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Hatfield Board of Commissioners



From left to right: Gerald Andris (Ward V), Bob Rodgers (Ward II, Vice President), Deborah Zimmerman (Ward III), Greg Lees (Ward I), Tom Zipfel (Ward IV, President)

Hatfield residents elect five Commissioners to four-year terms of office. Each Commissioner represents a geographical “Ward” of the township. The Commissioners are part time volunteers who make decisions on behalf of the 17,000+ residents in Hatfield Township. The Board of Commissioners meets twice a month to discuss and adopt policies for Hatfield’s local government services. These policy decisions include items such as land development applications, road improvements, public safety matters, capital improvement projects, and open space preservation. While each year may bring different projects and policies, the overarching goal of the Board of Commissioners is always to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

To find out which ward you live in and which commissioner represents you, please refer to the township map at www.hatfield.org/your_government/board_of_commissioners.

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Meet the Township Staff

Catherine (Cathy) Basilli



What is your job title, and how long have you worked for Hatfield?

Administrative Assistant to Building & Codes for roughly 12 years. I started part-time as a Receptionist in October 2010, then went full-time to my current position.

What are some of your favorite things about working for Hatfield Township?

My co-workers are super supportive and we work well as a team.

What are some of the biggest challenges you deal with in your position?

Logistics of coordinating different reviews, approvals, and required code information to be complete for issuance of permit projects. Time to follow up on older permits. And receiving information with no cover letter and having to be a detective to find what project/address it goes to.

What are some aspects of your job that residents would be surprised to hear about?

We help pitch in and back up other departments when needed—for example, answering phones, answering pool and Parks & Recreation questions, and assisting at special events.

What are some of the responsibilities in your current position?

Customer service is a big part of the job -by helping to educate our constituents on the zoning and permitting process. I also collect and coordinate code-compliant information for construction permits, assist with zoning hearing board & land development applications, property maintenance, and Fire Marshal correspondence, required State and County Data Reports, etc.

What do you like most about your job?

There is never a dull moment due to every project being unique.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Spending time with my family and new puppy. Going to music concerts, the gym, and being outside walking, jogging, or just enjoying nature's beauty.

Mike McCann



What is your job title, and how long have you worked for Hatfield?

My job title is Deputy Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer. I have been working at Hatfield Township for 14 years.

What are some of your favorite things about working for Hatfield Township?

Some of the best things that I like about my job are; meeting people, discovering what the businesses located in Hatfield manufacture, and being able to help residents and business owners when they come to me.

What are some of the biggest challenges you deal with in your position?

Some of the challenges that I face are working with people to come to an agreement so everyone can get along, and finding the right agency to assist someone in their time of need.

What are some aspects of your job that residents would be surprised to hear about?

Residents may be surprised to learn that I inspect more than 2,100 apartments each year. Making sure that all the proper life safety equipment is present and functioning properly is paramount to keeping everyone safe.

What are some of the responsibilities in your current position?

Since my position is split between two roles my responsibilities vary. While functioning as the Deputy Fire Marshal, I perform Fire and Life Safety inspections in commercial and residential buildings. I also assist with Origin and Cause investigations after a fire. As the Code Enforcement Officer, I help to ensure the quality of life within the township by helping to keep properties within township codes.

What do you like most about your job?

The thing that I like most about my position is meeting people. From long-term and new residents to large and small business owners, I enjoy listening to and learning from them.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy being outside. From walking to hiking to running, whether at the shore or the mountains, a day outside always beats a day inside.

Timothy Frank



What is your job title, and how long have you worked for Hatfield?

I have worked at Hatfield Township for 14 years. As of January 2022, I have taken on the role of Public Works Director.

What are some of your favorite things about working for Hatfield Township?

One of the best things about working for Hatfield Township is being able to take part in some of the decision-making that better the Hatfield Community.

What are some of the biggest challenges you deal with in your position?

Coordinating snow storms is one of the more difficult challenges of my position. The weather is so unpredictable and keeping our roadways clear and safe is extremely important.

What are some of the responsibilities in your current position?

My position requires me to assign and prioritize daily jobs for the Public Works Department, as well as respond to resident requests, estimate the township road program, and put together budget proposals.

What do you like most about your job?

I enjoy the variety of work this position involves, along with the challenges and problem-solving that it requires.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. My favorite thing to do is go on vacations and spend time with my wife and two boys.

Angie Johnson



What is your job title, and how long have you worked for Hatfield?

Administrative Assistant for Building & Code Dept. I started on September 11, 2017.

What are some of your favorite things about working for Hatfield Township?

My favorite things about working for Hatfield Township are the supportive staff and flexibility.

What are some of the biggest challenges you deal with in your position?

My biggest challenge is getting residents to un-

derstand the safety aspect of applying and closing out projects along with who's responsible.

What are some aspects of your job that residents would be surprised to hear about?

An aspect of my job that seems to surprise residents is that I/Township has no say when it comes to public utility operating on their equipment.

