

Councilwoman Karen Chew

April 2019 Report

Website and Television Update: Please continue to refer to the website and the cable stations for information. There is a lot of information and updates posted on these media. Don't forget to follow us on both Twitter and Facebook use "@ChesilhurstBoro" for Twitter and "Chesilhurst Borough" on Facebook. Have you missed attending the monthly Council meetings? Do you miss the airings that occur Mondays at 7PM on Fios and Xfinity? Not to worry, you can watch the meetings anytime 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We have launched the Chesilhurst Borough Channel on YouTube. You can use the link on the website home page or search for the Chesilhurst Borough Channel on YouTube. Subscribe to the channel and never miss viewing another meeting again!

An important update to the website is a link for the Chesilhurst Day "Vendor Application". This is a PDF file and you will need to print it and fill in the information.

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.

Personnel Committee: There is nothing to report at this time.

Finance: There is nothing to report at this time. There was an inquiry for tax information which I forwarded at the Tax Office and which was addressed. I commend all our staff for the expediency to which they respond to matters concerning our Borough.

Economic Development: Camden County Improvement Authority hosted a "Business After Hours" on April 10th Which I attended. My purpose was to network with others and gain strategies to bring better services to our community. I am persistently search for businesses who are looking for the ideal location. If you or someone you know are looking to locate or relocate a business contact Borough Hall at 856-767-4153 X1010 and leave your contact information. We will contact you promptly to discuss your needs and how we can help you. You can also email me at Councilwoman.Karen.Chew@gmail.com.

Board of Health: I attended the Camden County Mayor's Association Meeting community forum on the pending cannabis laws and the effect of the law for New Jersey municipalities. S830 is currently on hold in the State Capital as our legislature reviews and revise what could become a major milestone in the State. There were representatives for the law enforcement, the medical profession and other organizations and agencies who discussed how this law could affect our communities. It is evident that when this bill passes and is signed all communities will be impacted and decisions will need to be made on how we control the impact. All stakeholders to include this governing body, boards, committees, residents and businesses will need to participate in the ordinances and resolutions that will be developed so the community will maximize the benefits while minimizing the negative effects.

With warmer weather approaching The Camden County Department of Health & Human Services Bio-terrorism and Health Education Team recommend taking some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. They ask individuals to do three key things:

1. **Get an emergency supply kit**
2. **Make a family/business emergency plan**
3. **Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses**

Camden County has a new online resource called the “Camden County Resource Compass” (<https://camdencountyresourcecompass.org/program-search/>). This site is the first of its kind in the state and will provide residents with up to date access to social service providers throughout the county.

Veterans Affairs: A reminder to our Veterans; Camden County Veterans are encouraged to apply for the Camden County Korean War Service Medal or Camden County Military Service Medal. Please check their website to eligibility information and the on-line application. The direct link is found here: <http://www.camdencounty.com/service/veterans-affairs/application-for-medal/>

Historical Committee: Mark your calendar for the first meeting for the Historical Committee will take place on May 14th at 7PM in the Library of the Community Center. Please attend and bring your thoughts of what the focus of the Committee should be. We will also discuss plans for events that will showcase and promote our great history and plans to preserve and add to it.

Our Town: Continue to refer to the Public Events Calendar found on the website for information in and around our Community.

I attended the Camden County Regional Town Hall Series held at the Community Center on Cooper Folly Rd in Atco on March 28th. There were many County Services and Agencies who offered information and assistance to the attendees. The featured speakers were Congressman Norcross, Freeholder Young, Assemblywoman Mosquera and the host representative Mayor Wright. They discussed many issues and activities that affect Camden County to include but not limited to road projects, health issues, education, Veteran Affairs and more. Check camdencounty.com/townhall for a full list of upcoming events.

March 28th I also attended the nomination and selection of Melinda Kane as the replacement County Freeholder for Bill Moen. Mrs. Kane comes from Cherry Hill and is a Gold Star mother. Chesilhurst sends our congratulations and looks forward to working with her and all our representatives as we continued our future growth.

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,
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