

COUNCIL REPORT

July 1, 2021

Mayor and Council,

I submit the following report for the Month of June 2021



HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

As liaison to the Department of Health my report is on Eye Injury Prevention Month, coming in July.

As a reminder to those who will be outside on bright sunny days, remember to wear your Sunglasses.

You should choose sunglasses that:

- reduce glare
- filter out 99-100% of UV rays
- protect your eyes
- are comfortable to wear
- do not distort colors.

Be aware that if you are at the beach or on the ski slopes, you should wear sunglasses with a darker tint to block more light. Your risk of eye damage from the sun is greater because of reflection off the water and snow.

Vitamins

Eye health just like all health awareness starts with nutrition. Everyone has heard that carrots are good for your eyes. Well this is true. The Vitamin A that is abundant in carrots helps us to see in low light. There are other vitamins that play an integral part in protecting our eyesight from cataracts and macular degeneration like Vitamins C and E. So, eat your

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carrots and snack on antioxidants like oranges, peanuts and almonds but don't forget your sunglasses. Eye protection is important.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

I was not able to attend the Historical Committee meeting this month, however there were reports of significant value.

- This was the first year Juneteenth was celebrated as a National Holiday. Each year we can pause on June 19th to remember the day the last African American Slaves were given their freedom.
- Also, of historical family significance were Seniors graduating from High School. I did notice a few signs announcing this milestone. I also had a graduation in my family. My last grandchild graduated from Winslow Township High School on the same football field where I graduated from as an Edgewood Graduate.
- We lost 2 long time residents in the month of June. Mrs. Patsie Amos and Ms. Maggie Davis. These two women were well known in the community. They were supportive of their churches and were known to be supportive of community events as well. They have left a legacy in this town.

HISPANIC COMMITTEE

There is nothing significant to report at this time. Hispanic History Month is coming up beginning September 15th. I will have more to report at the next meeting.

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DRUG ALLIANCE

- The Drug Alliance of Chesilhurst will begin working with the youth at the Freedom School of Chesilhurst Summer Peace Camp which opens July 6th. The Drug Alliance coordinator Mr. Kenny Smith has instituted educational programming as a part of the curriculum there.
- In support of the Partnership for a Drug Free NJ our web page Chesilhurstboro.org will be displaying an advertisement for #FamilyDayNJ. You can pick any day you choose as your Family Day to explore and enjoy the sites in NJ with your family and take pictures. Post your pictures with the hash tag #FamilyDayNJ and you will automatically be entered into a contest to win prizes for the best picture in categories like small towns, rural areas, cities etc. For more information go to drugfreenj.org.
- Finally, the Drug Alliance of Chesilhurst will have its National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3rd in the Leanna Harris Park from 5:30 to 8:30. You are encouraged to come out and meet your neighbors, get to know your local police and community leaders as well. A fun evening is being prepared. More information will be coming out soon.

Respectfully Submitted

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Councilwoman Karen Chew July 2021 Report

Employment Opportunities: If you are having difficulties getting the skills employers are looking for today, do you need to refresh your skills or want to make a job change? The NJ Department of Labor may be able to help you. Their online services include a job search link and access to more than 5,000 free online training courses. Their website can be found at:

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/>

Television Update: There is currently an issue with the Verizon feed. It has been reported and I am waiting for an update. Please continue to refer to the cable stations for information. There is a lot of information and updates posted on these media. I am still updating information as I receive it for the stations. Aside from in-house equipment, please contact me if you experience problems with viewing any of our content. We would be happy to share your great news. As a reminder if you have a virtual community event that you would like posted on the cable station, please send the information to me no later than two weeks in advance for publication.

CCMUA: The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 6PM at 1645 Ferry Avenue, Camden, NJ unless otherwise indicated. Virtual meetings are held via Zoom. The information can be found on their website: <http://www.ccmua.org>, “About”, “Meetings”, “Schedule”

To attend:

- **for audio and video**
 - **click this link: <http://bit.ly/ccmuajun2021>**
 - **your browser should install Zoom; a bar will appear on the bottom of the screen**
 - **click “Run” and you be asked to enter your name**
 - **click “Join”**
- **or for audio only via telephone,**
 - **dial: 1(929)205-6099 (New York)**
 - **When prompted, enter**
 - **meeting ID: 879 9461 4599**
 - **password: 128713**

Historical Committee: Due to the storms during the Memorial Day weekend the annual flag planting to honor Veterans in the Elm Avenue Cemetery was rescheduled to June 13th to celebrate Memorial and Flag Days. Cleanup of the cemetery was done to remove brush and other debris was done as well. The next cleanup will take place July 17th at 9am. All are invited to this monthly event. Please bring garden rakes, dress for wooded areas, wear tick repellent and bring water for hydration.

The Historical Committee will meet Tuesday July 13th at 7PM. Anyone interested in joining the committee is invited. The Zoom information is posted on the TV channels Xfinity 9 and FIOS 29 as well the website. For more information email me at kchew@chesilhurstboro.org.

Join Chesilhurst Historical Committee Zoom Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month 7PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81097250316>

Mobile Phone Access: +19292056099,,81097250316#

Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting Access: 81097250316#

Veterans Affairs: 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 for eligibility information and the on-line application. The direct link is found here:

<http://www.camdencounty.com/service/veterans-affairs/application-for-medal/>

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Chew

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