What are some of the responsibilities in your current position?

Essential functions include reviewing permits and plans submitted for zoning compliance, processing appeals to the Zoning Hearing Board, researching plan restrictions and property ownership, receiving, process-

ing, and investigating resident complaints. Critical thinking skills are essential, as well as the ability to multi-task, effectively problem solve, gather and analyze data and make sound judgments.

What do you like most about your job?

The one thing I like most about my job is that it's a never-ending learning atmosphere.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

When it comes to outside of work, I enjoy spending time catching up with my family, hanging out with friends, and attending different car show events with my husband.

Michael Krewson



What is your job title, and how long have you worked for Hatfield?

Operations Manager Of Aquatic Center. 17 Years at Hatfield Township started Oct 18th 2004

What are some of your favorite things about working for Hatfield Township?

That each day brings something new to the job. I get to meet and interact with new patrons, and aside from the daily tasks, each day brings something new.

What are some of the biggest challenges you deal with in your position?

Trying to juggle multiple large projects in our off-season and making sure they are all completed by their deadlines.

What are some aspects of your job that residents would be surprised to hear about?

That maintenance is done to the pool, the equipment, and the complex year round - not just in the summer months when it's open.

What are some of the responsibilities in your current position?

Making sure the Aquatic Center building and grounds are maintained and clean daily;

water chemistry is kept to health code standards; and inspect all water slides and equipment. In addition, I act as a fill-in for various positions when needed.

What do you like most about your job?

I like that I get to interact with the residents of Hatfield on a daily basis and see them enjoying their time at our facility

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I enjoy spending time with family, volunteering in the fire dept, trying out new restaurants and food, and traveling on vacation.

Mike Waldron



What is your job title, and how long have you worked for Hatfield?

Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator since 2006.

What are some of your favorite things about working for Hatfield Township?

My coworkers are my #1 favorite thing. There are always different challenges, and the learning never stops.

What are some of the biggest challenges you deal with in your position?

Being personable, professional, and consistent when dealing with a variety of situations and people.

What are some aspects of your job that residents would be surprised to hear about?

The ultimate goal of all my responsibilities is the safety of the community.

What are some of the responsibilities in your current position?

Review construction drawings and do field inspections of construction and fire and safety systems, perform fire and life safety

inspections, provide fire safety education to the public, investigate and determine the origin and cause of fires, coordinate and support first responder operations during a disaster.

What do you like most about your job?

The satisfaction of helping someone successfully start the recovery process after a fire or other emergency. I feel like I make a positive difference in the community.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Time with my family, bike riding, Phillies games, riding our ATVs, and being a volunteer firefighter.

2022 Events

Hatfield's *Rocktoberfest*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

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Saturday, October 1st • 10:30AM

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Details, information, and registration is available at: www.runtheday.com



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TRICK OR TREAT WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES**

*Rain Location: Admin Building, 1950 School Rd. Indoor space is limited

2022 Events

GIVING TREE

Help local families in need this holiday season!



Hatfield Parks and Recreation and the North Penn School District are partnering again for our 6th Annual Giving Tree! The tree is filled with requests from local families in need this holiday season. Take a gift tag from the tree and exchange it with the corresponding gift*.

Location: Administration Building
1950 School Rd

When: November 14 - December 16

* All gifts should be new and unwrapped

HOLIDAY CONCERT FEATURING: SANTA'S VISIT

December 10 • 4PM - 6PM • School Rd Park

Come out and sing and dance to your favorite holiday tunes!

Brought to you by the Hatfield Police Benevolent Association and Hatfield Parks and Recreation.



Live Music: Challenge Accepted
Photos with Santa • S'mores • Cider
Hot cocoa • Fire pits • and more!

Food provided by: Scout Troop 52

2022 Parks and Recreation Programs

Fall Trail Cleanup



Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Looking for volunteer hours or a way to get involved with your Hatfield community? Join us for our fall cleanup event at School Road Park. After the cleanup, all volunteers are invited to join us for a pizza party at 6:30 pm! Email hatfield@hatfield.org to sign up!

Get Fit Series



The Get Fit series features a variety of fitness classes such as Yoga, Zumba, and POUND. Register for sessions of these classes and meet weekly with trained instructors to improve fitness and unwind. Classes are geared towards all levels! Full list of classes available on the website!

Pickleball



Hatfield Township partners with XL Sports to bring you indoor pickleball throughout the year. *Pre-registration required.

Seminar Series



Hatfield Township offers a variety of educational seminars. Join us and receive information and training from seminars such as "Ready, Set, Medicare," American Red Cross Babysitting courses, Pruning Workshops or First Aid and CPR courses. Details for different seminars provided on the Hatfield Township website.

