

## Greater Bustleton Civic League

September 25, 2019 – Monthly Membership Meeting

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### **AGENDA**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Treasurers Report
- Welcome to our elected officials and their representatives

#### **Updates:**

1. **7<sup>th</sup> Police District** – Captain Bob Ritchie - Community Relations Officer, Joe Staszak
2. **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 14, 7 PM, Randi's Restaurant
3. **Speed Cushions** – Two (2) currently in Bustleton at 9600 Northeast Ave. (Krewstown) and 1000/1100 Bloomfield Ave. Possibly coming to 8500 Verree (front of Cora Services). Due largely to an increase in aggressive driving, Mayor Kenney's Slow Zone Program supports the City's Vision Zero initiative, that mandated Streets Dept. to protect pedestrians, which includes the use of speed cushions.
4. **Alburger Avenue Ongoing Resurfacing** - Pine to Welsh Road. Expected to be completed by mid-October. Street milling, adjustment of manhole covers and utility boxes, and final paving.
5. **Hooka Bars** - Councilman Bob Henon introduced legislation for this fall that would add "smoking lounges" to the zoning code, and effectively ban hookah bars outside Center City. Bustleton Hooka bars:
  - a. Aladdin Hookah Lounge 9855 Bustleton/Belair SC– 4PM to 2AM. Fri/Sat. 4PM to 3AM
  - b. Onyx Hookah Lounge, 842 Red Lion/Bustleton 7PM to 2AM, Fri/Sat. 7 to 3AM
  - c. Vapor Central, Holy Smokes, 1619 Grant/Plaza, 11 to 9pm, Fri/Sat. 11AM-9:30PM
  - d. ~~Pulse Hookah Lounge, 1900 Grant Ave.~~ – CLOSED, Nuisance bar
6. **Fall Arts & Crafts Festival** - Pennypack Environmental Center, 8600 Verree Rd. Saturday, Sept. 28, 11 AM – 4 PM. The PEC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this weekend and is one of the hidden jewels in Bustleton. They have been providing local residents nature and family oriented attractions for generations and definitely worth a visit. Enjoy an afternoon of seasonal games, pumpkin painting, apple cidering, craft vendors and more at their annual festival.
7. **Applefest** – Fox Chase Farm, Pine Road, Saturday, October 19, 2019, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Enjoy a day of cider pressing, apple butter making, hayrides, seasonal games, pumpkin painting, music and more. Pumpkins, apples, apple butter and cider for sale. Admission: \$5.00 Adults and \$3.00 Children ages 3 – 12; Children under age 3 are Free.
8. **New GBCL Web Site** – <https://gbcl.online/> Thank you Recording Sec. Jim Cantwell

**Zoning – Updates**

- **1 Red Lion Rd./Budd Plant** – GBCL continues working to learn details of the massive 1.85 million square foot warehouse announced for Red Lion Road. Inquirer 9/12/19: "UPS is among the companies considering the 138-acre former Budd Co. property on Red Lion Rd. as a potential distribution hub, according to local UPS and industry sources, speaking on condition they not be identified". 2nd GBCL/SCA Informational Meeting date will be announced when date and time are locked down.

**OTC, Over-the-Counter, Permits Granted:**

- **1701 Welsh Rd.** (across from Grant Plaza) – Day Care with prep and serving of food.
- **9432 Roosevelt Blvd** (at Grant) – Demolition of old Urgent care. Member Joe Cooper filed complaint w/L&I on dust and oil damage. JOH met L&I Inspector.
- **648 Welsh Rd** (before Pine) – Construction of a detached single-family household living.

**Future PRESENTATION & VOTE:**

- **9746 Chapel Road** – Variance is required for the installation of a 6 ft. high fence on a corner property.
- **9613 Dedaker St.** – 1 story garage doesn't meet aggregate or minimum side yard width. Required: 25 FT. & 10 FT. Proposed: 19 FT & 8 FT.

**PRESENTATION & VOTE – September 25, 2019:**

- **1075 Welsh Rd, at Walley. (2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation)** – Erection of two-story, single-family home on vacant lot. Minimum Front Setback of 35' is required. Whereas the proposed set back of 22' from Walley Avenue is insufficient.  
History: 1<sup>st</sup> presentation 4/24/19. Vote: 38 to 2, to Oppose. 1<sup>st</sup> ZBA hearing 5/22 was rescheduled. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing on 7/17 postponed, ZBA granting a 30-day extension to "leave the record open". Proposed, deficient setback went from 19' to 23'. The issue of whether or not the normal 10' setback applies, is still unclear. New plans received 9/12/19. Neighbor meeting 9/19.

**Next Membership Meeting – Wednesday, October 23, 2019**  
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