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MEMO

TO: Chesilhurst Borough and Council

FROM: Councilwoman Maria C. Littles

DATE: October 7, 2021

Good evening Mayor, Council and Residents of Chesilhurst,

This is my report for October 2021.

Board of Health

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Other than skin cancer, Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among American Women. Encourage the women in your life to get their screenings annually
- To find free cancer screenings in your neighborhood, please visit and follow the [Virtua Free Cancer Screenings Facebook page](#). For additional questions, please call **856-247-7388**.

Drug Alliance Committee

- The 5th Annual Knock out Opioid Abuse Day was this past Wednesday October 6th. This day was created to bring awareness, reduce the stigma and support those in recovery.
- The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is the next event. On Saturday October 23, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM there will be a drop box located inside the Municipal Building to drop off your old prescription drugs. An officer will be on duty along with Drug Alliance committee members to help with recording and temperature monitoring. I encourage you to check your medicine cabinet or drawer and collect any drugs you are not using and bring them to the Municipal Building on October 23^{rs}. Please remember to wear your mask.

Emergency Management

- Winter Weather Safety
- “Preparation is Key” – create a communication and disaster plan.
- Collect emergency supplies and create “go kits”. Stock up on personal need items, disinfectant, wipes, and spray, bar or liquid soap and hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol and multiple masks.

Economic Development



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I attended the “White House Climate Summit and Leadership Council Meeting” on September 14, 2021.

This meeting was attended by Elected Officials from around the country joining with representatives of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Council of Environmental Quality Tackling the Climate Crisis.

President Biden addressed the climate crisis as one of the exotestal threats facing our country. The White House is exploring ideas that would allow America to become a leader in Green Jobs by introducing educational proگرامing in community colleges and technical training on how to fix solar panels and wind turbines as one of many job opportunities.

This meeting was interestingly on the heels of a presentation just weeks before at our September Borough meeting by representatives from Cutting Edge Techno Solutions (CETS). As I reported last month, they were interested in leasing space in our Elementary School to create a training center that would prepare individuals with skills to perform green energy jobs.

There were some other ideas that came out of the Summit that small towns like ours could do to be a part of this national effort. One idea was to create a Civilian Climate Corp that would put people to work in their own communities. The FDR example would be to create Victory Gardens in the community.

Historical Committee & Tax Title Lien Committee

- No updates

Hispanic Liaison Report

This committee worked with Mrs. Sonia Plaza to plan the Hispanic Heritage and International Day October 2, 2021. All who attended enjoyed the live band who playied traditional music while we participating in games and feasted on traditional cuisine. This was a fun day for children also who enjoyed the face painting and games as well.

Meetings/Workshops/Training

Marijuana in the Workplace: How to Comply with NJ Regulations

This webinar focused on what changes employers should make related to employee’s rights in their non-work-related use of cannabis. Also discussed was testing and the use of a WIRE (Workplace Impairment Recognition Expert).

This ends my report for October 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Maria C. Littles

Report out for Councilwoman Monica Holmes

Events

Hispanic Heritage Day

On October the 2nd, in conjunction with Host Ms. Sonia Plaza, Councilwoman Littles and I held a celebration of Hispanic Heritage at the Arland Poindexter Community Center. The event took place from 11 am -2pm. Councilwoman Littles held a voter registration drive and the Freedom School also was in attendance to promote their free tutoring session being offered later this month. Traditional cuisine was served and games were played. **Cupcake Carnivale Food** Truck provided a delightful array of cupcakes for all that attended. A special thanks to Councilwoman Lee and Councilwoman Jordan for also assisted throughout the day.

Seniors

The State offers a Senior Freeze program which reimburses eligible seniors and disabled individuals for property tax or mobile home park fees increases. To determine if you are eligible, please visit the **Division of Taxation**. The link is <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief/.shtml>. You may also visit the borough's website at www.chesilhurstboro.org for the link. The path is **departments – taxes and utilities** and **Division of Taxation**.

Meetings

On September 25th I was afforded the opportunity to attend the Young Leaders Call. Some of the information disseminated was regarding assistance for Camden County Residences. The first is the **Camden County Covers Rental Assistance Grant**. The primary objective is to provide rental assistance and utility assistance up to 12 months to eligible Camden County Residences. Application are due by October 30th. For more information please visit www.CamdenRentgrant.com The second is the Community Recovery Grant Program for Not-for-Profit Organizations. The objective is to provide grant funds to NOT-For-Profit organizations. Respective businesses could receive up to \$500,000. More information can be obtained at www.CamdenCountyCommunityGrant.com.

You may also check the borough for the highlights of each program.



Food Bank

The First Baptist Church of Chesilhurst Corner Cupboard Food Bank is open every third Wednesday of the month from 3 pm -6 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 directed 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 Karen Chew October 2021 Report

Employment Opportunities: There are many positions open in the service industry. 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. The audio problem affects any video that is broadcast on the Verizon 29 channel. Verizon and Comcast have been working diligently to fix the cause of the issue. They have a team of technicians, engineers and members from the Executive level all involved in finding a solution to getting the audio synchronized to the video. 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 key point of information from the September meeting was the announcement of the final Household Hazardous Waste Collection event which will be held on October 16th from 8:30am to 3pm at 2311 Egg Harbor Rd in Lindenwold. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 6PM as a virtual meetings 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**

SJ Gas: <https://southjerseygas.com/#> and Atlantic City Electric:

<https://www.atlanticcityelectric.com/Pages/default.aspx> both have offer tips and information to save you money and keep you safe as we approach the Winter season. Visit their websites to find out more.

NJ Clean Energy offers residents and business owners ways to save energy and the environment. You can find out about their programs at: <https://njcleanenergy.com> Residents can find out information about electric vehicle programs, residential new construction, appliance rebates and recycling and HVAC programs. Additionally local governments can sign up for an energy audit through their LGEA program. The program can help identify cost-justified energy-efficiency measures in facilities such as offices, town halls, police stations, sanitation buildings, schools and community centers to name a few. The completed audit will contain a list of recommended, cost-justified measures and upgrades that will help reduce operating expenses and may improve the health and productivity of the employees. Many recommendations could be eligible for additional incentives

available through NJCEP. NJCEP will subsidize 100% of the cost of the audit, up to an incentive cap, so there are no out of pocket expenses associated with services provided under this program.

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 October 12th 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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