Holiday Lights Contest



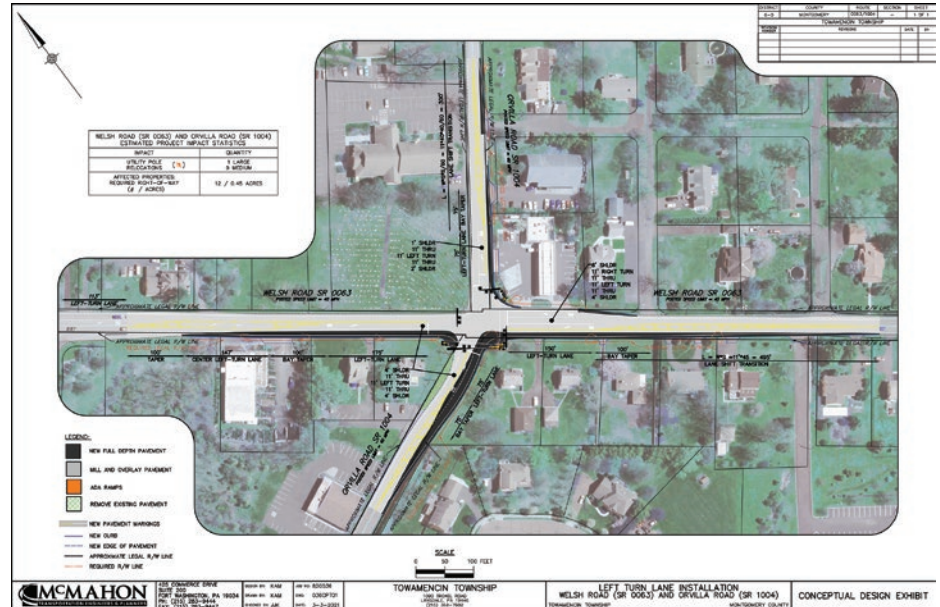
Help Hatfield SHINE bright and spread some holiday cheer! Decorate your house with holiday lights and decorations, then register your home for the contest. Judges visit each home and vote for winners in various categories. Winners in each category receive a prize!

Pre-registration is required for all programs. All programs are tentative and subject to change or cancellation. Please check the Hatfield Township website for details and up to date information throughout the year.

New Projects in Hatfield

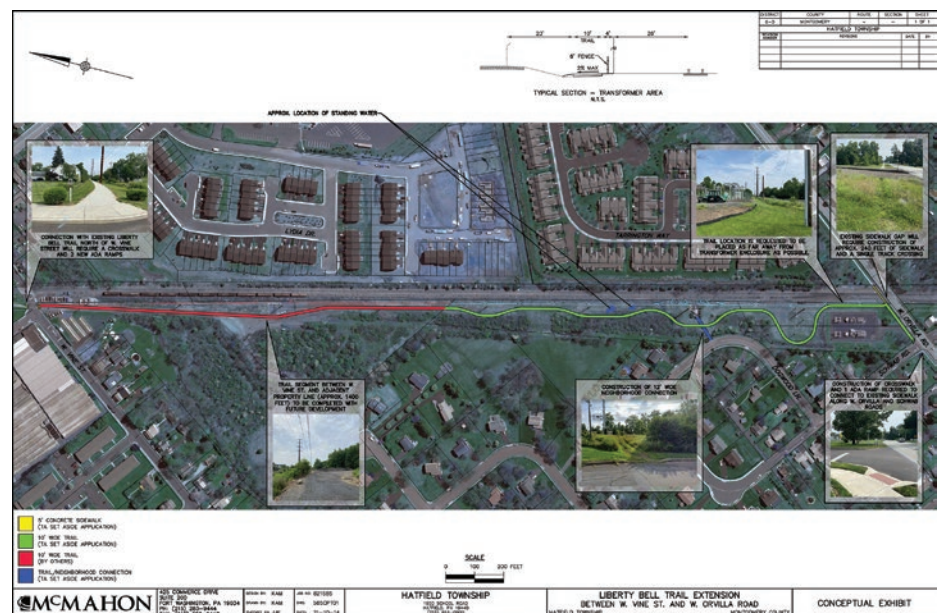
Welsh and Orvilla

Now that the Hatfield Commissioners have fixed the intersection at Cowpath and Orvilla, they have directed their focus on adding turn lanes to every movement at the Welsh and Orvilla intersection. Everyone reading this article has been stuck at this intersection, probably multiple times per week. Thanks to a grant from the state and a partnership with Towamencin Township, the preliminary design has been completed and the Township will soon seek funding for construction once it receives PennDOT's approval.

