

Membership Meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

January Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Greater Bustleton Civic League News

December 2018



President's Corner

Hello neighbor, and Happy Holidays!

The GBCL would like to wish all our Bustleton neighbors a Happy Holiday, and to be safe and healthy throughout this season. We hope that you'll get to enjoy this time of year with your family and friends.

We live in one of the nicest sections of the city, and we want to thank the 7th Police District, Engine 62, Ladder 34 and Medic-6 for watching out for us here in Bustleton. There are many resident volunteers, local businesses, elected officials and city employees that help the GBCL in our efforts, and we want to thank all of them for their help and support.

Our December 19 membership meeting will include a little holiday socializing to start. There will not be any zoning presentations or votes at the meeting. Our first meeting of 2019 is Wednesday, January 23, our usual 4th Wednesday of the month.

Thank you,
Jack O'Hara, President

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Bits and Pieces

- **Membership Drive** – As we enter 2019, one of our goals is to increase the number of members of the GBCL. If you know of a neighbor who is interested in what is going on in their Bustleton neighborhood, then give them a copy of the newsletter which has a membership form on the last page and invite them to attend a monthly meeting with other neighbors. They'll be pleasantly surprised. And don't forget to renew your own membership if you haven't already.
- **Pennypack Environmental Center** - 8600 Verree Rd. - **New Year's Fitness Hike** - Start the New Year off right and hit the trails instead while taking in some beautiful scenery. Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 10 AM – 12 PM. **Open House** - Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 10 AM – 1 PM. **Cold Winters Night Hike** - Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7 PM – 9 PM. Take a Full Moon hike through the nature sanctuary and discover what's going on in the woods this winter season. This program is geared towards adults, but children are welcome.



A 1954 view of Grant Avenue, looking east, at the intersection of Bustleton Avenue.

- **Remove Illegal Advertisements** – Help keep Bustleton beautiful and free of litter by helping our cleanup army remove illegal curb/lawn sign advertisements. You see the advertisements nailed to telephone poles and stuck in the ground along the road. The signs are illegal, and unsightly.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Monday, January 14, 7 PM, Randi's Restaurant, Grant Plaza. Meetings are the forum for one-on-one conversation with a rep from the 7th District.

- **Holiday Fire Safety Tips.** The holiday season is one of the most dangerous times of the year for household fires, so take note of these areas to reduce your risk. **Cooking** is the top cause of holiday fires. The most common culprit is food that's left unattended. Make sure to keep a kitchen fire extinguisher that's rated for all types of fires, and check that smoke detectors are working. **Candles.** To reduce the danger, maintain about a foot of space between the candle and anything that can burn. Never leave flames unattended. Before bed, make sure all candles are blown out. **Christmas Trees.** It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames. To minimize risk, buy a fresh tree with intact needles, get a fresh cut on the trunk, and water it every day. One of every four home Christmas tree fires is caused by **electrical** problems. Inspect **light strings** and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets. Extension cords should be in good condition and rated for indoor or outdoor use. Fires caused by children playing goes up significantly during the holidays. **Keep matches and lighters out of kids' reach.** Maintain a clean chimney and screen a **fireplace** to prevent embers from popping out onto the floor or carpet, and never use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace. Only burn seasoned wood, and no wrapping paper.

Zoning - Update

- **1922 Kohl St.** – ZBA hearing Dec. 19, 9:30 am. Outcome unknown at this time. Applicant requested a variance for the erection of a two-family dwelling, with garages and two front yard, surface parking spaces. Both two-family dwellings and surface parking spaces are prohibited in this RSD-3 Zoning District. The GBCL will announce the hearing results when known.

Zoning - Future Presentations:

- **8828 E Roosevelt Boulevard** – Owner has submitted a zoning application to legalize an existing two-family dwelling in an existing single-family zoned dwelling. Dates have not been set for a presentation to membership or for the ZBA hearing. When the GBCL is notified of a hearing date, the presentation date will be set; most likely at the January 23 membership meeting.
- **1819-25 Gregg St, (Grand Champion Stables)** – While still early in the process, the owner's attorney has informed the GBCL that his client intends to file for a zoning permit to build 10 single homes on a private drive. The owner of the parcel met with neighbors back in August to hear their concerns and preferences. The GBCL will monitor the permit application process and announce the date of any project presentations when known.

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

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!

Last name: _____, First name _____

Last name: _____, First name _____

Last name: _____, First name _____

Last name: _____, First name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____

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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