

**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

# Greater Bustleton Civic League News

March 2018



## President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

Along with the coming of Passover and Easter, the city's annual Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 7th is another reminder that we're moving toward summer. The GBCL regularly coordinates cleanup projects in areas in need of some TLC and this year we're back to the Grant Avenue train trestle area.

As you know, the GBCL is an all-volunteer group of Bustleton residents. The GBCL works to keep neighbors informed about zoning issues, area crime and beatification needs, and acts as a voice for our community when needed. To keep up these efforts, we can always use new volunteers to jump in and help lend a hand. Please consider donating any amount of time you can to continue our work.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Thank you,  
Jack O'Hara, President

## Bits and Pieces

- **Membership Meeting** - Our next 4<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday-of-the-month meeting is Wednesday, April 25th 7:00 pm at American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road.
- **City Spring Cleanup – Saturday, April 7, 10:00 to 2:00 PM** – While the GBCL regularly organizes neighborhood cleanups, the city conducts its own city-wide cleanup every year. Volunteers will **meet on Northeast Avenue at Grant Ave** to give the railroad trestle area more TLC. Keeping Bustleton free of litter and visually appealing helps reduce crime and keeps our property values stable. And it begins with the area right outside our own front door.
- **Many Home Projects Need Permits** – With the spring, comes spring home projects. It is recommended to check city requirements for your project, often fences and decks. The Zoning Code currently states: **fences** at the front of a dwelling may be up to 3 ½ feet in height, fences at the rear or side of a dwelling may be up to 6 feet in height, and fences that run parallel to streets are permitted up to 3 ½ feet in height. EZ Permits for **decks**:  
<https://business.phila.gov/media/EZ-Deck-Permit.pdf>
- **New Area Code: 445** – A new area code was added to the Philadelphia area to expand the supply of available numbers. It will coexist with 215 and 267 area codes. The new area code will ONLY be used for new service requests, additional lines or if you move. Everything else remains the same. No change to your existing area code, phone number or how you dial calls.
- **“Geator with the Heater”, Jerry Blavat**, will DJ a dance at Maternity B.V.M. Saturday, April 7th. Cost is \$30, \$35 at the door, and will earn you dinner and soft drinks. Beer and wine will be sold separately. All ages come out to a Jerry Blavat dance.
- **Homeless Veteran Heroes - 7th District** hosts a can goods collection to benefit our veterans at Mission BBQ, 11000 Roosevelt Blvd, Saturday, April 21, 11 am to 3:30 pm
- **7<sup>th</sup> District Captain Michael Gormley** has been promoted to the rank of Inspector and will be leaving Bustleton & Bowler. The GBCL would like to congratulate him on his advancement and thank him for his years of involvement with the Bustleton community. We would also like to welcome the return of **Captain Robert Ritchie** as the incoming Commanding Officer of the 7<sup>th</sup> and look forward to working with him.
- **Krewstown Road Festival – Sunday, June 3, 2018** – Last year’s Festival and road closure was a first-time event, and such a success, organizers are doing it again. Mark your calendar.

- **GBCL Elections** - Anyone wishing to volunteer for the three-member election committee can contact Tommy James at junie412@hotmail.com The GBCL holds its annual elections for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer at the May membership meeting. Nominations can be submitted at the April meeting.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Next Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Randi's Restaurant, Grant Plaza shopping center. The PSA meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a representative from the 7th Police District.
- **Friends of Pennypack Park** – Nest meeting Thursday April 19th, 7:30 PM at Deer Meadows Residence on Roosevelt Boulevard north of Holme Avenue.
- **New Medicare Cards and SCAM** - Starting 4/1/18, Medicare will be replacing current Medicare cards with new alphanumeric ID numbers. Beware of SCAMS requesting any personal information related to the change. Medicare never calls and does all communication by mail.

## **Zoning**

- **Red Lion Rd/Island Green** – After years of speculation on its future use, the 136-acre parcel of the former Budd Company was recently sold to the Commercial Development Corp. of St. Louis who has plans to build a warehouse center, consisting of three large buildings. Current plan drawings show two entrances on Red Lion Rd. and one on Sandmeyer Lane. The GBCL just learned of the project and looks forward to learning more from city officials regarding the impact on the surrounding community and what planning is being considered. The GBCL will pass on information to residents as it is received.
- **Medical Marijuana Dispensary, 8900 Krewstown Rd.** – As reported earlier, Holistic Pharma confirmed that they are moving forward with opening their business on Krewstown Road. Permits have recently been secured to begin the interior renovation so building activity will soon be visible. The opening date is uncertain but was estimated to be in the June/July period. In February of 2017 the GBCL was first contacted by Holistic Pharma regarding their plans. 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. Updates will be provided as they're received.
- **1926 Grant Avenue** – A project presentation and VOTE will take place at the April 25 membership meeting on a USE variance request for a Religious Assembly. The proposed use as a religious assembly is prohibited in the CA-2 zoning district and requires a variance.

## 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

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### 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!

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Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Thank you for supporting the GBCL!**

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