate our residents.

For more information, residents can call HamStat, the Division of Health, or visit [www.hamiltonnj.com/legionella](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/legionella).



## COVID-19

In 2024, the Division continued to respond to COVID-19 through outreach and vaccination. The Division uses grant funds to support COVID-19 efforts and public health obligations. That work includes:

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Contact tracing                            | Case investigation    |
| Long Term Care (LTC) outbreak coordination | School guidance       |
| Technical assistance to businesses         | Health education      |
| Vaccination                                | Test-kit distribution |

### COVID-19 Test-Kit Distribution

Since 2023, the Division has been provided with home COVID-19 test kits from the New Jersey Department of Health. Home test kits were distributed to residents at community events, health fairs, to schools, community centers, 55+ living communities and more! Contact the Division of Health for free at-home test kits while supplies last.

|                       | 2023  | 2024  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Test-kits distributed | 7,299 | 6,993 |

### COVID-19 Vaccination

The Division did not purchase any private stock of the COVID-19 vaccine, but remains a vaccine provider for the uninsured population through the state 317 funds program for adults and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The Division also receives allotments of state-funded vaccine, which is available to the greater community. As COVID-19 vaccination continues to be available to the Division, it will be offered to eligible residents.

|  | 2022  | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|-------|------|------|
| Total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered | 3,198 | 529  | 138  |



Top Left: Staff participate in the ground breaking for the new municipal building. Top Right: Division of Health presenting a grant funded LUCAS Device (automatic chest compressions) to the Fire Department.

## Community Outreach and Partnerships

The Division participated in ongoing community outreach to provide resources and health education on various health topics. The Division's health education section maintains information and resources on local services for residents to utilize; this includes an inventory of social services.

The inventory of social services is available for residents to access on the Division's website: [www.hamiltonnj.com/health](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/health).

Outreach and health education efforts in 2024 involved partnerships with local organizations to deliver health information and resources to residents. The Division collaborated with 24 individual organizations in 2024 and participated in 51 community events, health fairs and programs. Health education and outreach activities included:

- Attending community events and health fairs
- Coordinating health screening events
- Supporting clinics for vaccinations
- Developing media materials (flyers, social media posts, newspaper ads)
- Providing Spanish/English translation services
- Maintaining an inventory of local social support services for residents to access
- Distribution of COVID-19 test kits
- Providing health education programming at local camps and community centers
- Participating in data collection for the CHNA community health survey
- Providing referrals and answering questions on health related topics

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Health education and outreach staff at International Overdose Awareness Day (top) and Oktoberfest (left).

## Community Wellness

The Division’s staff promote wellness throughout the Township by participating or organizing events and activities. Health should be accessible to everyone. The Division sponsors activities that align with our vision of creating a culture of health here in Hamilton. Activities include:

- Health Education
- Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Coalitions and Partnerships
- Mayor’s Wellness Campaign

**Mayors Wellness Campaign Presents... WELLNESS WALKS! 2024 SCHEDULE**

Join us! Walking is a great way to get exercise! It can help improve your physical and mental health!

| DATE AND TIME   | LOCATION  | MEETING PLACE                                     |
|---|---|---|
| Monday, <b>March 25</b> at 9am  | <b>Hamilton YMCA:</b> 1315 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd                      | Main Entrance                                     |
| Monday, <b>April 22</b> at 12pm<br>(Rain Date: 4/29/24 at 12pm)           | <b>Veterans Park (South):</b> 2201 Kuser Rd                               | DeMeo Baseball Field Parking Lot                  |
| Monday, <b>May 13</b> at 9am<br>(Rain Date: 5/20/24 at 9am)               | <b>Nature Walk at the Abbott Marshlands:</b> 157 Westcott Ave             | Meet at the Tulpehaking Nature Center Parking Lot |
| Monday, <b>June 17</b> at 5pm<br>(Rain Date: 6/24/24 at 9am)              | <b>Sayen Gardens:</b> 155 Hughes Dr.                                      | Sayen House and Gardens Parking Lot               |
| Monday, <b>July 22</b> at 9am<br>(Rain Date: 7/29/24 at 9am)              | <b>Kuser Park:</b> 390 Newkirk Ave  | Kuser Park Parking Lot                            |
| Friday, <b>August 9</b> at 9am<br>(Rain Date: 8/23/24 at 9am)             | <b>Hamilton Senior Center:</b> 409 Cypress Ln                             | Front entrance                                    |
| Friday, <b>September 13</b> at 10:30am<br>(Rain Date: 9/20/24 at 10:30am) | <b>Grounds for Sculpture:</b> 80 Sculptors Way                            | Grounds for Sculpture Welcome Center              |
| Thursday, <b>October 3</b> at 9am<br>(Rain Date: 10/10/24 at 9am)         | <b>Veterans Park (North):</b> Klockner Rd Entrance (across from Steinert) | Pavilion at the back of the parking lot           |

Questions? Call, 609-890-3825      Event details are also on the Township Calendar: [www.hamiltonnj.com/calendar](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/calendar)

Throughout the year, the Division of Health partners with the Mayor’s Office and other Township departments and agencies to deliver free and accessible wellness programming directly to the community.



Right: participants walk at Hamilton’s Grounds for Sculpture as part of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign.



## Adult Health Services

Throughout the year, the Division of Health operates clinics that provide for certain community health services for the Township's residents. These services include the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic, Nursing Evaluation Clinic, and Community Home Evaluations. The Division's health services are overseen by the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) who works with the Public Health Medical Director to ensure that standing orders are in place for all procedures being performed by the nursing staff and that best practices are being followed.

### STD Clinic

Hamilton Township provides free and confidential STD Clinical services for the residents of the following municipalities through shared-service agreements:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ewing Township        | East Windsor Township |
| Hightstown Borough    | Hopewell Township     |
| Lawrence Township     | Princeton Township    |
| Robbinsville Township | West Windsor Township |

|  | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Total clients seen in clinics                | 169  | 224  | 273  |
| Hepatitis B screenings performed             | 17   | 21   | 16   |
| Hepatitis C screenings performed             | 27   | 22   | 16   |
| HIV Screenings performed                     | 75   | 150  | 180  |
| Oral screenings for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea  | 109  | 170  | 200  |
| Urine screenings for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea | 122  | 169  | 182  |
| Syphilis screenings performed                | 110  | 161  | 184  |
| Vaccines administered during clinic          | 23   | 22   | 86   |
| JYNNEOS (MPX) vaccines administered          | 71   | 45   | 62   |

Note: In 2020, the STD clinic was closed during certain periods. In 2022, HDOH and NJDOH collaborated to restart free and confidential HIV screenings within the STD clinic. The MPX vaccine, JYNNEOS, was offered starting in September, 2022 to eligible residents.

### Nursing Evaluation Clinic

This clinic is offered monthly, by appointment, at both of the Senior Centers in Hamilton Township (Hamilton Township Senior Center and the John O. Wilson Neighborhood Center). Blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol tests are performed and referrals made when indicated.

|                              | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Health assessments performed | 77   | 111  | 324  |

### Community Home Evaluations

The Division will make home visits based off referrals to assess and follow up on public health concerns/situations by other agencies as well as individuals. They range in ages of infant through adulthood as well as elderly/senior citizen referrals. Services include vaccinations, neglect issues, and public health concerns.

|                       | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| Home visits conducted | 49   | 61   | 52   |

## Environmental Health Services

The Division of Health's Environmental Health Services section is responsible for the enforcement of State Sanitary Codes; the protection of food and potable water supplies; environmental health activities and public health nuisances. In addition to inspections, this section also is responsible for licensing all retail food establishments, recreational bathing facilities, vending machines, camps, and body art establishments. This section performs the following services for the township:

|                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Body Art Program                    | Public Health Nuisance Program |
| Childhood Lead Program              | Youth Camp Program             |
| Retail Food Program                 | Wastewater Control Program     |
| Public Recreational Bathing Program | Animal Facilities Program      |

### *Wastewater Control Program*

In order to prevent the pollution of the Township's water supply, the Division ensures compliance with local and state rules for the installation of residential septic systems. Staff review all plans for new construction, alterations, and repairs for septic systems within the township. Additionally, the staff review septic systems before real estate transactions.

|  | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Number of properties with septic systems         | 533  | 541  | 559  |
| Permits issued for construction or alteration    | 28   | 14   | 21   |
| Properties reviewed for real estate transactions | 10   | 19   | 15   |

### *Private Well Testing Act*

Environmental Health staff review private well water analysis results for compliance with NJAC 7:9 during real estate transactions.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of wells reviewed for real estate transactions | 8    | 14   | 16   |

