

**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

# Greater Bustleton Civic League News

July/August 2018



## President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

I hope everyone is enjoying our warmer weather and you've managed to sneak in some vacation time. It's hard to believe that we're in the last month of summer.

As you know, the GBCL also takes a vacation, from our usual fourth-Wednesday-of-the-month membership meetings. We resume on September 26th.

Coming Saturday, August 4th, is the 7th Police Districts Community Day. This is expected to be a fun family event with good food and plenty sights to see. You should take advantage of it if you're in the neighborhood.

Have a fun and safe summer.

Thank you,  
Jack O'Hara, President

Greater Bustleton Civic League

## Bits and Pieces

- **Membership meeting** - The next scheduled meeting will be **Wed., September 26th** 7:00 pm, after our July/August summer break. We meet at American Heritage Federal Credit Union.
- **Medical Marijuana Dispensary Opens** – After months of stated indecision on the selecting of a store location, then choosing 8900 Krewstown Rd., Liberty Dispensary opened for business on Monday, July 16. A GBCL board member was invited to a pre-opening reception but declined the invitation. It was back in July of 2017 that parent company Holistic Pharma first gave a presentation to the GBCL membership on the newly legal, medical marijuana dispensary they were considering opening. At that time, they stated they would not go forward with their Bustleton location if the community opposed, would make a significant upgrade to the store exterior if supported by the community, and would never become a “recreational” marijuana dispensary should the state ever legalize recreational marijuana. At the end of the 2017 meeting, membership voted overwhelmingly to oppose the dispensary opening. Months passed, and despite community opposition, Liberty went forward with opening on Krewstown Rd. Today, the exterior of the an old '70's era Wawa they assured would be significantly upgraded is still under development. Large, potted plants on the Bloomfield Ave. side of the parking lot were recently installed, getting closer to resemble the store drawings submitted to the GBCL. As a new business neighbor coming into the Bustleton community, residents for now can only hope that the past promises made by Holistic Pharma CEO Keith Morgan, regarding the store exterior and never allowing for a “recreational” dispensary, will be honored.
- **Pulse Hooka Lounge, 1900 Grant – July 17 Eviction hearing SUCCESSFUL** - After months of neighbor complaints and conversations with the GBCL, the owner of the strip center has informed us that the eviction hearing was successful. An appeal could possibly be made by the tenant, where a second positive outcome is anticipated. The eviction process could be lengthy. The legal system gives the tenants many rights. The eviction has been an expense to the owner of the strip center, and the GBCL is very grateful for his understanding and cooperation.
- **7th Police District, Community Day: Saturday, August 4th**, noon to 3:00 pm at Bustleton & Bowler. Besides FREE food and soft drinks, including a barbeque lunch, there will be an assortment of police vehicles from different units on display, the mounted patrol will be stopping by with their horses, as well as fire trucks from the Philadelphia Fire Department. This event is child friendly and open to the entire community. A fun event for the entire family to attend. Bring the kids and join your neighbors to meet and support the police officers that patrol your very own neighborhood. The GBCL is contributing to this event.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, Randi's Restaurant, Grant Plaza Shopping Center. One-on-one conversation with a representative from the 7th Police District.

- **HEARING: Grant Ave Train Trestle Guardrail -**

For two years the GBCL has been working to get the pedestrian guardrail under the Grant Ave train trestle repaired. Multiple requests to the city, PennDOT and CSX Rail were all unsuccessful. Finally, a complaint was filed on behalf of the GBCL by **State Representative Kevin Boyle's** office asking the PA Public Utility Commission to arbitrate the disagreement as to who was responsible for repairs. An on-site meeting took place August 3<sup>rd</sup> with the attorney's and reps of the three entities, PUC and the GBCL to see if a solution could be found. After an inspection of the damaged guardrail (pictured on the right) by the collection of representatives, the group huddled on Grant Ave to discuss their viewpoint as to which party should be responsible. Not surprising, each group didn't believe it was their responsibility and had good reasons for their position. However, the Streets representative, recognizing an unsafe situation for pedestrians, stepped up and agreed to fix or install a temporary barrier. PUC will continue to mediate a solution.



- **Friends of Pennypack Park** – Meeting Thursday August 16, 7:30 PM, Deer Meadows Residence  
**Movie Night** - Friday, August 17 at sundown, Pine Road pavilion. Film: Inside Out, a Pixar film.  
**Roland's Guided Walk** Sun. August 19th at 1:00 PM 4:00 PM, Winchester Ave at Axe Factory
- **Music Wednesday in Pennypack Park:** Bring your lawn chair and dancing feet and enjoy a Wednesday evening of music at the Ed Kelly Amphitheater near Welsh and Cresco Ave. starting at 6:30 PM. The Amphitheater is a short walk from the Rhawn Avenue entrance to the Little City parking lot. Lineup: Idol Kings, tribute to Journey August 8th: Black Dog tribute to Led Zeppelin Aug. 15: LeCompt August 22: Think Pink Floyd, tribute to Pink Floyd Sept. 5.
- **Bustleton Library: Zoo on Wheels, Around the World Safari:** Wednesday August 15, 6:30 P.M. Enjoy the Philadelphia Zoo, right in your community. Intended for children ages 3-8 .
- **Swimming Safety:** Please help promote adherence to the law that "swimming and bathing in Philadelphia's rivers and streams is both dangerous and illegal".
- **1819-25 Gregg St, (Grand Champion Stables)** - While early in his project planning, and not yet a recorded zoning request, the owner of the parcel meet with neighbors to hear their early concerns and preferences on a potential housing project. The owner left with the feedback he wanted and has a lot of hoops to go through with City Planning before any development occurs.

## 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) -- 2019 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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**This membership covers from the time it is received until December 31, 2019.**

**Thank you for supporting the GBCL!**

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

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