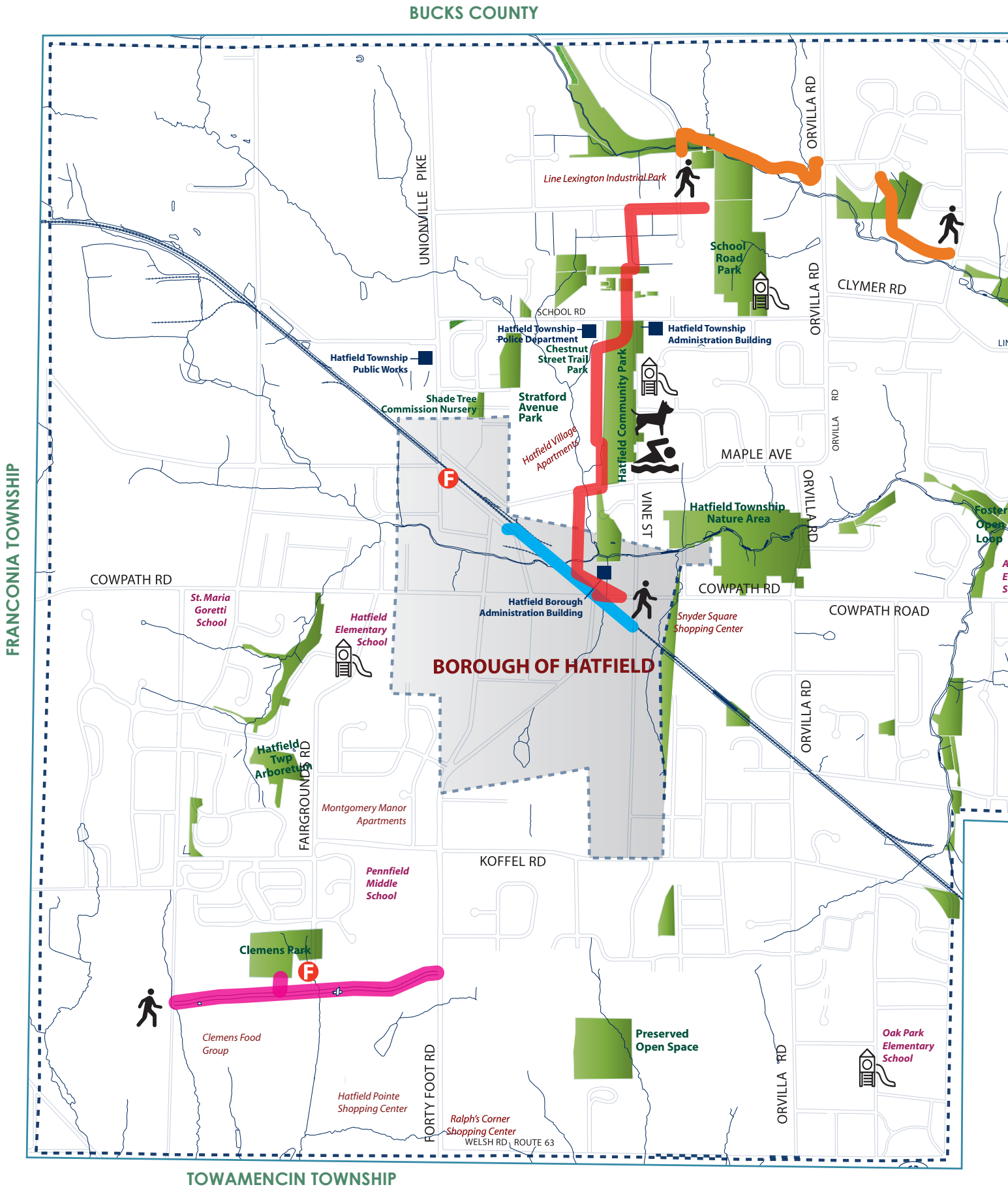


Liberty Bell Trail

Improving walkability and connecting Hatfield to other communities has been a major priority of the Hatfield Commissioners for many years. Hatfield partnered with several neighboring towns to create a plan to build the long-discussed Liberty Bell Trail, loosely following the route of the defunct trolley line. Thanks to a grant for \$910,000, the Hatfield Commissioners will be able to build 1,500 feet of the trail connecting Orvilla Road to the Liberty Bell Trail in Hatfield Borough near Vine Street. This is a major first step in what will be a regionally significant recreation feature for the community.