### *Body Art*

Environmental Health Services inspects tattoo, piercing, and permanent cosmetic facilities operating within the Township to ensure proper sanitation and safety standards are being followed. Starting in 2021, these facilities will be licensed by the Division of Health.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of Body Art establishments operating | 2    | 4    | 3    |

## Retail Food Establishments

The Division of Health inspects and regulates restaurants, grocery stores, and other retail food facilities to ensure compliance with safety and sanitation rules. The Environmental Health staff work closely with the Public Health Nurses to investigate and control disease outbreaks linked to retail food facilities. The division also licenses these facilities.

| Licenses   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Number of Retail Food Establishment licenses issued  | 514  | 535  | 555  |
| Number of Full Year-Temporary/Mobile licenses issued | 32   | 58   | 83   |
| Number of Vending Machine licenses issued            | 178  | 160  | 207  |
| Number of Temporary Single-Event licenses issued     | 146  | 206  | 266  |

| Inspections and Investigations                      | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of routine inspections completed             | 520  | 554  | 577  |
| Number of re-inspections completed                  | 115  | 167  | 159  |
| Number of pre-operational inspections completed     | 24   | 36   | 34   |
| Number of retail food plan reviews completed        | 40   | 35   | 23   |
| Number of complaint driven investigations completed | 69   | 69   | 65   |
| Number of Notices of Violations issued              | 246  | 216  | 294  |

Bottom left: An Environmental Health “intern” learning about plan reviews. *Did you know* the Division of Health reviews and approves renovations and new construction of septic, restaurants, public pools, and many other facilities? Bottom right: the Division participates in many community events.



### Retail Food Establishment Inspection Analysis

The Division's REHSs use a risk-based inspection method to ensure establishments comply with NJAC 8:24. They are graded on 52 measures. If an establishment receives a "Conditionally Satisfactory" score during an inspection, the establishment is given time to correct issues and will be re-inspected. If the establishment fails to receive a "Satisfactory" score, it is required to pay a re-inspection fee. After four re-inspections during a two-year period, the establishment must close until all violations are abated. Each licensed retail food establishment is assigned a "risk-type" based on the types of food the establishment sells or prepares. The tables below illustrate the types of inspections conducted with the score that was given by risk-type.



A slight increase was observed in the overall compliance rates of Routine 1 inspections from 76% (2023) to 78% (2024). The inspection frequency of Risk 3 & 4 establishments increased in 2024 due to low compliance rates. This led to an increase in overall routine inspection compliance rates from 33% (2023) to 44% in 2024. The compliance rates of Risk 3/4 establishments increased from their first routine inspection to their second (33% to 55%) in 2024. Lastly, the compliance rates of Risk 3 Routine inspections increased from 49% (2023) to 60% (2024).

| Risk 1 Establishments |                 |                            |              |                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Reason For Inspection | Total Inspected | Conditionally-Satisfactory | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
| Complaint             | 3               |                            |              |                |
| Emergency Response    |                 |                            |              |                |
| Pre-Operational       | 8               |                            | 8            |                |
| Change of Owner       | 1               |                            | 1            |                |
| Recall                | 8               |                            |              |                |
| Routine 1             | 106             | 3                          | 103          |                |
| Routine 2             |                 |                            |              |                |
| Re-inspection 1       | 5               |                            | 5            |                |
| Re-inspection 2       |                 |                            |              |                |
| Re-inspection 3       |                 |                            |              |                |
| Spot Check            | 11              |                            |              |                |
| Walkthrough           | 1               |                            |              |                |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>143</b>      | <b>3</b>                   | <b>117</b>   |                |

| Risk 2 Establishments |                 |                            |              |                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Reason For Inspection | Total Inspected | Conditionally-Satisfactory | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
| Complaint             | 28              |                            |              |                |
| Emergency Response    | 7               |                            |              |                |
| Pre-Operational       | 17              |                            | 17           |                |
| Change of Owner       | 1               |                            | 1            |                |
| Food Borne Illness    | 2               |                            |              |                |
| Recall                | 5               |                            |              |                |
| Routine 1             | 265             | 45                         | 218          | 2              |
| Routine 2             | 33              | 2                          | 31           |                |
| Re-inspection 1       | 50              | 13                         | 36           | 1              |
| Re-inspection 2       | 14              | 3                          | 10           | 1              |
| Re-inspection 3       | 4               | 1                          | 3            |                |
| Spot Check            | 28              |                            |              |                |
| Walkthrough           | 6               |                            |              |                |

|                                |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>460</b>             | <b>64</b>                         | <b>316</b>          | <b>4</b>              |
| <b>Risk 2/4 Establishments</b> |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
| <b>Reason For Inspection</b>   | <b>Total Inspected</b> | <b>Conditionally-Satisfactory</b> | <b>Satisfactory</b> | <b>Unsatisfactory</b> |
| Pre-Operational                | 1                      |                                   | 1                   |                       |
| Routine 1                      | 1                      |                                   | 1                   |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>2</b>               |                                   | <b>2</b>            |                       |

|                              |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Risk 3 Establishments</b> |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
| <b>Reason For Inspection</b> | <b>Total Inspected</b> | <b>Conditionally-Satisfactory</b> | <b>Satisfactory</b> | <b>Unsatisfactory</b> |
| Complaint                    | 34*                    |                                   |                     |                       |
| Emergency Response           | 4                      |                                   | 1                   |                       |
| Pre-Operational              | 8                      |                                   | 8                   |                       |
| Change of Owner              | 4                      | 2                                 | 2                   |                       |
| Food Borne Illness           | 2*                     |                                   |                     |                       |
| Recall                       | 1                      |                                   |                     |                       |
| Routine 1                    | 138                    | 55                                | 83                  |                       |
| Routine 2                    | 4*                     | 1                                 | 3                   |                       |
| Re-inspection 1              | 57                     | 9                                 | 48                  |                       |
| Re-inspection 2              | 9                      | 2                                 | 7                   |                       |
| Re-inspection 3              | 2                      | 2                                 |                     |                       |
| Re-inspection 4              | 2                      |                                   | 2                   |                       |
| Spot Check                   | 9                      |                                   |                     |                       |
| Walkthrough                  | 4                      |                                   |                     |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>278</b>             | <b>71</b>                         | <b>154</b>          |                       |

\*Note: One of each- Complaint and FBI Investigation were full inspections of the facility, and therefore counted as a Routine 2 Inspection.

|                                |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Risk 3/4 Establishments</b> |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
| <b>Reason For Inspection</b>   | <b>Total Inspected</b> | <b>Conditionally-Satisfactory</b> | <b>Satisfactory</b> | <b>Unsatisfactory</b> |
| Change of Owner                | 1                      | 1                                 |                     |                       |
| Routine 1                      | 12                     | 8                                 | 4                   |                       |
| Routine 2                      | 11                     | 5                                 | 6                   |                       |
| Re-inspection 1                | 14                     | 2                                 | 12                  |                       |
| Re-inspection 2                | 2                      |                                   | 2                   |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>40</b>              | <b>16</b>                         | <b>24</b>           |                       |

|                              |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>All Establishments</b>    |                        |                                   |                     |                       |
| <b>Reason For Inspection</b> | <b>Total Inspected</b> | <b>Conditionally-Satisfactory</b> | <b>Satisfactory</b> | <b>Unsatisfactory</b> |
| Complaint                    | 65                     |                                   |                     |                       |
| Emergency Response           | 11                     |                                   | 1                   |                       |
| Pre-Operational              | 34                     |                                   | 34                  |                       |
| Change of Owner              | 7                      | 3                                 | 4                   |                       |
| Food Borne Illness           | 4                      |                                   |                     |                       |
| Recall                       | 14                     |                                   |                     |                       |
| Routine 1                    | 522                    | 111                               | 409                 | 2                     |
| Routine 2                    | 48                     | 8                                 | 40                  |                       |
| Re-inspection 1              | 126                    | 24                                | 101                 | 1                     |
| Re-inspection 2              | 25                     | 5                                 | 19                  | 1                     |
| Re-inspection 3              | 6                      | 3                                 | 3                   |                       |
| Re-inspection 4              | 2                      |                                   | 2                   |                       |
| Spot Check                   | 48                     |                                   |                     |                       |
| Walkthrough                  | 11                     |                                   |                     |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>923</b>             | <b>154</b>                        | <b>613</b>          | <b>4</b>              |

The Division posts the inspection scores of all inspected retail food establishments online via [www.hamiltonnj.com/environmentalhealth](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/environmentalhealth).

