

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

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

# Greater Bustleton Civic League News

September 2018



## **President's Corner**

Hello neighbor,

The GBCL is looking forward to returning to its 4th-Wednesday-of-the-month membership meetings after our July and August break. The Bustleton community has several upcoming issues to address and we hope you can join us for those updates on Wednesday, September 26th.

There will be one zoning presentation and vote for a vehicle paint shop at the September 26 meeting, along with a special guest speaker. I hope you can come out Wednesday and lend your voice to the discussion.

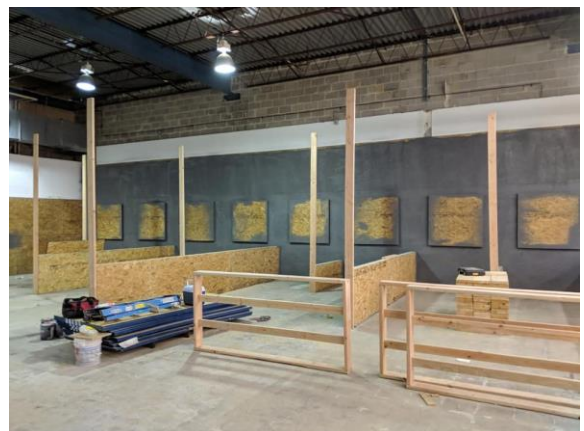
Thank you,  
Jack O'Hara, President

## Bits and Pieces

Mark your Calendar - The first membership meeting after our summer break will be September 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at American Heritage Federal Credit Union, Red Lion & Jamison Road.

- **Goal of the GBCL** - We wanted to begin our new season with a reminder of just what exactly the GBCL strives to do for the residents of Bustleton. With no official, authorized power, the GBCL will act as the voice for the Bustleton community when needed. With no staff or funding, the GBCL Board and its volunteers work to preserve the best Bustleton has to offer, looks to insure any new development meets zoning and community requirements, and that all quality of life issues that affect its residents are known and monitored. The GBCL also strongly believes that the visual attractiveness of a neighborhood reduces crime, increases home values and helps attract quality residents and businesses. With those guiding beliefs in mind, GBCL members are regularly out on cleanup projects. If you would like to come out one Saturday and join other members on a project, please let us know your interest. If you're not able to get out to join a group cleanup, you can always focus on the area right outside your own home. Then enjoy watching your neighbors start doing the same. Volunteers currently needed for:
  - Audit committee, 3 members needed
  - Assistance in managing Social media effort
- **Medical Marijuana Updates** – One of the four medical marijuana dispensaries in Philadelphia is located at the corner of Krewstown and Bloomfield Avenue. Since the legalization of medical marijuana is still relatively new and since one of the states 30 dispensaries is located here in Bustleton, the GBCL thought it would be helpful to periodically provide residents with updates on some of the rules and industry trends in both PA and nationally.

To receive a medical marijuana card in PA one must **1<sup>st</sup>)** Register online with the Pennsylvania Patient and Caregiver Registry **2<sup>nd</sup>)** Find a licensed PA doctor who is registered with the state's Department of Health and obtain a physician's "recommendation" for medical marijuana. **3<sup>rd</sup>)** Get back online and pay for the application/medical marijuana ID card, \$50. **4<sup>th</sup>)** Visit a state-licensed dispensary with your newly minted ID card and purchase medical marijuana.
- **Indoor Axe Throwing**, coming to Bustleton – **Mazhu Axes** will soon be opening an indoor axe throwing venue at 9806 Bustleton Avenue, next door to the also-new House of Kosher. While it's still just getting off the ground in the US, axe throwing venues are now opening throughout the country. The axe throwing cages are still under construction, with the opening expected in a couple weeks.



- **Bustleton Bengals** – We are very sorry to inform our members of the recent passing of Bengals President, **Kevin Hughes**. Kevin was a regular attendee to our monthly meetings and will surely be missed. Much like the GBCL, the Bustleton Bengals is an organization that helps shape the fabric, or backbone of the Bustleton community. The local youth organization is often said to be a good window into the soul of the community it represents, and for 25 years Kevin worked to improve and grow the



Bengals club. Kevin was an early campaigner for the construction of the very first, yet-to-be-completed, Bengals gym. From running the Bengals club to ushering in its first gym, Kevin will always be remembered for how he helped strengthen our Bustleton community. His involvement will be felt by generations of kids to come. He has left us quite a legacy.

**Gym** – Building built, roof on, backboards and scoring clock installed. We’re almost there.

**Clothing Drive** - Sat. October 13, 7 to 3 PM. Clothing, Toys, Accessories: pocketbooks, belts, backpacks, hats, scarves. Household Items: blankets, curtains, tablecloths, pillows, towels.

- **Pulse Hooka Lounge, 1900 Grant – Eviction hearing SUCCESSFUL** – While the Lounge is still operating, relief from the late-night disturbances is in sight. After months of neighbor complaints and police involvement, the owner of the strip center informed us that the eviction hearing was successful and that the process is slowly moving forward. An eviction date has yet to be established. The GBCL is very grateful for the owners understanding and cooperation.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting**: Monday, October 8th, Randi’s Restaurant, Grant Plaza. The PSA-2 meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a representative from the 7th Police District. [junie412@hotmail.com](mailto:junie412@hotmail.com)
- **Guardrail Still in Need of Repair** - For two years the GBCL has been working to get the pedestrian guardrail under the Grant Ave/CSX train trestle repaired. Requests to the city, PennDOT and CSX Rail have all been unsuccessful. The PA Public Utility Commission is arbitrating the disagreement between the three as to who was responsible for repairs. While the PUC mediates, an unsafe pedestrian situation is allowed to exist. We’ll keep fighting.

### **Zoning Presentation & VOTE September 26, 2018**

- **1840 Grant Ave** – There will be a presentation and membership vote on the variance request. Proposed Use or Change: For use as vehicle paint finishing shop in an existing attached structure with previous uses as approved. Reasons for ZBA (Variance)Hearing: The proposed use, vehicle paint finishing shop, is prohibited in the CA-1 zoning 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
- AutoZone
- Bustleton Bengals Club
- Classic Body Worx
- Keller Williams Real Estate
- Kelly's Seafood
- Liberty
- 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 form to: **GBCL, PO BOX 51523, Philadelphia, PA 19115**

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