

Councilwoman Karen Chew

October 2017 Report

Website and Television Update: Please continue to refer to it and the cables stations for information. There is a lot of information and updates posted on these media. I had a meeting with the new website vendor on October 9th and the new and improved website is up and running. I have asked for input from the residents about the pages and links you would like to see included. As a reminder, this website is for you so it needs to include those items you feel are important to you. Upcoming information will be the return of the Council reports on the Contact page. As before please use the photos to access the reports. Don't forget to follow us on both Twitter and Facebook use "@ChesilhurstBoro" for Twitter and "Chesilhurst Borough" on Facebook.

Continue to look for additional information at Borough Hall. There are many new flyers with important information posted on the bulletin board so stop by to see if there are answers to questions you may seek. Please see Ms. Rose before posting any flyers. Any community flyer not authorized will be removed.

As a member of the Economic Development Committee for the Borough I attended the 12th Annual Tri-County Economic Development Summit help October 3rd at Auletto Caterers in Deptford Township. There were many municipalities from the counties of Camden, Gloucester, and Burlington represented and discussions were lively as we networked and talked about new ideas to entice businesses to locate in our towns. Finally, I provided a draft brochure for Council to review and provide feedback on. The final copy will go to print soon. The purpose is to provide a device that prospective business can use to gain statistics and general information about our Borough.

Cyber Safety: Councilwoman Soto has posted an article on the website for the public to read. If you have a tip or information about this subject you would like to share please call Borough Hall or email me. My address is Councilwoman.Karen.Chew@gmail.com. Please include your name and telephone number so I can contact you for your information.

Personnel Committee: The committee met to discuss items pertaining to the operations of the Borough as well other policy items.

Finance: There was a short survey form included with your statement from the Tax & Sewer Collection Office asking if you would use a secure online payment service for your sewer bill. The survey was voluntary. The current opinion is that 90% of those responding state they would use the service. I have been asked to extend the deadline for responses. The new deadline will be November 30th. If the results remain positive we will start the process to provide online payment of your tax bills.

For those who are looking for employment many retailers, the Post Office, and other companies are looking for seasonal workers. Check websites and physical locations for more information about seasonal, part-time and full-time employment. Remember a seasonal or part-time job today could lead to a full-time job tomorrow.

Emergency Management: As a reminder please use caution as you use your barbecue, smoker, fire pits, and other open flame sources during these pleasant seasons. Practice fire safety by not leaving any fire unattended. Remember to check the batteries in your smoke and CO2 detectors often, check the link screens in your dryer, and change the filter in your heat system. This is the time to check to see if you are truly prepared to weather any major storms or other disaster such as power outages, fires, gas leaks, mandatory evacuations, etc. There are many providers and websites available to help you prepare a survival kit for you and your family. You can contact the Red Cross, Homeland Security, and FEMA just to name a few. Don't wait until the disaster is knocking at the door. Do your part to keep you and your family safe and ready for what Mother Nature throws at you.

Veterans Affairs: I want to thank all those who have served and are currently serving in all branches of the military.

Historical Committee: I met a wonderful couple at the Trunk or Treat held October 31st at the Community Center who have collected a lot of research material about the cemeteries in our town. I plan on working with them over the Winter to see what can be done to continue the restoration process this Spring. My hope is to have the Elm Avenue property designated a historical site due to the age of some of the remains.

I also want to publically thank Mr. Curtis for his assistance in finding the third cemetery that may share property with Winslow Township.

History Highlight (as posted in the Courier-Post October, 2006 special printing)

Did you know an Underground Railroad stop operated in Chesilhurst in a home at the southeast corner of Hendricks and Walnut Avenues. I have been researching this information for verification. If anyone has any proof please contact me either by phone or email. If proof can be provided it may be possible to have the site added to the National Registry of Historic Sites.

Our Town:

Do you have some noteworthy news you would like to share? I am still looking for information to post in the "Our Town" segment of my report. If you have information you would like to share regarding appointments, promotions, graduations, honors, births, etc. please email me at Councilwoman.Karen.Chew@gmail.com. We would be happy to share your great news. As a reminder if you have a community event that you would like posted on the website or cable station, please send the information to me no later than two weeks in advance for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Chew

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