### Youth Camps

In order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the youth who attend camps within the Township, the Division of Health conducts inspections of these facilities. NJDOH is the licensing agency for youth camps.

|                                 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Number of inspections completed | 14   | 14   | 15   |

### Public Recreational Bathing

Environmental Health Services conducts safety and sanitation inspections of public recreational bathing facilities to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and protect consumers who use these facilities from avoidable harm and danger.

|                                 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Number of licenses issued       | 32   | 32   | 33   |
| Number of inspections completed | 129  | 108  | 127  |

### Public Recreational Bathing Inspection Analysis

All establishments must receive a Routine 1 inspection and only 55% of establishments passed this inspection. Year Round establishments receive a Routine 2 inspection and only 58% of establishments passed this inspection.

| Reason For Inspection        | Total Inspected | Conditionally-Satisfactory | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Complaints                   | 2               |                            |              |                |
| Emergency Response           | 3               |                            |              |                |
| Spot Checks/Water Follow-ups | 26              |                            |              |                |
| Pre-Operational              | 21              | 3                          | 15           | 3              |
| Routine 1                    | 33              | 14                         | 18           | 1              |
| Routine 2                    | 12              | 3                          | 7            | 2              |
| Re-inspection 1              | 24              | 3                          | 19           | 2              |
| Re-inspection 2              | 5               | 1                          | 4            |                |
| Re-inspection 3              | 1               |                            | 1            |                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>127</b>      | <b>24</b>                  | <b>64</b>    | <b>8</b>       |

### Childhood Lead – Environmental Interventions

Starting July 1, 2023, the Division of Health took over nursing case management for children residing in Hamilton with elevated blood lead levels from the City of Trenton. The Division of Health's Environmental Health Services section continues to conduct the environmental interventions within the homes of children identified with high levels of lead.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| New cases of children with EBLLs          | 8    | 13   | 8    |
| Number of homes completing lead abatement | 7    | 2    | 8    |

### Animal Facilities

Starting in 2020, the responsibility of inspecting the Township's animal facilities was transferred from the Township's Animal Control Officers to the Environmental Services Staff. The Division of Health inspects kennels, pet shops, shelters, and pounds to ensure that these facilities are operating in compliance with sanitation, safety, and animal welfare rules.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of licenses issued               | 5    | 5    | 6    |
| Number of routine inspections completed | 5    | 5    | 6    |

### Massage/Somatic Establishments

The Division of Health enforces safety and sanitation standards for these facilities in order to protect the health and safety of consumers who patronize massage and somatic facilities. Licenses are issued by the Township's Clerk's Office.

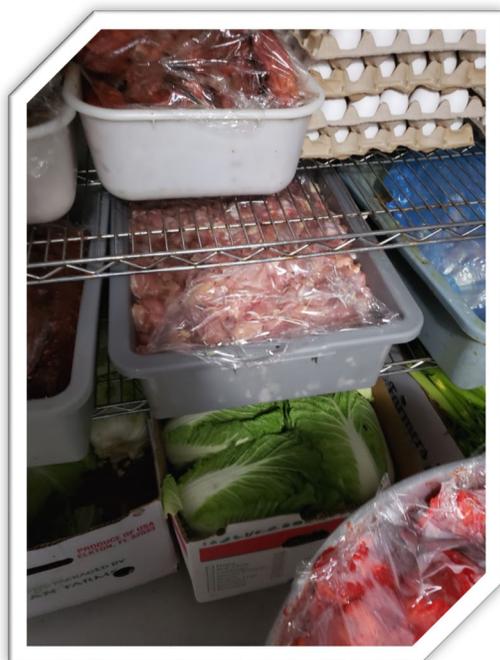
|                                 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Number of inspections completed | 9    | 10   | 18   |

### Public Health Nuisances

The Environmental Health Services staff conducts investigations into quality of life complaints that pose a nuisance to Township residents. In 2020, the responsibility investigating property maintenance (high grass and weeds, junk, rubbish, debris, etc.) related complaints was transferred to the Department of Community and Economic Development which explains the large reductions in NOV's being issued by Environmental Health Services\*.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of complaint driven investigations completed | N/A  | 155* | 114  |
| Number of Notices of Violations issued              | 24   | 27   | 36   |

\*New data point for 2023



#### What's wrong with this photo?

The Division's inspectors look for a number of items as part of their risk-based inspections of retail food establishments. One of those items is food storage. Food should not be stored on the ground, and raw meat should not be stored above produce!

## Vital Statistics

The Vital Statistics section of the Division of Health is charged with the responsibility of maintaining records in regards to marriages, births, and deaths that take place within the Township. The Registrars process applications for marriages and civil union licenses; issue birth, marriage, civil union, domestic partnership, and death certificates; and issue disinterment and burial permits. Additionally, the Registrar can assist with certain corrections to these records.

|  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Home birth or birth en-route                                     | 7     | 10    | 9     |
| Certified copies (birth, marriage and death certificates) issued | 3,358 | 4,240 | 3,927 |
| Marriage licenses issued   | 565   | 538   | 628   |
| Domestic Partnership certificates issued                         | 0     | 2     | 2     |
| Domestic Partnership registrations issued                        | 0     | 1     | 0     |
| Civil Union certificates issued                                  | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Civil Union registrations issued                                 | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Disinterment permits issued                                      | 5     | 6     | 3     |
| Burial permits issued  | 3     | 1     | 0     |
| Corrections requested  | 56    | 134   | 88    |

Left: Inspector conduct complaint and recall-related site visits of tobacco retail establishments.

Below: "Max" the Animal Shelter mascot, greeting residents at Oktoberfest.



## Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

The Hamilton Township Animal Shelter and Adoption Center (HTAS) serves as the Township's rabies control facility which ensures the health, safety, and welfare of the animals and citizens of our community. The Shelter's goal is to place animals into humane environments through adoption, and to educate the community on responsible pet ownership. HTAS works tirelessly so that the animals in its care are afforded the "Five Freedoms."

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Freedom from discomfort                | Freedom from hunger and thirst     |
| Freedom from pain, injury, and disease | Freedom to express normal behavior |
| Freedom from fear and distress         |                                    |

### Animal Intake and Outflow

|  | 2023       |            |           | 2024       |            |           |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Animal Intake                                    | Dogs       | Cats       | Other     | Dogs       | Cats       | Other     |
| Surrendered by owner                             | 19         | 49         | 1         | 4          | 21         | 0         |
| Stray/Impounded                                  | 207        | 195        | 30        | 262        | 256        | 14        |
| Animals received from other organizations        | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 2          | 0         |
| Other (cruelty investigation, animal bite, etc.) | 8          | 13         | 3         | 25         | 16         | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>234</b> | <b>257</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>291</b> | <b>295</b> | <b>14</b> |

|  | 2023       |            |           | 2024       |            |           |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Animal Outflow                             | Dogs       | Cats       | Other     | Dogs       | Cats       | Other     |
| Reclaimed by owner                         | 129        | 17         | 5         | 178        | 18         | 4         |
| Adopted                                    | 83         | 213        | 14        | 85         | 235        | 12        |
| Euthanized                                 | 6          | 12         | 0         | 10         | 20         | 0         |
| Animals transferred to other organizations | 10         | 7          | 3         | 10         | 3          | 2         |
| Other (escaped, died at shelter, etc.)     | 0          | 8          | 8         | 1          | 11         | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>228</b> | <b>257</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>18</b> |

### Animal Control Services

The Division of Health's Animal Control Officers (ACOs) are charged with enforcing the Township's animal control laws and responding to animal emergencies. The ACOs respond to animals at large, transporting sick and injured animals, investigating animal bites, assist with rabies clinics, and provide public education. Additionally, the ACOs work closely with the Hamilton Police Department's Humane Law Enforcement Officers (HLEOs) on animal welfare and cruelty investigations.

|  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of field calls                                    | 3,038 | 3,215 | 4,890 |
| Number of animal bite investigations                     | 147   | 126   | 130   |
| Number of summonses issued                               | 42    | 91    | 82    |
| Number of wildlife transported to rehabilitation centers | 130   | 98    | 79    |

|   | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of dog licenses issued                   | 3,392 | 3,664 | 3,741 |
| Number of free rabies vaccinations administered | 748   | 870   | 870   |



Animal Shelter staff outside of the Shelter building.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In 2024, HTAS had an **68% return rate of stray dogs** to their owners. All dogs entering the shelter as strays are photographed and posted on the shelter's Facebook page and shared by shelter staff to local Lost and Found Pages (Hamilton Area and Mercer County). There was a slight increase in reclaims year over year. This is still significantly higher than the 2023 state average for stray dogs redeemed, which is only 30%

Unfortunately, cats continue to have a dramatically lower reclaim rate, approximately 7%, double the state average.

