After a brief welcome & an association business segment, the GKCA executive committee introduced officials & staff present & gave the floor to Cherry Hill Mayor Dave Fleisher to address the attendees. Mayor Fleisher informed the audience about his administration’s recent, current & upcoming initiatives & addressed GKCA agenda inquiries:

SENIORS:

* Monday, May 12, 3:30pm-5pm: Property Tax Relief Info for Seniors at Carman Tilelli Community Center at Town Hall (<https://www.chnj.gov/102/Senior-Services>).
* Cherry Hill’s Senior Services Coordinator, Amy Winn-Dworkin can be reached in the Mayor’s Office at 856-488-7878 or by email at seniors@chnj.gov.

WOMEN:

* Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6pm-8pm: EmpowerHer Wellness Night at Camden County College- William G. Rohrer Center 1889 Rt. 70 E, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 (<https://www.chnj.gov/1551/EmpowerHER>).

FAMILIES:

* Cherry Hill events like Al Fresco Affair, Art Blooms, Memorial Day, Music under the Stars, 4th of July Fireworks, etc. are all detailed at <https://www.chnj.gov/1117/Events>.

To stay updated on events, Mayor Fleisher encouraged checking out his Mayor’s Weekly Message, signing up for the My Cherry Hill app, & exploring the Cherry Hill website.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

* The site vacated by Wawa on Rt. 70 has been permitted to be a smoothie & deli establishment.
* The management at Barclay Center Shopping Center has made site improvements (e.g., signage, parking lot). The future of the demolished building is not yet known.
* IKEA (as well as Greens & Grains, & Serotonin Center) will be coming to the Ellisburg Center.
* Casa Puebla on Kings Highway is being renovated.
* Georgia Furs will become a Sushi restaurant.
* The Property Maintenance Department is now under the Community Development Department & has an additional inspector available.

KINGSTON PARK, former site of the Kingston Estates Swim Club:

* Megan Brown (Recreation Department) & Mayor Fleisher gave an overview of the final plan, which was designed with input from the community & will include features for residents of all ages. The Township expects to complete the project in May 2026. Attendees gave Mayor Fleisher hearty applause for his vision, for including & working with community members & for the final plan.

RT. 70:

* Our section of roadwork on Rt. 70 is scheduled to be completed in May 2026.
* The Rt. 70 exit timing will be lengthened very soon!
* A third exit lane, dedicated to right turns only, will be added as the project nears completion.

CHPD:

* Chief John Ostermueller (appointed in January 2025) shared his background, introduced Captain Wernig & Officer Amato, & spoke about his approach to policing that will include targeted enforcement & an intelligence-based agenda.
* Attendees identified neighborhood issues (bus speeding, cars not stopping at intersections, speed bumps) which led to a brief discussion of the issues.
* The CHPD has a program called Citizens Police Academy that provides residents with a deep dive into their police department. The nine-week informational/educational program is free & covers all aspects of the police department. Contact the CHPD for more info.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROADS:

* Utility companies have finished their projects. A 3-phase repavement program is expected to end by October 2025.

FLOODING:

* A resident gave kudos to the Township for mitigating flooding issues in Kingston. Mayor Fleisher promised ongoing regional efforts, including Army Corps of Engineers support, but with a caveat that federal support was not guaranteed.