

Councilwoman Karen Chew

May 2018 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. 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: A meeting took place May 3rd to interview a new candidate for the Police Department. The committee's recommendation have been forwarded to the Mayor and the Council President.

Finance: There is nothing to report.

If you are paying bills through your bank online you can create a payment schedule for your Chesilhurst bills. This is a convenient way to insure your payments are received on time. You will need your account information from your billing statement but the process is the same as setting up your other online payments. Save time and stay comfortable in your home.

Economic Development: I am scheduling a meeting with Camden County Freeholder Deputy Director Edward McDonnell to discuss the possibility of designing and developing a training facility in the Borough. We spoke briefly a few months ago about this venture and he seems eager to work with the Borough.

Emergency Management: Councilman Littles has been directed by the Mayor to handle the issue of purchasing the emergency generator. As many of you know this has been a priority for the Borough and we are looking forward being prepared as we enter the Summer season when high electrical demands and storms often cause power outages.

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.

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.

Veterans Affairs: There is nothing to report.

Historical Committee: After researching the Borough Codes and finding no restrictions I am also asking the Council to create and pass a resolution to declare the property a local historic site. This was the recommendation made by Bob Craig of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office. An application for a grant from Home Depot is being made to purchase materials to construct a proper entry and or gravel pathway.

There will a meeting of the Historical Committee on Tuesday May 15th at 6pm at the Community Center Library. We will discuss plans to collect and preserve Chesilhurst history. We will also plan for the first clean-up of the Elm Avenue cemetery scheduled for May 26th. All are welcome to the meetings and the clean-up.

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

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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