Source:

[www.nj.gov/health/vph/shelter\\_pound\\_summary\\_county\\_2023.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/health/vph/shelter_pound_summary_county_2023.pdf)

### Volunteers

The volunteer program at HTAS has been revised, including the agreement/waiver packet that all volunteers must complete prior to beginning their volunteer service. More information on how to volunteer is available online at [www.hamiltonnj.com/animalshelter](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/animalshelter).

|                                   | 2022     | 2023     | 2024     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Number of volunteers              | 53       | 68       | 52       |
| Number of volunteer hours         | 1,884    | 2,110    | 2,460    |
| In-kind value of volunteer hours* | \$63,717 | \$71,360 | \$82,385 |

\*Source: [Independent Sector](#)

### Foster Program

The shelter initiated a foster program to assist with space and the well-being of the animals in the care of Hamilton Township. Some animals are very stressed in the shelter environment and/or need more individual care.

|                            | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|
| Number of animals fostered | 198  | 126  | 150  |

### Transfer Program

HTAS initiated a rescue/transfer program to assist in maximizing lifesaving efforts and placement of adoptable animals. Approved rescue organizations with different or more resources often assist with medically or behaviorally challenging animals.

|   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Number of animals transfer to other organizations | 28   | 20   | 15   |

### Non-Live Outcomes

Unfortunately, not all animals that come to the shelter are placed into their “forever” homes. Some animals are terminally ill, others die during treatment, and others present a public safety or public health risk. The Division of Health takes the decision of euthanasia extremely seriously and with humility, and as such the Shelter Management Team makes those decisions jointly. HTAS is proud to be a no-kill shelter.

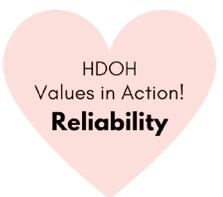
| Euthanasia                                | 2023     |           |          |           | 2024      |           |          |           |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
|   | Dogs     | Cats      | Other    | Total     | Dogs      | Cats      | Other    | Total     |
| Aggression, Unsafe to Handle, Court Order | 2        | 0         | 0        | 2         | 5         | 0         | 0        | 5         |
| Cancer                                    | 2        | 0         | 0        | 2         | 0         | 2         | 0        | 2         |
| Failure to thrive                         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0        | 1         |
| Major organ failure                       | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0        | 2         |
| Medical – severe                          | 2        | 11        | 0        | 13        | 5         | 11        | 0        | 16        |
| Medical – emergency                       | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 4         | 0        | 4         |
| Medical – disease                         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>6</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>30</b> |

| Died in care      | 2023     |           |           | 2024     |           |           |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                   | Other    | Cats      | Total     | Dogs     | Cats      | Total     |
| Neonatal Kitten   | 0        | 8         | 8         | 0        | 4         | 4         |
| Post-surgical     | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| Other             | 0        | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| Unknown           | 1        | 4         | 5         | 1        | 3         | 4         |
| Medical – disease | 0        | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>1</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> |

Note: no dogs died in care in 2023

## 2024 Annual Live Release Rate: 95%

The Annual Live Release Rate is calculated by dividing total live outcomes (adoptions, outgoing transfers, and return to owner/guardian) by total outcomes (total live outcomes plus euthanasia not including or died/lost in shelter/care). The generally accepted live-release rate to be considered a no-kill shelter is 90%, which HTAS is proud to exceed.



Left: Some of the loving animals that called the Shelter home temporarily in 2024. Bottom: ACO assisting Mercer Wildlife with releasing an Eagle.



## Municipal Alliance Commission

The mission of the Hamilton Alliance Against Substance Abuse Committee (HAASA) is to serve as the official Township coordinating body for the planning, awareness and education of substance abuse prevention efforts on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The committee is dedicated to promoting safe, healthy and responsible lifestyles through community involvement, education programs and family oriented events for all residents of Hamilton Township. HAASA is advisory in nature; and awards State allocated funds to programs that meet certain criteria.

Residents looking for more information can visit [www.hamiltonnj.com/haasa](http://www.hamiltonnj.com/haasa) or email [haasa@hamiltonnj.com](mailto:haasa@hamiltonnj.com).

### Membership

|                       | Type  |
|-----------------------|---|
| VACANT                | Chair   |
| Jessica Nitti         | Regular   |
| Janice Archambeault   | Regular   |
| Miesha Stanley        | Regular   |
| Brian Birch           | Regular   |
| VACANT                | Regular   |
| Alejandro Batlle      | Representative of the Superintendent of Schools |
| Christopher Schuster  | Representative of Chief of Police               |
| Jessica Hammill       | Representative of Presiding Judge               |
| Pasquale "Pat" Papero | Council Liaison                                 |
| Cashel Darvas         | Representative of the Mayor                     |
| Melissa Hutchinson    | Commission Secretary                            |
| Chris Hellwig         | Coordinator                                     |

The Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) funds HAASA. HAASA uses the funds to support coordination of the alliance, and to provide drug and alcohol education in the Township’s schools.

|                              | 2022  | 2023 | 2024  |
|------------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Number of students reached   | 1,125 | 944  | 1,503 |
| Number of education sessions | 43    | 46   | 77    |
| Number of schools supported  | 6     | 7    | 8     |



Left: Mayor Jeff Martin speaking at the International Overdose Awareness Day event in Vet’s Park.





Thank you for taking the time to read through the Division of Health's 2024 annual report.  
Have a happy, and healthy 2025!!  
-Your Health Team



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



# Division of Recreation 2024 Annual Report

**Hamilton Township, New Jersey  
Department of Health, Recreation and Seniors and Veteran Services**

**2388 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ 08690**



## A Message from the Hamilton Township Division of Recreation

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2024 Annual report for the Hamilton Township Division of Recreation. The Hamilton Township Division of Recreation is dedicated to fulfilling the recreational needs of the Township's residents, of all ages. The Township's emphasis on recreation is prominent in the numerous municipal parks, leagues and activities sponsored and organized by the Division of Recreation. These activities continue to grow and expand to meet the ever changing needs and interests of our citizens. The Division's goal is to continue to expand our programs, both passive and active recreation, as to enable more and more citizens to participate and enjoy the same. Come join us!

This past year our outdoor parks, golf center, and Tennis Complex had a record number of visitors taking advantage of what Hamilton has to offer. The Hamilton Township Division of Recreation hosted multilabel Pickleball Tournaments at our recently renovated courts drawing thousands of spectators and players from all over the states.

As we move into 2025, we look forward to continuing to expand our Parks and Recreation programs by providing the community with opportunities to help improve new quality of life, while making our Township a better place to live, visit and play!

Enjoy!  
Hamilton Township Division of Recreation



# MEET THE STAFF

**KATHLEEN FITZGERALD**

*Director of Health, Recreation, Senior & Veterans' Services*



**NICOLE ZOLLER**

*Supervisor*

**SHANNON SCHAEFER**

**COLLETTE FRANKS**

*Recreation Leaders*



## PART-TIME SUPERVISORS

| <i>Program</i>   | <i>Support Staff</i> |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Adult Softball   | 2                    |
| Adult Volleyball | 1                    |

## RECREATION FACILITIES - PART TIME EMPLOYEES

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Tennis Staff | 8  |
| Golf Center  | 11 |



2024

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP  
DIVISION OF RECREATION**

2388 Kuser Road, Hamilton NJ 08690

Phone (609) 890-4028

## OUR MISSION

The Hamilton Township Division of Recreation has long demonstrated a major commitment towards fulfilling the recreation needs of its residents. This is evident in the numerous existing municipal parks and extensive recreational programs sponsored by the Township.

Hamilton Recreation's goal is to expand programs to meet the ever changing needs of today's community. Whether it's passive or active recreation, or simply enjoying a special event, there is something for everyone.

### **Hamilton Township Division of Recreation offers:**

- Special Events
- Youth Programs
- Adult Programs
- Youth Summer Camps
- Recreational Facility Usages

We strive to offer programs that allow for leadership, mentoring, teamwork, and relief from the stresses of everyday life.



# YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Hamilton Recreation aims to provide the highest quality of life for our residents, especially our youth, by offering ample recreational programs and facilities. The Recreation Division coordinated the usage of field and space requirements, and also assisted with scheduling and various related administrative functions.

## **Youth Basketball 2024 Registrations**



Hamilton Little Lads Basketball  
(Boys)- **321 participants**

## **Youth Soccer 2024 Registrations**



Hamilton Boys Recreation Soccer  
**1925 participants**

Hamilton Girls Recreation Soccer  
**1064 participants**

## **Youth Football 2024 Registrations**

Pop Warner

**98 participants**

**15 Cheer participants**



## **Youth Baseball & Softball 2024 Registrations**



Nottingham Little League  
**274 participants**

PAL  
**532 participants**

Sunnybrae Little League  
**253 participants**

HTRBA  
**215 participants**

Nottingham Babe Ruth  
**135 participants**

Hamilton Girls Softball  
**595 participants**

Post 31  
**24 participants**

Hamilton-Northern Burlington Babe  
Ruth  
**83 participants**

# YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

Hamilton Township Ordinance Section 2-281, requires that all individuals affiliated with Hamilton Township co-sponsored youth programs undergo background checks. This ordinance is in place to help protect our children, youth leagues, and the Township of Hamilton.