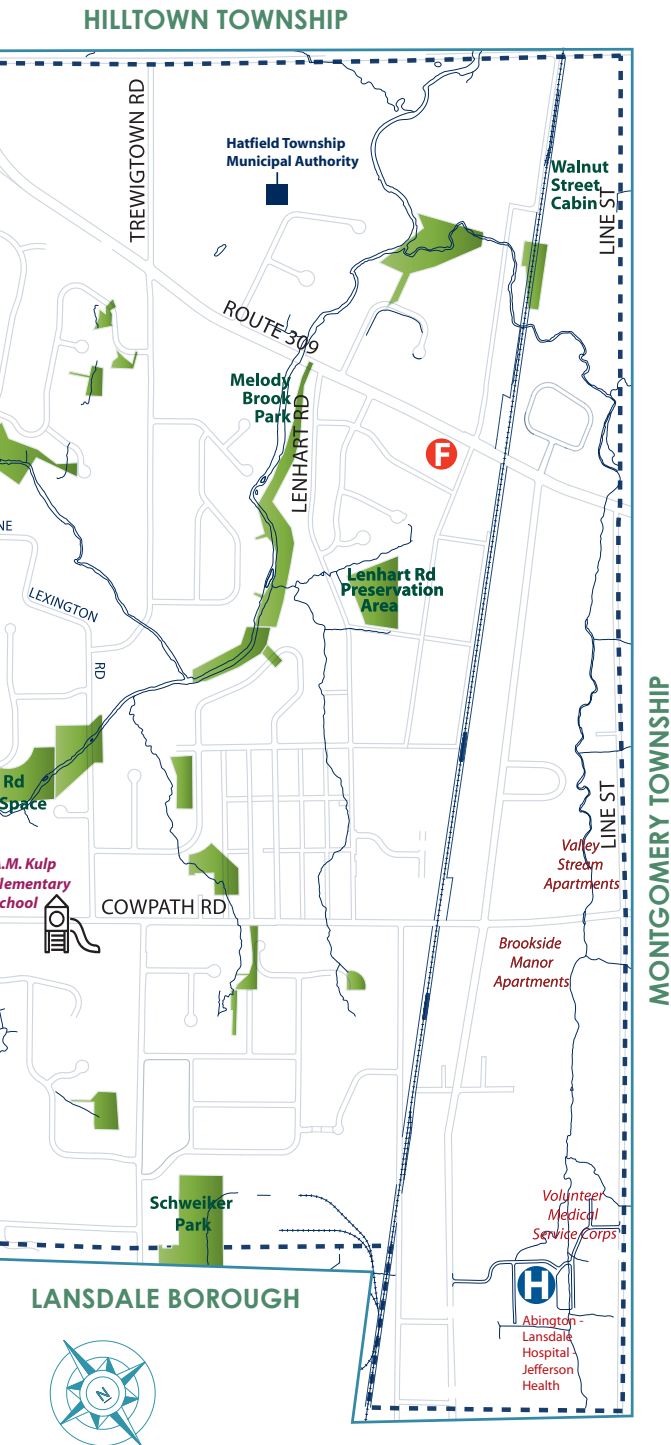


Hatfield Township Public Parks



Hatfield Township Public Parks

Explore the more than 100 acres of parks Hatfield Township has to offer.



	Clemens Road Trail		Fire Companies
	Chestnut Street Trail		Hospital
	Liberty Bell Trail		Township Borders
	Fricks Trail		Streets and Roads
			Railroads

To find your ward and polling location, visit www.hatfield.org/your_government/board_of_commissioners.

Chestnut Street Trail

School Road Park to Hatfield Borough



Chestnut Street Trail Park

1950 School Road



Clemens Memorial Park

500 Fairgrounds Road



Frick's Trail

2900 Line Lexington Road



Hatfield Aquatic Center

2500 N. Chestnut Street



Hatfield Community Park

2500 N. Chestnut Street



Hatfield Dog Park

2500 N. Chestnut Street



Hatfield Township Arboretum

830 Princeton Place

Hatfield Township Nature Area

1575 Cowpath Road

Lenhart Road Preservation Area

2509 Lenhart Road

Liberty Bell Trail

76 E. Broad Street



Melody Brook Park

2772 Lenhart Road

School Road Park

1619 School Road



Schweiker Park

1275 Moyer Road

Shade Tree Commission Nursery

2310 Stratford Avenue

Stratford Avenue Park

2201 Stratford Avenue

Walnut Street Cabin

2991 E. Walnut Street

Hatfield, A.M. Kulp, Oak Park Elementary Schools

Playground can be used after school hours as long as the After School Care Program is not using it.



MURAL TO SHOWCASE THE DIVERSE HATFIELD COMMUNITY

“ I had a quick progression of ideas. This township has a wonderfully full schedule of great, fun, positive activities and events, and so many residents participate in them; I thought I could start there.”

Like most communities in the United States, Hatfield Township has gone through its fair share of difficulties in the past three years. The Covid pandemic and social unrest took their toll on families and businesses throughout the township. However, rather than focusing on the negative effects - one Hatfield resident named Tina Sowicz saw an opportunity to bring a positive message of hope and togetherness to our community during this difficult time.

As a longtime Hatfield resident (since 1987), participation in community-focused activities and projects is nothing new to Tina. One of her favorite activities is walking her dogs on the trails. Years ago, she joined a community walking group led by the then Director of Parks and Recreation, Nancy Stock. After walking together and getting to know each other, Nancy asked Tina if she would volunteer in an upcoming race. At the time, Tina and her husband declined, agreeing that they were both too busy to par-

ticipate. However, after asking Nancy to tell her more about what was involved in volunteering - Tina became convinced that she and her husband should volunteer. They have been volunteering at the races ever since. That has sparked Tina to volunteer at other events, participate on special committees, and get involved in various township projects and Neighborhood Watch.

