

COUNCIL REPORT

June 3, 2021

Mayor and Council,

I submit the following report for the Month of May 2021

As Liaison to the Drug Alliance, I have the following information to report

The Drug Alliance is planning events for the upcoming 2021/22 year including a National Night Out and other events to educate the community. The committee is involved in making plans for the National Night Out on August 10th. As soon as proposed scheduling has been approved it will be posted on the Boroughs website and social media pages. If you wish to volunteer to be a part of this event feel free to contact me at mlittles@chesilhurstboro.org.

Freedom School of Chesilhurst (website: freedomsofchesilhurstnj.org)

The Freedom School of Chesilhurst will begin their Summer Camp on Tuesday July 6, 2021 for ages 5-11 and the Leadership Academy for ages 12 through 15. The registration fee is \$50 per child and the total per child fee is \$149 however Chesilhurst residents pay only \$99.

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As liaison to the Board of Health, I have the following information to report

COVID-19 update

Governor Murphy signed executive order 239 easing certain COVID-19 restrictions on May 13, 2021.

1. Effective May 19th, adolescents between the ages of 12-16 are now eligible for the vaccine. Based on the CDC's emergency approval of Pfizer the state can begin administering Pfizer to those age groups. Students who attend the Winslow Township High Schools and missed the pre-registration deadline of May 18th can call the State Hotline at 855-568-0545 from 8AM-8PM for a vaccine appointment.

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- a. Also, on May 19th outdoor gathering limits were removed and indoor gatherings in private residences were raised to 50 persons. Commercial gatherings were subject to a 250-person limit as long as all attendees remained 6 feet apart.
2. As of May 28th, the 6' social distancing limits were removed and as of June 4th all indoor gathering limits and outdoor gathering limits with fixed seating capacity of 1,000 or greater were removed
3. Warning! COVID-19 is still a threat so if any of these gatherings include unvaccinated individuals the precaution is to follow the guidelines of 50 people indoors residential and 250 indoors commercial. For more detailed information go to nj.gov/health.

Clean Communities update

On May 27th I attended the NJ Clean Seminar. Back in January of 2020 Senate Bill #864 was passed to create a ban on the use of plastics. The sessions I attended included panelist from the NJ Department of the EPA, the NJ Business Action Center and the Commerce and Industry Association of NJ.

What is important to note is that the mass of plastic pollution will exceed the mass of fish by the year 2050, less than 30 years away. New Jersey's ban on plastics will start in May of 2022. On May 4, 2022 all stores over 2,500 sq. ft will be prohibited from distributing single use bags. Residents of New Jersey will begin to learn how to live without plastic straws and Styrofoam containers among other things. More information will be forthcoming on how we can all prepare to get ready over this next year. For more information go to bagupnj.com.

As liaison to the Historical Committee, I have nothing to report this month.

As liaison the Hispanic Committee, I have nothing to report this month.

This ends my report for May 2021.

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