

Membership Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

Greater Bustleton Civic League News

January 2018



President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

We couldn't have a newsletter this month without a big cheer for our Philadelphia Eagles who are going to the Super Bowl. This is a very exciting time for sports fans in Philadelphia, and a day many thought they would never see. Go Eagles!

We will be holding our first membership meeting of the year this Wednesday the 24th. Also, in the case of any bad weather we will post meeting cancellation notices on the hotline before noon of the meeting night: 215-676-6890.

Our meeting on the 24th will include one zoning presentation and vote on a business that wishes to operate an auto repair and rental business at 9999 Global Road.

The GBCL, its Board and volunteers work together throughout the year to preserve and improve on the best features of our area, and to ensure appropriate development throughout Bustleton. We monitor crime and safety issues, and participate in a number of neighborhood clean-up projects. We thank all those who support our cause.

Thank you,
Jack O'Hara, President

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Bits and Pieces

- The next **Membership Meeting** is on February 28th 7:00 pm at American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road.
- **Major Water Department Project in Bustleton:** Because of poor weather, the PWD has moved the start date of the year and a half long project back to January 24. Water mains are being replaced due to their age and material. A daily, on-site PWD Inspector will be working closely with neighbors to help with any road closures or scheduled water shut-offs. The streets being affected: Bloomfield, Verree, Millwood, Alicia, Bridle, Marchman, Ferndale and Stelwood. A PWD representative will give a presentation on the project at our January 24 monthly meeting. An updated Project Summary Sheet will be distributed at the meeting which will give you a good overview of where and why the project is being done, as well as some FAQs. Residents wishing to speak directly with the PWD regarding the project can contact PWD Community Outreach Specialist, Becca Fagan at 215-683-3429.
- **GBCL Membership Drive** - Do you know a neighbor who wants to stay informed about events affecting their Bustleton community? Give them a copy of the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and suggest they attend to a meeting with their neighbors. Also, please don't forget to renew your annual membership.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Next Meeting February 12th. The PSA-2 meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 PM, at Randi's Restaurant in the Grant Plaza shopping center. The PSA-2 meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a representative from the 7th Police District. To receive notices, email junie412@hotmail.com
- **Friends of Pennypack Park** – The next membership meeting will be Thursday, February 21st, 7:30 PM at Deer Meadows Residence on Roosevelt Boulevard north of Holme Avenue.
- **Walk like a penguin:** A few tips to be safe this winter. In snowy, icy weather: Wear shoes or boots that provide traction and avoid those with smooth soles and heels. Keep your hands out of your pockets and out to your sides. This helps with balance. Walk flat-footed, with your feet pointed out slightly - like a penguin.
- **Bustleton Bengals Club Fundraiser** - the tentative ground-breaking date of their first-ever gym is March 15, 2018; sooner if the weather cooperates. And, you still have time to participate in the Bengals "**Buy a Brick**" fundraising campaign. Go directly to their website and click on the "brick" to make a donation. The BBC is a sports organization for boys and girls that started in 1956. Generations of Bustleton families have benefited from their existence. For details call 215-673-3077, <http://www.bustletonbengals.org> A brand new gym after all these years is BIG news.

- **Medical Marijuana Dispensary, 8900 Krewstown Rd. - UPDATE** – After a couple months of uncertainty, Holistic Pharma, has informed the GBCL that they are moving forward with opening their business at the Krewstown Road location. They stated that after design plans are finalized and construction permits secured, their expected opening is in the spring. The GBCL had viewed preliminary design plans several months back. The design plans will be shared with the GBCL once finalized. In July of 2017 the GBCL hosted a community discussion and heard a presentation on the newly legal medical treatment by Dr. Charles Pollack from Thomas Jefferson University, and a Q & A session with Holistic Pharma.
- **The Kings Highway Foundation:** Announces that they have built a new website: **NortheastPhilly.org** for the sole purpose of bringing all the neighborhoods of Northeast Philadelphia together. They want NortheastPhilly.org to be your main source for history, events, news, civic meetings, historic tours, and community information, all in one place. Feel free to follow them on Facebook too! NortheastPhilly.org is sponsored by The King’s Highway Foundation whose mission is to educate the public on the history of Northeast Philadelphia, help preserve historic buildings, and spread awareness by engaging the community with special tours and themed events.
- **Pennsylvania State Parks:** Do you like ice fishing, ice skating or ice boating on an open lake; or maybe snowmobiling, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing? Many of our state parks offer these free programs. Some parks even offer free loaners of snowshoes and fishing gear. Get out and enjoy the rest of this winter. Visit the website for more information:
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>
- **For those Downton Abbey fans out there:** WHYY Is sponsoring a Tour and Tea: of The Downton Abbey Exhibition in New York City on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Downton Abbey: The Exhibition, in New York City on a limited engagement, recreates the Grantham house, including costumes and props from the original show run. Join us on a chartered minibus to New York City where we will take a tour of the exhibition with Patrick Stoner and spend the afternoon sipping tea in Manhattan. Meeting Location: Villanova Train Station - 308 N. Spring Mill Road (Route 320) - Villanova, PA. Destination: Downton Abbey: The Exhibition - 518 W. 57th Street - New York. To purchase tickets, call 1-888-345-9499 and request to make your pledge to Downton Abbey. Tickets are \$200 (minibus transportation, exhibition ticket and afternoon tea all included) Proceeds from this event support WHYY programs and services.

Zoning:

- **PRESENTATION and VOTE: 9999 Global Road** – There will be a USE Variance Presentation and VOTE at our January 24 meeting for “vehicle sales, rentals and repair, including body shop spray painting”. Currently zoned I-2, Industrial District. The reason for the need of a Use Variance to operate the business is because the proposed use is prohibited in this overlay district.

Businesses in Bustleton

The Bustleton community is a mix of residential homes and businesses. It's a mixture that has evolved over time into the community we enjoy today. The GBCL is mainly a group of area residents with a strong interest in preserving the best attributes of Bustleton and ensuring appropriate development. We're also very fortunate to have area businesses that share our vision.

Please support the businesses that support the GBCL.

- American Heritage Federal Credit Union
- American Legion Post 810
- Bustleton Bengals Club
- Classic Body Worx
- Keller Williams Real Estate
- Kelly's Seafood
- Little Caesars Pizza
- PAWS
- Pennypack Flowers
- Randi's Restaurant
- Wawa

Greater Bustleton Civic League (GBCL) -- 2018 Membership Application

Check one: ___Renewal ___New Member Date: _____

Check one: ___\$10 For Entire Household ___\$7 For Seniors

Donation for _____ \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Names of all adults in household: Please print!

Last name: _____, First name _____

Last name: _____, First name _____

Last name: _____, First name _____

Last name: _____, First name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____

This membership covers from the time it is received until December 31, 2018.

Thank you for supporting the GBCL!

Please mail check and this form to: GBCL, PO BOX 51523, Philadelphia, PA 19115

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