

Councilwoman Karen Chew

August 2019 Report

Councilman Marrone and I completed a draft contract and fee schedule for the Community Center and Park. This information will be provided to the Council for review and feedback. I also volunteered at the Freedom Summer Camp as a STEAM Innovation Lab instructor. The community is invited to come to the National Nite Out event on August 6th to see what the participants created.

Website and Television Update: Thank you for your patience during the delay in updating the Chesilhurst Borough Channel on YouTube. The change in our meeting schedule has caused delays in uploading the videos. 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: Although I have nothing to report from this committee we want to congratulate Mr. Pointer as he completes his training to become the Borough's Certified Recycling Professional. The training is offered through Rutgers' Office of Continuing Professional Education and ran from January to August. The monthly trainings included case studies, health and safety, management and leadership, public communication, economics, techniques and more.

Finance: American Recycling Resources presented information at the Caucus meeting discussing their program and how it can benefit the Community with no cost to the Borough. Brochures were provided to the Council.

I will be reviewing our participation in the SustainableNJ program with Mr. Pointer. The Borough's certification in this program demonstrates our commitment to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey helps empower us to build a better world for future generations. Registered towns get special priority access and notification of incentives and grants, and are eligible for the Sustainable Jersey Grants program.

Economic Development: 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: For a public health or an environmental health emergency, the County Health Officer or his staff on-call is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Camden County Communication Center at (856) 783-1333.

I met with the Camden County Health Department to discuss how they can serve our community. County Health Officer Dr. Paschal Nwako and his staff ask about the demographics of our Borough and provided a lot of information about services they can provide. We will be scheduling free monthly screenings to residents from Chesilhurst and those from our viewing area. Certified medical personnel will be coming to the Community Center on September 27th from 1pm - 3pm to provide free health screens and risk assessments.

They will also provide information about related to health education and health promotion and more. Mark your calendar and remember Chesilhurst is healthy when you are.

This health report is translated into Spanish. Look for my link on the Borough's website.

Para una salud pública o una emergencia de salud ambiental, el Oficial de Salud del Condado o su personal de guardia está disponible las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana a través del Centro de Comunicación del Condado de Camden al (856) 783-1333.

Programaremos exámenes mensuales gratuitos para los residentes de Chesilhurst y los de nuestra área de visualización. El personal médico certificado vendrá al Centro Comunitario el 27 de septiembre de 1pm a 3pm para proporcionar exámenes médicos gratuitos y evaluaciones de riesgo. También proporcionarán información relacionada con la educación para la salud y la promoción de la salud y más. Marque su calendario y recuerde que Chesilhurst está saludable cuando usted lo está.

Veterans Affairs: The cleanup of the Elm Ave Cemetery took place July 27th from 9am to noon. The next event will take place August 31st. Bring your yard supplies, bug spray and dress to prevent bites from mosquitoes and ticks. Water will be supplied.

The Office of Veterans Affairs can assistance on veterans claims and benefits, discharge upgrading, PTSD, disability compensation, burial allowances, home loan guarantees, VA pension, and referral services for health care and prescription drugs. Please call with any veterans assistance questions or to schedule a meeting with a service officer. For more information about the Office of Veterans Affairs, call 856-374-5801.

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: The meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Community Center Library. All residents are encouraged to attend and be a part of this Committee.

Our Town: August 6th is "National Nite Out". Chesilhurst Drug Alliance and the Summer Freedom Camp are planning a community event to take place at the Leanna Harris Park 6pm - 9pm on that date.

There will be a car show hosted by the Chesilhurst Police Department on August 18th from 10am to 4pm at the Leanna Harris Park. Check for flyers at Borough Hall for more information.

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.

All residents are encouraged to volunteer to be a part of any Social committee in our Borough. Contact Borough Hall and leave your name, number and area of interest. The Committee liaison will return your call. Committees include, Rent Control, Chesilhurst Day, International Day, Chesilhurst Events, Hispanic Heritage, Black History Celebration, Youth and Seniors. We invite you to share your ideas, expertise and willingness to help present the events held in our Borough.

Do you have some noteworthy news you would like to share? 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. If you have a community event that you would like posted on the website or cable station, send the information to me no later than two weeks in advance for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
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