While spirits were low in the middle of the pandemic, Sowicz decided to get a message out to our community. She wanted to get behind a project that had never been done in the township, something that all residents could identify with and enjoy. But, most importantly, Tina wanted a message that had a positive meaning and outcome. So, while brainstorming ideas for the project, she considered the Hatfield Aquatic Center. The wall at the pool was in need of a repair, or at least a refresh - so it was the perfect place for a positive message in the form of a mural.



The mural was designed and created by Hagopian Arts, an independent female-owned and operated public art initiative based out of West Philadelphia. www.hagopianarts.com



Tina mentioned, "I had a quick progression of ideas. This township has a wonderfully full schedule of great, fun, positive activities and events, and so many residents participate in them; I thought I could start there." Using a long section from a roll of paper towels, Tina sketched out her ideas. She included positive words, as well as images of people participating in activities that symbolized the township and its community. Tina used the township trails as her focal point; they served as a point of reference throughout her sketch, connecting township landmarks, the town seal, activities, and history.

After sketching out her ideas, Tina met with township manager Aaron Bibro in August of 2020. He was immediately on board with the project. Township Commissioner, Deb Zimmerman, joined their cause, and soon after, Tina presented the idea for the mural to the township commissioners. The commissioners approved the project unanimously, and they began the process of finding an artist, money for the project, and everything else they would need.

Aaron asked around to see if a grant or donation could fund the project so there would be no cost to township residents. North Penn Health Hospital and Education Authority Board generously donated all of the money needed for the mural. Once funding was in place, the process of finalizing plans and carefully selecting the artist began.

This mural has been a labor of love. After many discussions, edits, and emails, a final draft was chosen. Hours of work have gone into the

planning and completion of this mural project. Ms. Sowicz's dedication to the project has been the driving force, and the township staff and commissioners have fully supported her.

Hatfield Township Commissioner - Deb Zimmerman had this to say: "I want to thank Tina Sowicz for her vision and perseverance in seeing this mural to completion. It was a long process, but Tina never gave up on her passion to see the project through and made sure that the mural would be a good representation of all that is special about Hatfield. I was glad to be a part of helping to make the mural a reality and am very pleased with the final version. I believe it showcases Hatfield's sense of community and diversity really well. And I think once the residents see the wall, they will be pleased as well."

Tina's ultimate goal for the mural is that township residents will be able to identify with what they see – bringing the community together through a message of togetherness, positivity, respectfulness, safety, kindness towards one another, and enjoyment of what the community has to offer. Projects like this truly do take a team, and Tina is thankful to Aaron and Deb for their willingness to help her see this project through from start to finish.

This project is a great example of how one individual can make a difference in their community. With perseverance and teamwork, even dreams can become realities. The mural will be installed at the Hatfield Aquatic Center later this Fall.

The Clemens Legacy

The History of Clemens Food Group Six Generations and Growing

By Larry Stevens, President of the Hatfield Museum & History Society

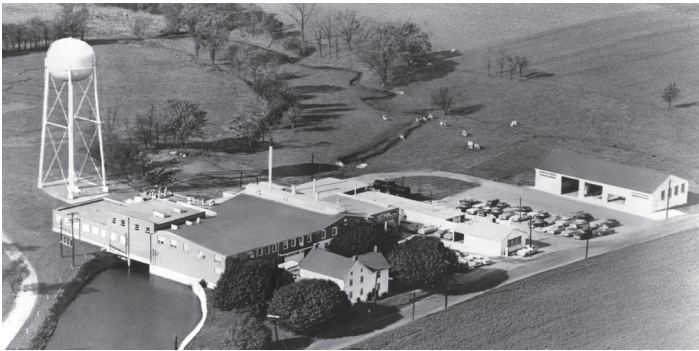
It was in 1895 that a young, ambitious 16-year-old John C. Clemens started a small pork business on his family's farm in the Village of Mainland, Lower Salford Township. During the winter months (it was rare for pork products to be produced during warmer months due to rapid spoilage), John butchered one pig a week and took the fresh pork to a Philadelphia market in a horse-drawn wagon.

John married in 1900 and, in 1903, purchased a farm in Mainland for his growing family and business. Around 1923, Clemens incorporated the company under the name "Pleasant Valley Packing."

1929 started bright for John Clemens, with his business doing quite well. But when the stock market crashed in October 1929, the bank where Clemens kept his money closed, and he lost everything. Nevertheless, he managed to keep his business in operation until he retired in 1940 and sold his modern, progressive pork-packing plant to his sons, John S. Clemens and Abram Clemens.

Unfortunately, a fire in 1946 destroyed the Pleasant Valley Packing plant, essentially leaving the Clemens brothers broke. With help from their father, plans to rebuild were begun. However, World War II rationing made the steel needed to reconstruct the plant almost impossible to obtain. Then, the Clemens brothers heard that the nearby Hatfield Packing Company pork plant was experiencing financial trouble, so they approached the owners about purchasing the business. Soon an agreement was reached, and the Clemens' no longer needed to move forward with their plans to rebuild the Mainland plant.

