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## MEMO

TO: Chesilhurst Borough and Council

FROM: Councilwoman Maria C. Littles

DATE: September 2, 2021

Good evening Mayor, Council and Residents of Chesilhurst,

This is my report for September 2021.

### **Board of Health**

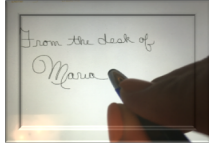
- NJ introduced a COVID vaccine card app called Docket. This app is useful in case your ID card is lost or destroyed. Prior to the implementation of this app there was a long process to obtain a new card. Now you can keep your ID card on your phone. Right now it only gives New Jersey residents information about the COVID test they received in New Jersey however they are working on a way to retrieve information about residents who received their shot out of state and a way to house all of your vaccinations there.
- Governor Murphy signed an executive order instituting vaccination or testing requirement for all Preschool to Grade 12 Personnel. He is also providing the funding needed for Staff screening and testing at K-12 schools
  - 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. This is important to remember as we approach the Labor Day weekend.

### **Emergency Management**

- I have not met with the other member of the team as this is a new appointment however there are steps our residents can take to prepare themselves and their households in case there is a public emergency.
  - o Situations like power outages can happen at any time. In preparation you can create an Emergency Suppl Kit and a Family Disaster Plan Examples can be found on this link:
  - o [www.ready.nj.gov/plan-prepare/your-kit-plan](http://www.ready.nj.gov/plan-prepare/your-kit-plan)

### **Historical Committee**

- I was not able to attend the Historical Committee meeting this month



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### **Drug Alliance Committee**

- The Drug Alliance in conjunction with the children from the Freedom School created the signs that were seen around the Borough, announcing National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> was International Overdose Awareness Day. Chesilhurst did not host one this year. The closest ones were in Bridgeton and Millville There were only 15 in the State of NJ. This is a day where there is an observance to remember loved ones that have been lost to overdose. There can be a candlelight vigil or butterfly release but the last one we had there was a balloon release after the names of loved ones were spoken.

### **Hispanic Liaison Report**

There are plans in the works to plan an event during Hispanic Heritage month which runs from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> is less than 2 weeks away. Right now there plans to have an event on October 2<sup>nd</sup> where Hispanic residents will be able to reflect and share with the community the contributions Hispanics have made.

### **Economic Development**

Camden County's Economic Development and Business Services Team is comprised of agencies that help with 1) Site selection and relocation 2) Financing and incentives 3) Workforce and training grants and programs and 4) Small and midsize business services.

This evenings Mayor and Borough Council members received members from KCDC and CETS who requested an audience to convey their desire to bring a training program to the Borough and lease our currently vacant school building to train students for jobs in the growing field of Sustainable Energy Technology.

### **Meetings/Workshops/Training**

#### Protecting Children from Abuse

This was my second webinar on this subject. Most of the information was repetitive but well worth hearing again. This is a reminder to elected officials to make sure there are systems in place to protect children. Knowledge of the types of abuse and preventing abusive situations from occurring by following the procedures and guidelines already established are key.

This ends my report for September 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Maria C. Littles

**Councilwoman Karen Chew**  
**September 2021 Report**

I am working with SJ Gas to establish a partnership with their outreach partnership program. They are setting up workshops regarding energy assistance to start in October.

Employment Opportunities: There are many positions open in the service industry. Many 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: The issue with the Verizon feed is still being worked on. 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 September 20 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: The Historical Committee needs members of the community to participate in helping preserve the history of our Borough. The Committee will meet Tuesday August 14th 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](mailto:kchew@chesilhurstboro.org).

Join Chesilhurst Historical Committee Zoom Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

The Governor has mandated that all Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade personnel must be fully vaccinated by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Those unvaccinated personnel would be tested once to twice weekly.

The reopening of The Winslow Township and Waterford Township Schools will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>. All students and teachers are required to wear masks when entering the school building. All students are required to wear mask while on the bus. Bus windows will be opened to allow ventilation when necessary. Buses will be cleaned daily between routes.

While in the classroom, desks and furniture will be adjusted to accommodate social distancing. Cafeteria social distancing will be accomplished by adding additional lunch periods, when and if necessary.

Winslow Township School Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Our Police Department along with the Camden County Office of the Sheriff will sponsor a **Back to School Supply Giveaway on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at the Shirley B. Foster School**. They are looking for donations of all school supplies. No donation is too small or too large. You may drop your donations in the barrels located by the entrances of the Police Department and Borough Hall. Please drop off all donations by Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for all your help.

**Councilwoman Pearlie C. Lee – September, 2021**