Effective March 10, 2008, ALL non-criminal fingerprinting was taken away from local Police Departments and now must be done electronically through Sagem Morpho, Inc.

The **Division of Recreation** is responsible for maintaining its volunteer coach database and all affiliated records. Presidents of all youth sports leagues are updated monthly on the eligibility of their volunteer coaches.

This database currently consists of  
**699 individuals** during 2024.



New Jersey Universal Fingerprint Form

[www.bioapplicant.com/nj](http://www.bioapplicant.com/nj)

|  |  |                            |   |  |
|--|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| (1) Originating Agency Number (JOB #)<br><b>NJ9901002</b>            |  | (2) Category<br><b>EDK</b> | (3) State Number<br><b>18A-5-4.14</b>   |  |
| (4) Reason for Fingerprinting<br><b>Non Public School Employment</b> |  |                            | (5) Document Type<br><b>RD1</b>   | (6) Payment Information<br><b>996.50</b> |
| (7) Contributor's Case # (Unique Identifier)                         |  | (8) Miscellaneous          |   |  |
| (9) First Name   | (10) MI  | (11) Last Name             |   |  |
| (12) Daytime Phone Number  | (13) Social Security Number (Optional)                                 | (14) Date of Birth         | (15) Height   | (16) Weight                              |
| (17) Reason or Alias Last Name                                       | (18) Place of Birth (U.S. State if US Citizen; Country for all others) |                            | (19) County of Citizenship  |  |
| (20) Home Address  |  |                            |   |  |
| Address  |  | City                       | State   | Zip                                      |
| (21) Gender (Select one)   | (22) Hair Color  | (23) Eye Color             | (24) Race (Select One)<br>(A) Asian Pacific Islander (Includes Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Samoan, and Other)<br>(B) Black<br>(C) American Indian / Alaska Native<br>(D) White (Includes Hispanic / Latino Origin)<br>(E) Unknown |  |
| (25) Occupation / Position (with respect to Requirement)             | (26) Employer / Organization Name (with respect to Requirement)        |                            |   |  |
|  | Employer Address   |                            | State   | Zip                                      |
|  | City   |                            |   |  |

**Identification (Required):** Identification must be presented at the time of fingerprinting. Identification presented MUST be on a (1) document that is current (not expired), a combination of documents will not be accepted. No single document must include the following criteria: Photo, Name, Address, Home/Work/Phone, Date of Birth and is issued by a Federal, State, County or Municipal entity for identification purposes. Examples of acceptable IDs are: 1) Valid U.S. State Photo Drivers License from Other's Offices, 2) U.S. Passport, 3) UNCS/Permanent Resident Card (issued after 8/1/2008), and 4) JSCB Employment Authorization Card (issued after 10/1/2008).

**Payment (Required):** Payment must be made at the time of fingerprinting. The following forms of payment are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, or electronic debit (ACH) from a checking account; accounts will be debited immediately. Money Order is the only form of payment accepted at the scheduled station. **Payment Description:** Appointments will be canceled or rescheduled via the website or the call center before the deadline of 5PM EST the business day prior to the scheduled appointment (Saturday Noon for Monday appointments). An appointment fee of \$15.00 will be incurred by applicants who do not cancel/reschedule their appointment prior to the deadline. Morpho Trust will refund the remainder of the fee paid (date/amount spent fees) to the original payment method.

**Unable to be Fingerprinted:** An applicant is considered "Unable to be Fingerprinted" for any of the following reasons: Failure to appear for scheduled appointment; inability to present proper identification; inability to present this completed Universal Fingerprint Form (UJ, NJAPP-110112); information on this form does not exactly match the information provided during the scheduling process; Applicants unable to be fingerprinted will incur a \$15.00 appointment fee. Morpho Trust will refund the remainder of the fee paid (date/amount spent fees) to the original payment method.

**PCN and Receipts:** Upon the completion of fingerprinting, you will be assigned a PCN number. The PCN will be recorded on this form and on your receipt. Morpho Trust will not provide duplicate receipts, PCN Numbers or any appointment/printing information after the time of printing.

|                      |                     |                |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Assigned ID Number   | Payment Information | PCN            |
| Scheduled Day & Date | Scheduled Time      | Scheduled Site |
| Agency Information:  |                     |                |

You MUST retain a copy of this form and the receipt of printing for your personal records.  
**APPLICANTS MUST NOT ALTER, SHARE, OR REUSE THIS FORM (UJ, NJAPP-110112)**

# YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Through the Recreation Division, the Township was able to offer Youth Summer Camps once again in 2024.  
Golf instruction resumed for kids 7-16 years old.

## **YOUTH GOLF CAMP- August 12th – 16th, 2024** **Hamilton Township Golf Center- 5 Justice Samuel Alito Way**

**PARTICIPANTS: 12**

**AGES: 7-13 years old**

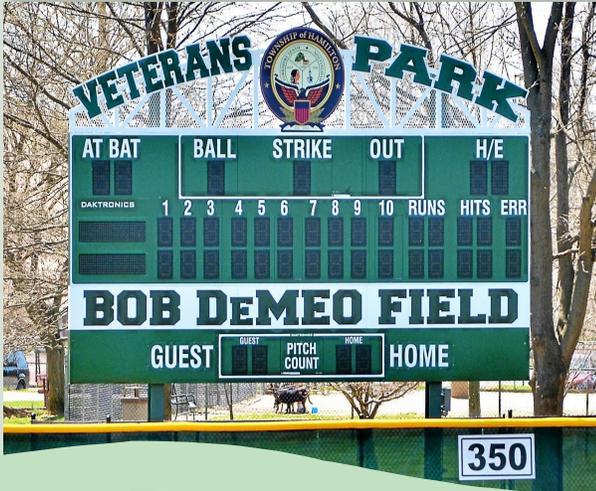
**REGISTRATION FEES: \$165.00**

**GOAL:** Develop skills for posture, grip, putting, chipping and full swing in a fun, friendly environment. Co-Ed and open to all skill levels.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Larry Ditullo



# ATHLETIC EVENTS



## 2024 NJSIAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Proudly held at  
Veterans Park, Demeo Field  
June 6th - June 8th



Demeo Field  
Councilman Carabelli throwing out the  
*first pitch* for the NJSIAA Tournament.



Annual Patriot Games first pitch with Mayor Martin and the Patriotic Committee.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Throughout the year, the Division of Recreation directly organized, scheduled, supervised, and conducted recreational programs serving our adult population.

### ADULT SOFTBALL

Over a two-month period May-August, approximately **220 adults** took part in four softball divisions, playing a total of **180 games**.

#### **Sponsored Teams:**

Bills Olde Tavern, Blend Bar, Caesars Bagels, Chiarello's Deli  
Performance Sports Academy, Champions, GGC, Killarney's, In It to Win It, Tindall Brewing Co, Blood & Guts, T & C Contractors , Cleats & Courage



Bills Olde Tavern - 2024 Season Champs

Performance Sports Academy—2024 Playoff Champs

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL



**Winter Volleyball** took place at Reynolds Middle School on Monday nights (woman's) and Tuesday nights (Co-Ed).

14 teams participated for Monday nights, 6 teams for Tuesdays.

**Summer Volleyball** took place at Veterans Park on Tuesday nights. 8 Co-Ed teams participated in 2024.



### ADULT STREET HOCKEY

The Hamilton Men's Street Hockey League played Sundays at Veterans Park complex on the newly renovated hockey rink, from September-February. A total of **16 teams** involving **290 individuals** and played a total of **200 games**.

# HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TENNIS PICKLEBALL COMPLEX

After the completion of another resurface of 6 pickleball courts in 2024 totaling 18, Hamilton Township's Tennis Pickleball Complex at Veterans Park hosted additional 4 Pickleball tournaments.

The tournament drew players, from far and wide across the United States, and included both professional and amateur level competition. The tournament was a success for pickleball enthusiasts and the local Hamilton community.



*All photos courtesy of Recreation Staff*

# HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TENNIS PICKLEBALL COMPLEX

## PICKLEBALL & TENNIS HAPPENINGS in 2024

161  
Tennis  
Memberships  
were issued  
in 2024.

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### TENNIS LESSONS & SUMMER CAMP

PTP offered weekly  
Tennis Lessons,  
along with a 10-week  
Youth Tennis  
Summer Camp at  
Veterans Park.



### PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Started May 7, 2024

Monroe Pickleball provided a pickleball lessons for those interested in learning more about the sport. Beginner and advance lessons were offered on Tuesdays/Thursdays through September.

