

**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM**  
American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

# Greater Bustleton Civic League News

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## President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

The unofficial start to summer is finally here; Memorial Day weekend. While many of us will enjoy a long weekend away from work, it's important for us to remember that Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died while serving in our country's armed forces. Be sure to enjoy your holiday weekend celebrations, while also keeping in mind the purpose of the holiday's significance.

In the past few weeks we had the ground breaking of the long-awaited Bustleton Bengals Gym, and the installation of an historical marker at the southeast corner of Red Lion and Haldeman Road commemorating our nation's first air mail delivery. Bustleton Field was the airfield that once stood at that location. Both of these events are true achievements for our Bustleton neighborhood.

There won't be any zoning presentations or votes taking place at our membership meeting, but a number of neighborhood updates will be shared. I hope to see you at our May 23 meeting.

Thank you,  
Jack O'Hara, President

Greater Bustleton Civic League

## Bits and Pieces

- **The next GBCL membership meeting** is on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road.
- **Student Awards** for civic involvement and other achievements will be presented at the May meeting to students who live in Bustleton and attend one of the areas elementary schools. The award will be giving to one student from each of the schools. The winners are: **Reynah Rattliff** - Anne Frank Elementary, **Kylie Benner** – Greenburg, **Jennifer Macchione** - St Alberts, **Julia Coelho** – Maternity, and **Mackenzie Reed** – Baldi.
- **Elections of Officers** – All of the incumbent officers of the GBCL were re-nominated and ran unopposed. There will a vote to confirm the nominations at the May meeting. They are: President – Jack O’Hara, Vice President – John McKeever, Treasurer – Joan Rhodes, Corresponding Secretary – Jim Stewart, Recording Secretary – Jim Cantwell
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Next meeting June 11th 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.
- **Report a Noise Violation** – Everyone is deserving of their peace and quiet. Construction noise is not to be louder than five decibels from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends, unless for an emergency. If you’d like to report any type of noise violation you can call (215) 685-7580 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call 311 during non-business hours.
- **Friends of Pennypack Park** – Next membership meeting will be Thursday June 21, 7:30 PM at Deer Meadows Residence on Roosevelt Boulevard. Park Clean-up: Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 to 1 PM. Location: Cresco Avenue and Welsh Road. Roland’s Guided Park Walk Sun. June 17, 1 to 4 PM. Meet at the lower Rhawn parking lot. Guided Park Walks are every 3rd Sunday of every month. For information on changes, please call 215-934-PARK the morning of the walk.
- **100 Year Anniversary 1st Air Mail Delivery** – Thanks to Fred Moore and the folks at the Friends of Northeast Philadelphia History, Bustleton now has an historical marker on the corner of Red Lion and Haldeman commemorating our nation’s first air mail delivery. The New York to D.C. flight had a midway stop at Bustleton Field, which stood at the corner. A steady drizzle couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm of attendees at the dedication ceremony that took place May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Krewstown Road Festival – Sunday, June 3, 2018** –Join your friends and neighbors for a traffic-free stroll through Pennypack Park along Krewstown Road. Krewstown Road will be closed 9am to 6pm between Bloomfield and Algon Ave. Festivities go from 10am to 5pm. Park tours, craft booths and exhibits, Police stable tours, Boy Scout parade with horse and riders, and refreshments. All the makings of a fun, family event. Join the Pennepack Baptist Church and the GBCL in this special event. For more information, pick up a flyer at the GBCL meeting.

- **Bustleton Bengals Gym Ground Breaking** – After years of anticipation and hard work, the ground breaking for the new gym took place May 5th. It cannot be stated strongly enough, that the creation of the Bengals first gym, after so many years of their existence, is truly a memorable milestone for the Bustleton community. It's a milestone that only builds on the strong sense of community that already exists. And while the list of helpers and contributors is too long for this newsletter, no one deserves more credit for this achievement than our **City Councilman, Brian O'Neill**, who has steered this project over many years through to completion. Thank you.
- **American Heritage Federal Credit Union, Craft & Car Show** – Because of all the rain we've had last week, the show has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 9. This is one fun event.
- **Red Lion Rd Tractor Trailers** – The large trucks that took up residence along Red Lion Rd between Jamison and Northeast Ave, have been evicted. Thanks to the efforts of Councilman O'Neill's office, No Truck Parking signs have been posted along that stretch of the road. Some trucks have already been reported to have relocated to other streets. They also will be monitored for any violations.
- **Fire Safety:** Some additional spring cleaning tips: don't forget to clean the dryer vent, check your electric cords for wear and outlets that may be overloaded. Install childproof outlet covers if needed and don't run wires under rugs or near hot appliances. Be safe this summer.
- **Traffic Island Beautification** – The GBCL is a big promoter of improving the visual attractiveness of Bustleton by staying on top of litter and roadside debris. The traffic islands on the two east/west arteries of Bustleton, Grant Avenue and Red Lion Road, are very noticeable neighborhood markers and a real challenge to keep clean of weeds and debris. Along with our own cleanup crews and some local businesses, the offices of **State Representative Martina White** and **City Councilman Brian O'Neill** have been extremely helpful to our cause, and we thank them for all their help.

**Zoning** - There will be no zoning presentations or votes at the May membership meeting.

- **Red Lion Rd/Island Green** – As reported earlier, Teva Pharmaceutical sold its 136-acre parcel to the Commercial Development Corp., a warehouse developer from St. Louis, MO. Many remember this parcel as the old Budd Plant site. Plans exist for the construction of a massive 1.6 million square feet of warehouse space, stories high and running the full length of the parcel along Red Lion Road. Oddly, no city or state offices seem to know anything about the upcoming project that is guaranteed to have an enormous impact on the area. While we've yet to receive any information from city officials, the GBCL is working hard to learn the scope of the project and has reached out to the buyer, PennDot, Lower Moreland Township and the Somerton Civic Association. The GBCL will keep residents updated as new information becomes available.

## 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
- AutoZone
- 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Thank you for supporting the GBCL!**

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