

In February 2004, Governor Rendell signed the Elm Street Act into law. Elm Street is a statewide program designed to strengthen and revitalize older neighborhoods around “Main Street” areas to make them safer, improve property values and create a more positive image. Hatboro's Main Street district is centered along the York Road corridor.

Most of Hatboro’s “Elm Street” area is located in our High Industrial and Light Industrial Use zone.

The Elm Street district is also known as the “Jacksonville Road Corridor.”

As we are all aware there are many needed upgrades long overdue for this area and Elm Street Hatboro will be a driving force to ensure these improvements are put into place.

Elm Street Hatboro intends to work with Borough Council, residents and businesses to encourage a positive change in our district. Elm Street Hatboro hopes to urge businesses and residents to make property improvements through active policies, such as the enforcement of Borough zoning codes and ordinances.

Elm Street Hatboro is a committee made up of Borough representatives, local business owners and concerned district residents.

We want to keep you informed about what will be happening in our neighborhood.

Hatboro Borough has recently received a grant that will be used for the installation of crosswalks on Jacksonville Road and Moreland Avenue. Elm Street Hatboro is currently reviewing different types of crosswalk materials to determine their suitability. Other goals of Elm Street Hatboro are the elimination or relocation of street utility poles, the planting of street trees along the corridor and upgrading Tanner Park.

The plan also calls for improved street lighting and attention to older sidewalks throughout the district.

Another major change coming to the district is the Stove Works project. The Stove Works building (i.e. the former Gamburg's warehouse) will be converted into loft apartments, with perhaps a café and fitness center. The developer has also submitted to Borough Council a sketch plan for townhouses, twins and apartment flats on the Cosmopolitan Motors site on Jacksonville Road. Both projects will be a major upgrade to the district.

You will already have noted the new speed zone signs on Meadowbrook Avenue as well as the long overdue traffic light improvements at the intersection of County Line and Jacksonville Roads that were completed in the summer of 2006.

We want to help you increase the value of your home or business.

You should be informed about the many financial assistance opportunities for home/business maintenance and improvements that may be available to you through the Elm Street Pennsylvania plan. The Elm Street Plan is available for your review at the Union Library of Hatboro and at Borough Hall.

**It's been shown that one “problem property” can spoil an entire block.**

What changes or improvements would you like to see in your district? **WE WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT.** If you have questions or would like to voice your concerns or get involved with Elm Street Hatboro, please feel free to contact us. We can be contacted at:  
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In the coming months, we will be looking at Hatboro's property maintenance codes as well as noise ordinances. We will try to find ways (with your input) to improve and enforce these codes for the betterment of all the residents and businesses in the district.

Please join us in making our home, the Elm Street district, a pleasant and beautiful place for everyone.

Elm Street Hatboro is a sister organization to Main Street Hatboro (York Road) and works hand and hand with Hatboro Borough Council. Its members include:

John Farnen - Elm Street President.

Nancy Guenst - Elm Street Treasurer, Borough Council member and district business owner. (Designs In Stone).

Mark Vasoli, Esq. – Elm Street Secretary, Borough Council member and Attorney.

John Demcisak, Esq. - District resident, former Borough Council member, Attorney, Zoning Board Member and Neighborhood Restructuring Committee member.

Stephen Burgess - District resident and Neighborhood Restructuring Committee Chairman.

Deborah Lilley - District resident, former Open Space Committee member and Neighborhood Restructuring Committee member.

Police Chief James Gardner - Borough Manager and Safe, Clean and Green Committee Co-Chairman.

Jim Cuzzo - Main Street Chairman and Main Street business owner (Minute Man Press).

Sven Hellwig - District resident, Safe, Clean and Green Co-Chairman, and district business owner (SKH Locksmiths).

Larry Wise - Design Committee Chairman and district business owner (Cosmopolitan Motors).



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**Positive changes are coming to your neighborhood!**

**What can the Elm Street Program do for you?**

Hatboro's Elm Street district is centered along the Jacksonville Road corridor.  
(See map for boundaries)  
This newsletter has been sent to you because you live or work in the Elm Street district.

**This information may affect you.**