### Hamilton Township Tennis Center

Continues to serve as the home court for our local high school tennis teams and a tournament sight for several local and national tennis organizations.

- ◇ Princeton Tennis Program (PTP)
- ◇ Burlington County Scholastic League (BCSL)
- ◇ United States Tennis Association (USTA)
- ◇ NJ Interstate Scholastic Athletic Association (NISIAA)
- ◇ Frank Quiule Summer Classic
- ◇ Burlington County Open



### PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIPS

1013 issued in 2024

2024

#### MEMBERSHIP RATES

(Seasonal: April 1st-October 31st)

\$25 RESIDENT

\$50 NON RESIDENT

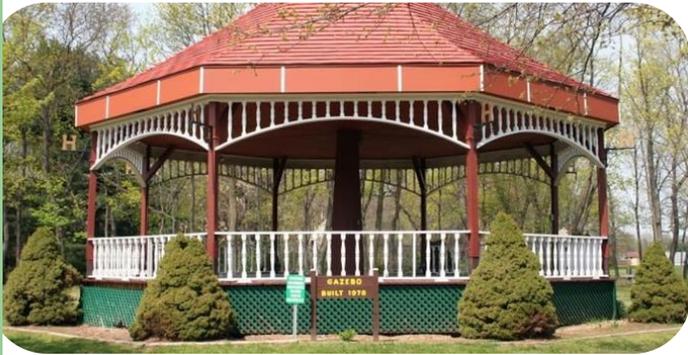
\$10 GUEST PASS

*YTD Revenue: \$113,690.00*

# PARK PICNIC PERMITS

Hamilton Township has one of the most extensive park systems and recreational facilities within Mercer County. With a total of **21 Township owned parks**, few *municipalities* match our parks, which include

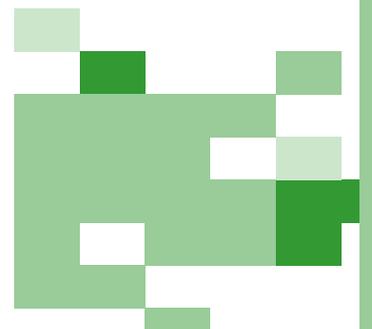
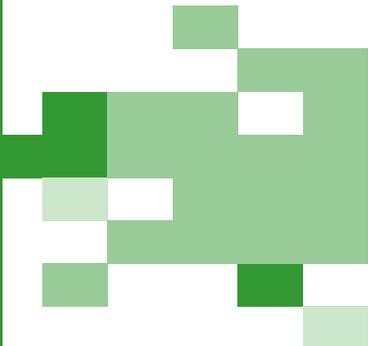
active parks and passive gardens. The park system has become a popular spot for family picnics and outings. The Recreation Division issues permits to residents and local groups for usage of these sites.



In **2024**, the following permits were issued for Veterans and Kuser Parks:

- **Kuser Park**                      **24 permits issued**
- **Veterans Park**                 **115 permits issued**

Total Revenue Collected - \$23,160.00



# HAMILTON GOLF CENTER

The Hamilton Golf Center, which was acquired in 2010, opened for the 2024 season on April 1, 2024. It once again proved to be a popular destination for affordable family recreation.

## **The 2024 season showed the following sales:**

- Small Buckets of Balls: 1,613
- Large Buckets of Balls: 10,712
- Children's Mini-Golf Games: 1,992
- Adult Mini-Golf Games: 3,961

***Total revenue collected - \$ 162,309.02***



Golf Center - Driving Range



Golf Center - Putting Green

## SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events are a major part of the Recreation Division's efforts. Residents have become accustomed to traditional events, such as the Independence Day Celebration, and Winter Wonderland.

In 2024, Hamilton Township hosted the *Azalea Festival, July Concert & Fireworks, Oktoberfest, and Winter Wonderland.*

### Photo from this years Azalea Fest- 2024



### 2024 July 4th Concert & Fireworks- Veterans Park, July 1, 2024



**2024:** Large crowd gathered on Cowell Soccer Field to listen to musical entertainment provided by the Heartbeats before the anticipated firework display.

# SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

2024 Oktoberfest- Veterans Park, October, 20, 2024

*Annual Oktoberfest returned to the South Side of Veterans Park on October 22, 2024.*

*This year's event included third annual Beer Garden for patrons 21yrs of age and older. Spirits were provided from Blend Bar & Bistro and Killarney's Public House The event also included musical and theater entertainment, 29 food vendors, crafters, non-profit vendors, pumpkin patch,*



## SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

2024 WINTERWONDERLAND- KUSER PARK, 12/6 & 12/7

Visitors were again able to enjoy a walk-through event on December 6th & 7th from 4:30pm-7:30pm.

The annual Tree Lighting took place on December 6th at 6pm, with a special guest appearance from Santa, and a performance from Hamilton resident, Anna Perno, Kuser Mansion's annual tours took place inside the beautifully decorated mansion.

***Other activities included, visit with Santa, Jersey Model Railroad, Lolli Pop Stop, Candyland Cottage, pony rides a train ride through the decorated trials, make your own reindeer food at Rudolph's Bakery, food vendors, and festive music all enjoyed by the warm firepits.***



# Division of Recreation

## Goals and Objectives for 2025

Reevaluate donations given to co-sponsored programs, assessing participation amounts and league expenses.

Require annual reports from all leagues receiving donations. Reports should include total operating expenses, how donated monies were spent, and yearly participation.

Renovate the following:

Tennis Courts 3-4 & 7-8 at Veterans Park, they are in dire need for repair.

Re-surface courts 43-44

Explore options for “new” Recreational Programs

Volleyball Tournaments

Corn Hole Tournaments

Board and Brush Craft Night

Floral Design Craft Night

Line/Ballroom Lessons

Expanding Adult Softball include Senior Ball

Weekly Programming (Summer)

Special Events

New entertainment

Expanding variety of Food Vendors

Looking forward to expanding our programs and activities in 2025!





# Hamilton Township

## *Office of Historic Homes*

Annual Report

2024



SAYEN HOUSE & GARDENS



GRAFTON HOUSE



KUSER MANSION

.....  
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON ~ DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

*OFFICE OF HISTORIC HOMES*

155 HUGHES DRIVE (MAIN OFFICE)

HAMILTON, NJ 08690

609.890.3874

# Division of Recreation Office of Historic Homes

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

The Mission of the Division of Recreation, Office of Historic Homes, is to promote greater appreciation and understanding of the history and significance of Hamilton Township to residents and the general public. The Historic Homes are focal points where many visitors can enjoy tours as well as gather for special events.

Future Goal: To raise awareness of these homes through published materials, media, tours, programming, social media and special events.



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# MEET THE STAFF

**Kathleen Fitzgerald**

*Director of Health, Recreation, Senior & Veterans' Services*

**Nicole Zoller**

*Supervisor*

**Lisa Konopka**

*Program Coordinator*

*Sayen House & Gardens, Grafton House*

**Caroline DeLellis**

*Program Coordinator*

*Nottingham Ballroom*

**Heather Pizza**

*Kuser Mansion*

**Tour Guides**

Maryann Chiarello

Rachel Mauldin

Deborah Walker

Nolan DeVoe

Joan Roberts

Linnea Weber

Sandra DiPerro

Debra Seabridge

Sharon Ezzo

Betsy Snook

Colleen Foss

Julianne Stokes

Morgan Matthews

Deborah Thomas

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# *Kuser Farm Mansion*



Since 1979, Hamilton Township opened the doors of this elegant Victorian home to the public for free tours by trained Tour Guides. Tours run from March through October. Admission is FREE!!! Besides guided tours, the mansion offers various programs and events throughout the year. Some include; Easter Bunny Photo's, Movie Night, Wedding Dresses from the Past, Ghost Investigation Night, and the very popular, Winter Wonderland and Christmas tours. Be sure to visit our special visitor from the North Pole in December!!

## *Kuser Gazebo Wedding Photos/Ceremonies:*

The Gazebo today is a popular attraction for Brides and their families. To check on availability and for more information about the Kuser Mansion tours and programs, please visit our website at;

# Kuser Mansion Special Programs

The Kuser Mansion also offers special programs throughout the year including, 'What's It Worth', a Card Reader during Ghost Investigation, along with tours of the Jersey Valley Model Railroad display, located in the basement of the mansion. This year, Kuser Mansion received 6,479 visitors and \$2,259.00 in donations. Please be sure to visit us in 2025 with some additional new programs planned! Some of the 2024 programs include:

**Easter Bunny**



**Wedding & Victorian Dresses for the Past**



**Ghost Investigation Night**



**Christmas Tours**



# Sayen House & Gardens



The Sayen House and Gardens is home to more than 1,000 azaleas and nearly 500 rhododendrons became the property of Hamilton Township in 1988. Today, it is know as the “Sayen House & Gardens”. It is an extremely popular venue for special event, especially weddings!