Demand grew quickly for Hatfield pork products, and the Hatfield Packing Company grew steadily under Clemens' management. Since the Clemens' took over the business, there have been only a few years when the plant was not being expanded to meet the growing demand for their products.



Aerial shot of Hatfield Quality Meats from 1959

In 1987, the company changed its name to Hatfield Quality Meats, to emphasize what the company stood for - Quality Meat products.

By early 2003, continued growth made additional plant expansion necessary. Unfortunately, they were running out of space to expand. The company presented a plan to Hatfield Township to relocate Funks Road to free up space for the construction of a two-story addition. The project was approved, and in 2005, a new "Clemens Road" was completed, and soon after, Funks Road was closed at Forty Foot

Road. By early 2009, the relocation of Funks Road was completed and Hatfield Quality Meats moved forward with its much-needed addition for warehousing and quick freezing operations. By August, the project was completed.



Smiley, the logo for Hatfield Quality Meats.

In 2005, the Clemens family formed the Clemens Food Group and, in 2015, broke ground for a new pork processing facility in Coldwater, Michigan. Two years later, the new plant opened, processing 11,000 hogs daily, doubling the company's pork processing capacity.

In Spring 2021, the Clemens Food Group broke ground for a new 300,000-square-foot building to serve as their smoked meats facility and to handle all of the company's smoked meats operations. The company celebrated the completion of the new plant with a grand opening in June 2022. The new plant is expected to create about 90 new jobs over the next 3 years.

Now, 127 years after 16-year-old John C. Clemens began his pork business butchering just one pig each week, the Clemens Food Group is one of the largest pork processors in the United States, with plants in Hatfield and Emmaus, PA, and one in and Coldwater, Mich. About 22,000 hogs are harvested daily to produce pork products sold under the Hatfield and Farm Promise brand names. The Hatfield plant, for many years, has been the largest employer in Hatfield Township and is now the 16th largest employer in all of Montgomery County. Clemens Food Group's operations include hog farming, logistical services, and transportation. As a manufacturer and supplier of over twelve hundred fresh and manufactured quality pork products, the Clemens Food Group has distribution across the U.S. and several international markets.

To learn more about Hatfield's fascinating history, schedule a visit to the Hatfield History Museum at www.hatfieldhistory.org, or call (215) 362-0428

Hatfield Business Profile

Clemens Food Group

You may know them for their delicious Hatfield brand of quality pork products. But, did you know Clemens Food Group is the 5th largest pork processor in the U.S.?

The sixth-generation family-owned business, founded right here in Hatfield, PA, has been an asset to our community since 1895.

Beyond producing pork products for the food service industry, manufacturing customers, and multiple retail brands, Clemens Food Group is deeply committed to being active in the communities close to home. Through corporate giving programs, volunteer programs, and robust local investments, they believe in being part of our community, not just simply being located here.

“Clemens Food Group has been a great supporter and partner for the Township. We have tripled the size of Clemens Park and are able to partner with Garden of Health to grow vegetables for low-income families in our region thanks to the generosity of Clemens Food Group.”

- Tom Zipfel, President, Hatfield Board of Commissioners

In February of 2021, construction along Clemens Road began on the Clemens Food Group - Hatfield North Expansion project. Adding the 307,000-square-foot smoked meats facility will allow the company to increase production, expand capabilities, and meet higher demand.

The new building is fitted with the most modern, highest quality equipment and systems sourced from around the world. At the same time, it incorporates best-in-class quality and food safety systems.

Team members are enjoying the inviting, comfortable space, which includes natural sunlight, new cafeterias, and team member facilities.

The new plant opened this summer and will be at full production capacity by the end of the year.

HATFIELD NORTH EXPANDED CAPACITY

- +133% of the current capacity of hams and other cooked/smoked products
- +300% of current cooked sausage capacities
- 50% increase in Food Service layout bacon
- Space for future growth

HATFIELD NORTH EXPANDED CAPABILITIES

- Best in class flow through cook ovens and chilling processes
- Natural Smoke (batch ovens), infrared browning (cooked sausage)
- New raw processing systems and enhanced controls
- New post-cook processing and packaging systems
- Additional sliced food service bacon production and packaging systems

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Learn more about current job opportunities at <https://clemens-foodgroup.com/careers/>

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- Brad Clemens, President of Clemens Food Group





Did You Know?

Hatfield has a “Do Not Knock” list

When an individual or organization applies for a soliciting permit at the Police Department, they are given the latest copy of the ‘Do Not Knock’ list.

If a solicitor violates the no soliciting policy, all members of their group will have their permits revoked for an initial period of (30) days. Further violation will result in an extended revocation as well as any other penalties deemed appropriate under local and state law.

