

**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

# Greater Bustleton Civic League News

June 2018



## President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

We will be celebrating the beginning of summer with our annual ice cream party at the start of our June 27th membership meeting, so hold off on dessert that evening. While the GBCL takes a vacation from our 4<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday-of-the-month meeting schedule during July and August, the Executive Board will continue to meet throughout the summer and report back through the newsletter on any topics affecting Bustleton. We will resume our monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

We also ask that you help us in our monitoring of Bustleton by keeping your ear to the ground in your own neighborhood and letting us know what you're observing with regard to building activity, litter or any suspected criminal activity. The GBCL wants to know and will report it if necessary to the proper authorities.

We will have a zoning presentation and VOTE on a variance request for an existing carport at this week's membership meeting. We hope we'll see you at our meeting.

Thank you, and have a safe summer,  
Jack O'Hara, President

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## Bits and Pieces

- **No Membership Meeting in July and August.**
- **Pulse Hooka Lounge, 1900 Grant – EVICTION** - After months of neighbor complaints and conversations with the GBCL, the owner of the strip center has informed us that he has filed eviction proceedings with the city. He does not yet have a court date, or a replacement tenant, but a remedy for neighbors is now in sight. The eviction will certainly be a cost to the owner of the strip center, and the GBCL is very grateful for his involvement and response.
- **Krewstown Rd Medical Marijuana Dispensary** – opening July 16. The GBCL has been in regular contact with the owner regarding the opening date and store appearance. The owner has assured us the exterior storefront will have an upgraded look. If completed, we hope to share the drawings of the final store look at the 6/27 membership meeting.
- **PRESENTATION 6/27: Department of Public Health “Fight the Bite Program”**. A presentation will be given at our meeting on the effects and prevention of bites from ticks and mosquitoes.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting** - July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at Randi’s Restaurant in the Grant Plaza. The PSA-2 meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a representative from the 7th Police District. For automatic email alerts; email Tom at junie412@hotmail.com
- **Curfew** - Police are now enforcing the summer curfew. Midnight for minors under 18 years of age on Fridays and Saturdays, and 10 pm for kids under 13.
- **NO SWIMMING** – Please help promote adherence to the law when you can. Swimming and bathing in Philadelphia’s rivers or streams is both dangerous, and illegal.
- **Krewstown Road Festival** – The June 3<sup>rd</sup> festival took place under gray skies and high winds. While the weather affected the crowd size, fun was had by all who attended. Krewstown Road was closed to vehicles, and attendees were able to stroll freely and take in the beauty of a Bustleton asset, Pennypack Park. The GBCL, Pennepack Baptist Church, Friends of Pennypack Park, and an army of volunteers worked hard to produce this family-oriented event.
- **Friends of Pennypack Park** – The next membership meeting will be Thursday July 19th, 7:30 PM at Deer Meadows Residence on Roosevelt Boulevard north of Holme Avenue.  
Park Clean-up: Saturday, July 28th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Meet at Torresdale Ave between Enfield and Rhawn where the creek crosses Torresdale Ave. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, and sneakers/ work boots. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **What's up at our Bustleton Library? - Insectarium:** Wed. July 11th, 6:30 P.M. The VERY popular Insectarium will be bringing a variety of insects, some that you can pet and even taste! **Zoo on Wheels Around the World Safari:** Wed. August 15, 6:30 P.M. Enjoy the Philadelphia Zoo, right in your community. Intended for children ages 3-8 and their families, Zoo on Wheels emphasizes the importance of cultivating empathy and connecting with animals at a young age.

- **Library History** - The Bustleton library had its beginnings near the turn of the 20th century. In 1905, when horse-drawn wagons still plodded up Bustleton Pike, the Free Library placed a "traveling library" of 50 books in Tustin's Drug Store. Six years later, the library was moved from the drug store to St. Luke's Chapel, where it resided for the next 30 years. However, the space at St. Luke's was too small and was only open one day a week, so in 1941 citizens of Bustleton petitioned City Council for an official branch, which opened the following year in Union Hall at 9230 Bustleton Pike (Now Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church). In 1960, in anticipation of the present building, the library was moved to rented quarters on the second floor of 9507 Bustleton Avenue, at Grant (Now Bank of America). The quarters were larger and more pleasant, but there was still inadequate floor space. Finally, on October 1, 1965, the current branch opened on land donated by the Philadelphia Board of Education. The one-story brick building was designed by Alexander Ewing and Associates, Architects and Engineers at a total cost of \$337,300. When you visit the Bustleton Library, take a look at the carved wood mural, "Man's Learning Preserved." Created by James House, Jr., the mural depicts many signs and symbols used to record ideas from ancient times to the space age.
- **Music in Pennypack Park:** Bring your lawn chair and your dancing feet and enjoy a Wednesday evening of music at the Ed Kelly Amphitheater near Welsh Road and Cresco Avenue starting at 6:30 PM. The Amphitheater is a short walk from the Rhawn Avenue entrance to the Little City lower parking lot. The lineup includes Irish Night featuring Jamison July 11th: Romero Delight, tribute to Van Halen July 18th: Hand me Down World, tribute to the Guess Who July 25th: Idol Kings, tribute to Journey August 8th and more through September 5th.
- **Decks & Fences** – With summer, comes summer projects. The GBCL reminds residents to review the city's Zoning Code when planning your project. The Code currently allows front fences, at the front of a dwelling to be up to 3 ½ feet in height. Fences that run parallel along streets are also permitted up to 3½ feet in height. Rear fences, at the rear or side of a dwelling may be up to 6 feet in height.
- **Keep Bustleton Beautiful** – The GBCL is a big believer in the positive effects a litter-free neighborhood has on home values and lower crime. You don't need to go out and clean streets, but you can contribute by picking up litter that's right outside your own home.
- **Zoning**
  - **Presentation and VOTE, 9730 Walley Ave.** – The owner of the property is seeking a variance for an existing carport. A membership vote will take place at the June 27 meeting. The ZBA hearing at 1818 Arch Street is 7/25/18, at 3:30 pm.
  - **Red Line Rd/Island Green** – The GBCL has yet to receive any updates from city officials and continues to investigate the project. Information will be shared as it's collected.

## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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!**

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

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