Our Township website, as well as Social Media accounts continues to be a popular source for clients planning their special event. You can find us on the following sites:



- ⇒ @SayenHouseandGardens
- ⇒ NJWeddings.com
- ⇒ Wedding Spot
- ⇒ Wedding Wire
- ⇒ Lola
- ⇒ Here Comes the Guide
- ⇒ The Knot



# Sayen House & Gardens Event Photos



**Bridge over Pond**



**Fountain at Night**



**Brown Gazebo**



**Temple Gardens**



**Wedding Shower**



# Sayen House & Gardens

## Statistics

The following are statistics from Sayen House & Gardens for House Rentals, Wedding Ceremonies, Wedding Photos and Catering fees from January—December 2024:

| MONTH              | TOTAL               |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| January            | \$9,990.88          |
| February           | \$8,210.80          |
| March              | \$10,503.83         |
| April              | \$7,404.95          |
| May                | \$9,630.01          |
| June               | \$9,175.00          |
| July               | \$7,999.45          |
| August             | \$19,126.86         |
| September          | \$13,003.13         |
| October            | \$9,655.59          |
| November           | \$10,473.15         |
| December           | \$2,957.12          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$118,130.77</b> |

**Grand Total is \$4,651.34 greater than 2023**



# *Grafton House*



**The Grafton House was once the home to the first Sheriff of Mercer County, NJ. The Grafton House can accommodate a variety of functions and special gatherings. This historic jewel quietly sits behind the Hamilton Marketplace in south-east Hamilton, NJ.**

**The Grafton House has grown in popularity over the years, especially for birthday parties, baby and bridal showers. The potential clients have the option of choosing from three caterers, who provide quality service to our clients.**

**This majestic piece of our history celebrates Hamilton's past, while providing countless opportunities today and into the future. This beautiful home will make the perfect location for any special event!!**

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# GRAFTON HOUSE

## EVENTS

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### Wedding



### Bridal Showers



### Birthday Parties



# Grafton House Statistics

The following are statistics for the Grafton House Rentals fees and Catering fees from January—December 2024:

| MONTH              | TOTAL              |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| January            | \$2,255.60         |
| February           | \$1,750.00         |
| March              | \$2,205.30         |
| April              | \$3,939.90         |
| May                | \$1,290.80         |
| June               | \$1,600.00         |
| July               | \$1,389.00         |
| August             | \$2,902.20         |
| September          | \$1,987.10         |
| October            | \$1,530.00         |
| November           | \$1,960.70         |
| December           | \$424.80           |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$23,235.40</b> |

**Grand total is \$5,137.50 less than 2023**





# Nottingham Ballroom

## *2024 Annual Report*



*Prepared by: Carrie DeLellis*

*Hamilton Township, New Jersey  
Department of Health, Recreation and Senior & Veteran Services*

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*200 Mercer Street, Hamilton NJ, 08690*

# Mission Statement



*At The Nottingham Ballroom,  
We are dedicated to creating unforgettable moments in the heart of  
Hamilton Township. As a premier event venue for weddings,  
banquets, birthdays, and corporate celebrations, we take pride in  
delivering exceptional service, exquisite catering, and a breathtaking  
setting tailored to your special occasion. Our goal is to provide a  
seamless and elegant experience, ensuring every event is a unique  
and memorable as the people we serve.*



# 2024 Statistics

**Total Number of Events: 41**

Township Events: 5

Red Cross Blood Drive: 1

Flu Clinics: 4

Paid Events: 31

| Nottingham Ballroom<br>2024 Deposits |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| JANUARY                              | \$1300.00   |
| FEBRUARY                             | \$500.00    |
| MARCH                                | \$2300.00   |
| APRIL                                | \$9600.00   |
| MAY                                  | \$10,725.00 |
| JUNE                                 | \$800.00    |
| JULY                                 | \$3150.00   |
| AUGUST                               | \$4600.00   |
| SEPTEMBER                            | \$8425.00   |
| OCTOBER                              | \$7400.00   |
| NOVEMBER                             | \$5950.00   |
| DECEMBER                             | \$3100.00   |



# Accomplishments & Highlights of 2024

## Projects:

- Flooring renovation completed in March
- Painting of ballroom & bridal suite completed in March
- Flooring RE-finished in May

## Purchases:

- Highchairs
- 6 high top tables
- 2 sweetheart tables
- 35 -72 inch round tables
- 20 -8 foot rectangle tables
- Table carts for round tables
- Stacking table carts for rectangle tables to be stored under the stage
- A new podium
- Christmas tree and decorations
- Microwave
- Beverage refrigerator
- Outside garbage bins
- Outside smoke receptacles
- Benches for out front of NBR



# Goals and Objectives for 2025

- *Renovation on the stage doors*
- *New code approved steps installed for stage*
- *Purchase of new Chivari chairs*
- *Install microwave and new beverage refrigerator*
- *Increase advertising/marketing*
- *Upon completion of open stage projects, we have plans to host our first Bridal Expo which we hope leads to increase in rentals*





*Township of Hamilton, Mercer County*

# *Senior & Veteran Services 2024 Annual Report*

*Prepared by : Victoria Slaiciunas*

HAMILTON  
SENIOR CENTER

## **The Hamilton Senior Center**

*409 Cypress Lane, Hamilton NJ, 08619*

**Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm, Thursdays 8:30am - 7:00pm

*\*Closed on all Weekends and Federal Holidays\**

**Telephone:** 609-890-3686 | **Website:** [www.HamiltonNJ.com/Seniors](http://www.HamiltonNJ.com/Seniors)



# Our Mission

The mission of the Hamilton Township Senior Center is to promote the most enriching quality of life for our Seniors. The Senior Center is a community focal point where older persons can gather for activities and services, which enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourages involvement in and with the community. We will continue to develop and implement programs and activities in the areas of health and fitness, education, recreation, socialization and volunteerism.

Our vision is for our Senior Center to be recognized as a Center of excellence in providing innovative programs and services for our Seniors and the community. We will serve as a catalyst to partner with our community to strive for continuous growth in serving our diverse and changing community into the future.

We strive to increase the public's awareness of the Senior Center and promote active participation of our senior population. We promise to listen with respect, to serve with compassion and commitment, and to respond in a timely and professional manner to the current and future needs of the community.

The Hamilton Senior Center is very proud of its unique standing as a Nationally Accredited Center in the State of New Jersey and in the United States by having satisfied and passed the highest of requirements for national certification. Such certification requires an extraordinary amount of time and effort along with the development of significant programming. Hamilton is one of only two senior centers in the State of NJ and in the top 1% of senior centers in the country to have met this prestigious standing.

# Meet the Staff

**Kathleen Fitzgerald**  
**Director**

*Health, Recreation, Senior & Veteran Services*



**Olivia Catalfomo**  
&  
**Victoria Slaiciunas**  
Program Coordinators

**Carrie DeLellis**  
Transportation Coordinator



**John Goff**  
Facility Services

**Jeovani Estrada**  
Facility Custodian

**Part-Time Staff**  
Trudi Derrico  
Toni Farrell



**Part-Time Drivers**

George Kolesar  
Dan Knox  
Randy Palme  
Marie Riccitelli  
Bob Valentino





# Looking back at 2024...

2024, the year where we were able to step away from the hold that Covid-19 had on us! Although Covid-19 wasn't the main focus this year, we were still committed to providing a space for seniors to receive their vaccine for Covid-19 and the Flu. The Hamilton Senior Center worked with the Hamilton Township Health Department Nurses and local pharmacies to administer vaccines to our Seniors and the public here at the Senior Center.

Throughout 2024, the Senior Center had a plethora of informational programs presented to our Seniors by our wonderful Community Partners. Some of those programs were: Fall Prevention and Safety Tips, Stress Management, Technology help for Seniors, Medicare 101, Osteoporosis Screenings, Samba Fitness, Financial Scams, Senior Living Options, Floral Arranging, Free Hearing Screening, Colorectal Health Lecture, Tax Assistance, Keeping Your Mind Sharp, NJ MVC Mobile Unit and many more! In past years, Grounds For Sculpture has offered programs that Seniors could partake in for FREE, this year they offered a Tai Chi Program, the Seniors that participated said it was fantastic!

Along with our Community Partner programs, we offered our daily activities here at the Center. Some of those daily activities included: Ballroom Dancing, Bingo, Billiards, Bocce, Chair Exercise, Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Knitting Club, Mah Jongg, Swimming, Tai Chi and much more!

Throughout the year the Trip Chaperone, Toni, planned day trips to Atlantic City, Wind Creek Casino, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Shore Club, River Queen, and Surflight Theatre. Although there was not a week long trip like in years past, the Seniors that went on these day trips said they were so much fun and it was a nice way to get themselves out of the house!