To put your address on the “Do Not Knock” list, you can complete the registration online (https://www.hatfield.org/Police/_do_not_knock_registration) or in person at the Police Department.

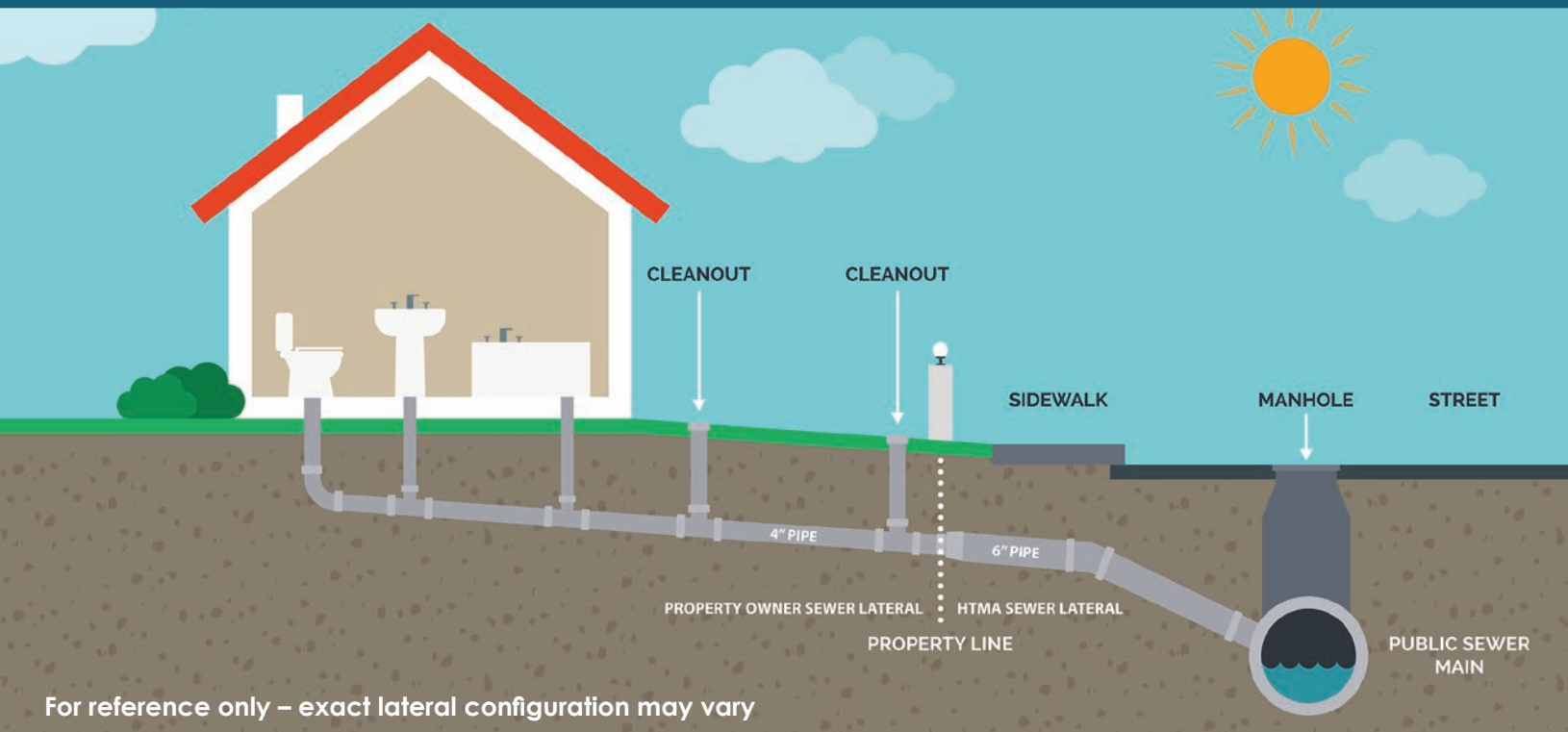
Only street addresses will be collected and provided to the individuals applying for a soliciting permit.

A resident must reapply every three years to maintain their name on the list.



New Ordinance and Sewer Requirement

Effective January 1, 2022, the seller of any property connected to the public sewer system is required to have a video inspection of their private sewer laterals by a master plumber or utility contractor to be reviewed and approved by the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority before any transaction of real estate can take place and before any Use and Occupancy permit can be issued.



Inspections must be performed within 1-year prior to the sale of the home or business, unless the existing lateral is entirely approved SDR pipe installed within the past five (5) years, and has been inspected and approved by the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority's Inspector.

PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has strongly encouraged Hatfield Township to prioritize reducing the amount of inflow and infiltration (I&I) in its public sanitary sewer system.

I&I is when stormwater and groundwater enter a wastewater system. This water, which ideally should drain into the ground or be routed to storm drains, can easily overload wastewater systems – causing sewage overflows to creeks, backups in basements, and impaired operations, among other challenges.



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