

Councilwoman Karen Chew

May 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!

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.

Economic Development: I spoke to the Tax Office about the abatement program offered by our Borough. The specific question was about the purchase and rehabilitation of property. I provided the section of the code that references the abatement program and stated inquiries are addressed by Council case by case. I am persistently searching 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: As we are coming into wet and warmer weather please be mindful of areas of standing water on your property. This includes low elevations, pools, bird baths, ponds, etc. These areas can become breeding grounds for mosquitos which can carry diseases such as West Nile.

Balancing location, cost, quality and just feeling good about the child care provider can make this important decision challenging. New Jersey's child care program under the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development can provide you with valuable information to help you make that selection. The state's child care program can support you with information about applying for child care assistance, where to find child care, licensing and complaint data and what makes a quality program. Visit <http://www.childcarenj.gov/> for more information.

Are you suffering from hay fever? Is your lawn making you sick? Are you wondering how to get rid of that annoying weed in your lawn? Not sure when and if you should lime? Are you wondering whether you can plant outside now? Do you need help with selecting plant material for your home? Well if you answered yes to any of these questions the Master Gardeners of Camden County are here to help. Please call us at 856-216-7130, press #1 when prompted or email us at njgarden@camdencounty.com.

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: Honorably discharged veterans residing in Camden County may apply for a Veteran Vending License. There is no charge for this service. You must apply in person to the Clerk’s Office. Please bring your DD-214 discharge papers and proof of Camden County residency.

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 and the FYI bulletin board in the Borough Hall for information in and around our Community.

Chesilhurst’s own Nikki Fortune author of “Hustle” is coming to the stage. A new play “Hustle - The Musical” based on the book will coming to the Historic Independence Seaport Museum May 12 - 19. Check the Borough website for more information. Congratulations and best of luck Nikki!

I attended the Town Hall with Steve Sweeney on March 15th at Camden County Community College. The discussion was on bold tax reform and creative investment for a rising New Jersey.

I also called into the tele-town hall with Gov. Murphy on March 22nd. The Governor fielded questions on a variety of topics, ranging from marijuana legalization to property tax relief to student loan forgiveness.

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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