It would not be a successful year without the special events that we host! We held our Spring and Fall Dinner Dances this year, with live music from the fan favorite Dennis, Rick and Kenny and the Seniors loved the new Caterer, Louie's by Chef Jason. The rain held out for our Annual Picnic here on the backgrounds where Seniors danced the afternoon away to live music by Dennis, Rick & Kenny and ate great food provided by NJ Wedding and Events (Brothers Pizza on Route 33). In between our bigger special events, we held multiple themed Just Dances here at the Center, so of them being: Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Garden Tea Party, Halloween, we ended the year with a Holiday Social and surprise visit from Santa!

## Membership in 2024

43,394 Members checked in

367 New Members joined

## Transportation

1,179 trips to Doctors | Food Shopping

Total Miles: 25,379 for 2024

50 new participants registered in 2024

## Senior Volunteers

26 Volunteers, 2,154.73 hours

## Mercer County Nutrition Program

30,353 meals were distributed in 2024

## Health Screenings

Evans Hearing - 18 Participants

Flu Shots - 27 Participants

NEC - 126 Participants

Shingles Vaccine - 16 Participants

## Community Partner Programs

AARP Driving Course - 8 Participants

AARP Income Tax Help - 100 Participants

Ascend Hospice - 9 Participants

Akin Care - 19 Participants

All Cure - 19 Participants

Avalon - 40 Participants

Brain Injury Alliance - 14 Participants

Brookdale - 37 Participants

Capital Health - 55 Participants

Care-One - 32 Participants

Carnegie Post Acute Care - 18 Participants

Catholic Charities - 10 Participants

Choice Care - 69 Participants

Circle of Friends - 10 Participants

Coloring for Relaxation - 15 Participants

Girl Scouts - 24 Participants

Hamilton Grove - 18 Participants

Hamilton Physical Therapy - 13 Participants

Mobile Unit MVC - 40 Participants

Monroe Medical Assistance - 7 Participants

Platinum Home Care - 173 Participants

Reiki Master - 9 Participants

Rose Hill - 16 Participants

RWJ - 85 Participants

RWJ Screenings - 13 Participants

Sheriff's Office - 8 Participants

Tech Assistance - 16 Participants

Town Square - 33 Participants

Trinity Rehab - 23 Participants

WWP Youth Ambassadors - 6 Participants

## Social Events

Annual Picnic - 400 Participants

Fall Dinner Dance - 200 Participants

Holiday Sing A Long - 200 Participants

Just Dances - 637 Participants

Lawrence Community Band - 40 Participants

Senior Health & Fitness Day - 200 Participants

Spring Dinner Dance - 200 Participants

Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest - 50 Participants

Valentines Day w/ Langtree - 21 Participants

Welcome Fall Event - 51 Participants

Welcome Summer Event - 94 Participants

## Daily Activities

Billiards - 4,570 Participants

Billiards PM - 164 Participants

Bingo AM - 904 Participants

Bingo PM - 2,191 Participants

Bocce - 3,010 Participants

Bocce PM - 252 Participants

Canasta - 558 Participants

Chess Club - 210 Participants

Choral Group - 312 Participants

Computer Room - 1542 Participants

Crochet Group - 167 Participants

Knitting Group - 122 Participants

Puzzles - 1,655 Participants

Puzzles PM - 79 Participants

Rummikub - 674 Participants

Shuffleboard - 698 Participants

Spiritual Wellness - 358 Participants

TV Room - 1,839 Participants

TV Room PM - 98 Participants

## Daily Exercise

Ballroom Dancing - 124 Participants

Bocce Exercise Bikes - 789 Participants

Chair Exercise - 1845 Participants

Chair Yoga - 630 Participants

Fitness Room - 5205 Participants

HIIT Workout - 82 Participants

Line Dancing - 924 Participants

Late Line Dancing - 553 Participants

Outside Equipment - 312 Participants

Splash Fitness - 748 Participants

Swimming Pool - 473 Participants

Tai Chi - 14 Participants

Walking Trail - 1701 Participants

## Day Bus Trips

Atlantic City - 297 Participants

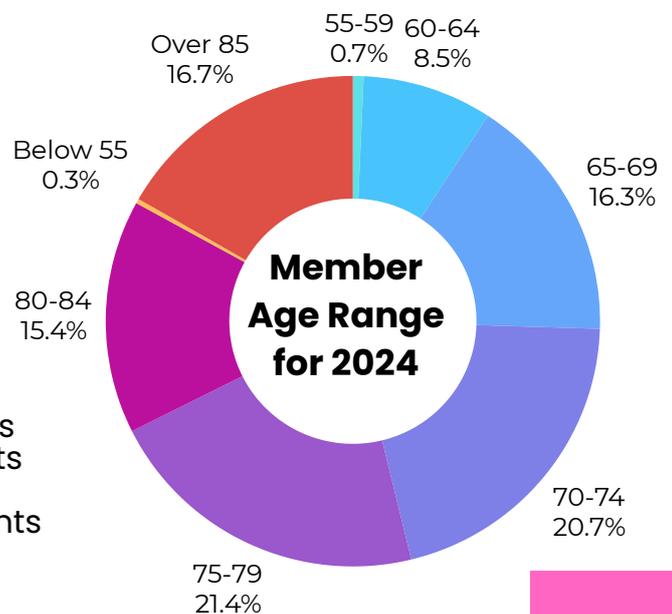
Hunterdon Hills - 50 Participants

River Queen - 51 Participants

Shore Club - 50 Participants

Surflight Theatre - 50 Participants

Wind Creek Casino - 97 Participants



## Ethnicity Percentage for the 2024 Year

| African American | Asian American | Caucasian | From India | Hispanic | N/A  |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------|------|
| 6.4%             | 2.3%           | 81.9%     | 2.1%       | 1.7%     | 5.6% |

**32.7%**  
**Male**  
**Members**

**67.3%**  
**Female**  
**Members**



# Major Assets, Accomplishments and Highlights of 2024

## **Senior Center Staff:**

- When it comes to the Senior Members here in our building, safety is our first priority, that is why our entire staff is trained in CPR and AED. Our staff was retrained this year through the American Red Cross where they were reinstructed on how to properly administer CPR and use the AED in case of medical emergency. Even though we are trained and always prepared to go into action if someone requires emergency aide, we always hope we wont have to use our knowledge. This year, that knowledge came into play, Kathleen, our Director happened to be in the building at the right time. On September 24, 2024, a senior member was partaking in the Mercer County Nutrition program and began to choke, we were alerted in the office and immediately jumped into action. Due to the knowledge and swift action of Kathleen and staff, a catastrophe was everted. Due to Kathleen's heroic actions, she was nominated for the the American Red Cross Lifesaver award, her nomination was accepted and she is scheduled to be honored in early 2025.
- Long time employee, Virginia (Ginger) Cox, our full time driver here at the Senior Center retired after 25+ years of service.
- We welcomed a new part-time driver, William (Randy) Palme.

## **Some improvements that have been made in 2024:**

- Construction on the deck began, the new deck is expected to be installed and usable in the Spring of 2025.
- The building along with the floors were professionally cleaned.
- We received and installed a new digital bingo machine in our main dining room.
- The black and white copier/fax machine was replaced with a color copier/fax machine.
- The main hallway was painted with a fresh coat of paint.
- We ordered and received new rugs for the main hallway entrance.
- The attic was re-organized to make it easier to access and find decorations and event supplies.
- The tree stumps from the trees that were cut down, due to them being dead, were removed just in time for our annual picnic.
- New table cloths for the main hallway tables were ordered and put out on the tables, giving the hallway a fresh look!
- We received two (2) new touch screen computers for the Seniors to use to check in at the front desk.
- The blinds that were ordered in 2023 were delivered and installed in the billiard room, fitness room and all purpose room.
- Installation of the security cameras in the fitness room and bocce court were installed and are working properly - these help us monitor the safety of the seniors in areas of the building that aren't heavily foot trafficked.
- We received a new ID printer for Senior Center membership.

# Coming Soon...

We are always looking to improve the Senior Center facility as well as offer new programs, activities and events to our members!

## **Our 2025 Goals:**

- Complete the deck, located next to the swimming pool on our backgrounds in time for our Annual Picnic in September.
- Refurbish the interior bocce court flooring.
- Repave the employee and main parking lots
  - We hope to connect the parking lots in the employee parking lot for easier access to all parking spaces and easier ingress and egress.
- Purchase new art work for the hallways and walls in the Senior Center.
- Continue outreach and increase membership at the Senior Center.
- Continue to improve the wellness of Seniors by offering more programs and information provided by our Community Partners.

