

Membership Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

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Greater Bustleton Civic League News

February 2019



The First Day of Spring is March 20

President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

It's hard to imagine considering the weather we're having, but the first day of spring is just weeks away and the Phillies begin their regular season, at home, March 28th. Daylight Savings Time is coming up, and along with neighborhood cleanups, are all signs that we're close to putting winter behind us.

There will be a zoning presentation at the February 27th membership meeting for a request to convert the use of 8828 Roosevelt to a two-family dwelling from a single-family designation. We hope you can attend the meeting with your neighbors and learn the latest in other Bustleton community developments.

Thank you,
Jack O'Hara, President

Greater Bustleton Civic League

Bits and Pieces

- **Bustleton Bengals Gym Opening** – After years of fundraising and planning, the Police Officer John Marynowitz Gym at Hayes Playground had their ribbon-cutting ceremony February 16, 2019. Councilman Brian O’Neill, along with Mayor Kenney, state Reps. Martina White and Kevin Boyle, state Sen. John Sabatina and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell, all spoke at the ceremony. This addition to the Bustleton community was truly worth the wait.



- **City Spring Cleanup – Saturday, April 7** – While the GBCL regularly conducts Bustleton area cleanups, the city conducts their own annual, city-wide cleanup, and the GBCL will be present. Neighborhood cleanliness has an influence on home values and crime, and has always been a commitment of the GBCL. Please do whatever you can to help keep Bustleton litter free, even if it’s the area just outside your own door.
- **Illegal signs** – Advertisements often referred to bandit signs, are both illegal and contribute to our litter challenge. Pole posters and curb signs that promote cash for houses, tree service, beer distributors, are all visual eyesores that degrade the appearance of Bustleton. It’s perfectly legal and encouraged by the Phila. Streets Sept. to help remove and trash can those signs.
- **Daylight Saving Time** - starts Sunday morning, March 10. Loosing an hour of sleep is just cruel.
- **Membership Drive:** Community involvement is a sure sign of a strong community. We are asking our members to talk to their neighbors and encourage them to come to a meeting and, if they like what they see and hear, become a member and join us in preserving Bustleton as the best neighborhood in Philadelphia.
- **New GBCL Website** – Please test drive the new site and give us your feedback.
<https://gbcl.online/>
- **9898 Roosevelt Blvd, Panera Bread** – Bakery-cafe opening in the future at Blvd. & Red Lion Rd.

- **One Red Lion / Budd Plant Development** – Learning details from the city and state on this mammoth warehouse project has been a real challenge for the GBCL. The project was announced a full year ago and for some reason our city officials know nothing about it. The GBCL wants to ensure that residents’ quality-of-life needs are respected and that any potential hazards are eliminated. The images below show dirt tracked onto Red Lion Rd by the hundreds of trucks leaving the site and making its way into our storm sewers. The PA Dept. of Environmental Protection had determined that the dirt is heavily contaminated. This is but one of many concerns’ residents have and we hope city and state officials will start defending us.



- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Meeting Monday, March 18th, 7pm, Randi’s Restaurant, Grant Plaza. The PSA-2 meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a rep from the 7th Police District. To receive notices, email junie412@hotmail.com
- **Friends of Pennypack Park** – The next membership meeting will be Thursday March 21st, 7:30 P.M. at Deer Meadows Residence, Roosevelt Boulevard. Guided Park Walks take place on 3rd Sundays, 1-3 For information please call 215-934-PARK. March 17 - Frankford Ave at Solly subjects: Holmesburg History - Bustleton RR - Mill Races - Fall Line - Indian camp site - geology. This is a 1 mile walk on rough trails. First park cleanup starts March 23rd Sat. 10 AM—1 PM at the Ball field on Holme Ave between the Pennypack Creek bridge and Nazareth Hospital.
- **Geator with the Heater, Jerry Blavat** - Coming to Maternity B.V.M., Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$35 and they go fast. Call Cathy early at 267-446-0482 or Denise at 215-673-8127.
- **Zoning Presentation to Membership Wednesday, February 27, at 7 pm**
 - **8828 E. Roosevelt Blvd.** – Owner/Applicant seeks a variance to change the properties Use and legalize an existing two-family dwelling. A “variance” is required for any departure from Zoning Code regulations. Two-family dwellings are prohibited in the RSA-2 Residential zoned 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

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

215-676-6890

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