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MEMO

TO: Chesilhurst Borough and Council

FROM: Councilwoman Maria C. Littles

DATE: August 5, 2021

Good evening Mayor, Council and Residents of Chesilhurst,

This is my report for August 2021.

Board of Health

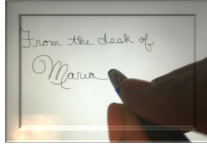
- August is Immunization Awareness Month. Governor Phil Murphy has declared August as [National Immunization Awareness Month](#) to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. The Department encourages New Jerseyans to use National Immunization Awareness Month as an opportunity to make sure your vaccinations are up to date.
 - o In addition, the Governor is strongly advising everyone to wear masks in crowded indoor settings and where you may be in contact with unvaccinated people
- The US Dept of Health recognizes August as National Immunization Awareness Month, National Breastfeeding Month and Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Historical Committee

- I was not able to attend the Historical Committee meeting this month
- A historical note, I attended the Pinelands Orientation for Newly Elected Officials, and it was mentioned that the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan is celebrating its 40th year since its adoption. This plan regulates the land usage here in the Pinelands of New Jersey. Chesilhurst is one of the towns in the 8% of the Pinelands called the Regional Growth Area.

Drug Alliance Committee

- The Drug Alliance was busy in the month of July finalizing their plans for the National Night Out which occurred on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 5:30-8:30 PM. Residents of the Borough were greeted at the Welcome table where they received tickets for free Ice Cream provided by Mr. Softee and could also receive a ticket for a chance to win a free bike or scooter donated by the Garrison Masonic Lodge. The Chesilhurst Police force was in attendance to mingle with the youth and adults, and they even shot a few hoops on the basketball court. It was a fun evening for all and I thank Kenny Smith and his team for organizing this event



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Hispanic Liaison Report

There are plans in the works to plan an event during Hispanic History month which runs from September 15th through October 15th. Right now there are 6 volunteers. If anyone is interested in being a part of the plans, please contact me at 609-876-6533.

Meetings/Workshops/Training

Pinelands Orientation for Newly Elected Officials

The Pinelands covers 11 million acres in New Jersey and includes 53 municipalities and 7 counties. 39% of this land is the Preservation Area and the larger surrounding area is the Protection Area. Within that Protection area is The Regional Growth Area where we live. The Pinelands Protection Act requires that all municipalities submit their Master Plan to the Commission. The last one was submitted October 2013. There is a new requirement, a Climate related plan so information was given on how to submit amendments in a Redevelopment plan by the Planning and Zoning Boards when necessary. Documentation needed to make any changes are on the Commissions website and the CMP (County & Municipal Ordinances & Master Plan) application for changes is reviewed by staff.

There are Regulatory Programs that regulate all development within the Pinelands Commission and those regulations impact an application. Some of these that were discussed were Groundwater Quality, Stormwater Management, Private Development Application Process, and Public Development Application Process. Lastly Violations were discussed concerning clearing of wetlands.

All the presenters were very thorough and seemed helpful if they were called upon.

This ends my report for August 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Maria C. Littles

Report out for Councilwoman Monica Holmes

Seniors

This serves as an annual reminder: The NJ Seniors Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides eligible seniors vouchers to purchase fresh produce at participating farmers markets.

For eligibility and other information about the program you may call Camden County Senior Services at **856-858-3220**. * Please note, eligibility requirements change each year on July 1st.

You may also view age and wage requirements on the borough website at www.chesilhurstboro.org.

Events

On July 24th from 10:00 am – 1:pm the Mayor and Council held a mini Chesilhurst Day at the LeAnna Harris Park. The Camden County Sheriffs department was in attendance as well The Camden County Mobile Health Bus, which vaccinated 10 individuals. The Chesilhurst police department also provided free ice cream via Mister Softee. Tee Shirts and pertinent literature was given to all that participated.

Food Bank

The First Baptist Church of Chesilhurst Corner Cupboard Food Bank is open every third Wednesday of the month from 3 pm -7 pm. First Baptist Church is located at 57 White Horse Pike, Chesilhurst NJ. If you know anyone with an immediate need, this is an emergency food bank and all emergency needs can be direct to 856-882-8960.

That concludes my report.

Liaison for Seniors

Liaison for Revenue and Finance

Liaison for Website/Internet

Liaison for Events

Liaison for Public works

Liaison Hispanic Heritage



Councilwoman Lee

On July 24th, after enjoying ourselves at The park on Chesilhurst Day, Councilwoman Holmes and myself visited Waterford Township on their annual day. We spoke with Mayor Andrew Wade, who gave us a tour of the park. We were privileged to speak with several vendors of whom we will ask to join us on our next Chesilhurst Day.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

This is tick and mosquito season. Please be careful in dressing when going outdoors. Wear light colored long sleeve top and long leg pants. Use protective sprays and creams and make sure you check yourself for ticks before retiring for the night. Be careful when removing ticks that have attached itself to you and seek the advice of your medical professional.

During the rise of the Delta variant, everyone should be wearing mask whether vaccinated or not. There is a new report that the virus can be contacted at the gas pump. Please wear gloves or cover your hands when pumping gas. This is not the time to be negligent. Please help to stop the spread of the virus.