

# Councilwoman Karen Chew

## February 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 December 27 to discuss usage and improvements. 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. You may refer to 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.

Personnel Committee: The Committee canceled the meeting scheduled for this week and will determine a new date and time to meet. The draft job description manual for the Borough employees was forwarded for the Committees to review. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss and revise as needed. We will also discuss the possibility of contracting for a Community Center Coordinator.

### Finance:

Economic Development: I forwarded the eBooklet to the Navy Federal Credit Union to reopen discussions about establishing a facility in the Borough. Contact with Walmart about opening a Walmart-Express and Royal Farms was not fruitful but I am waiting for a reply from Target about possibly opening a Target Express in our Borough.

Emergency Management: As a reminder please use caution as you use open flame and other heat sources during this Winter season. Practice fire safety by not leaving any fire or heat source unattended. Remember to check the batteries in your smoke and CO2 detectors often 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.

Chief Smith and I met with a vendor to discuss purchasing generators needed to make the Borough better prepared for emergencies. This initial meeting was informative but additional information will be needed before and decision is made.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Emergency Winslow/ Waterford Medical Service (EMS), and Winslow Fire Department are always looking for volunteers. If you are qualified or are able to become qualified please contact these agencies and help your community when needed.

The next Basic CERT class will be held the weekend March 2nd through 4th, 2018. Friday night begins at 7pm. Saturday and Sunday run 8am to 4pm. The class will be held at the Mt. Ephraim EOC located at the Charles P. Dougherty Sr. Center at 508 Lambert Ave. Mt. Ephraim, NJ. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, they should send an email to [cert@camdencodps.org](mailto:cert@camdencodps.org) by February 26th.

Adults and teens train side by side during the class and during our monthly maintenance training. All CERT/TeenCERT activities are on a volunteer basis though we do have a minimum requirement. If you or

anyone you know would like to come out and meet us and see a little of what we are about, please contact them to schedule a visit.

Veterans Affairs: There is nothing to report.

Historical Committee: Preparations are being made to start the Elm Ave Cemetery clean-up again in the Spring.

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](mailto: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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