

Membership Meeting: Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

Greater Bustleton Civic League News

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How many weeks of winter remain will be officially established on Sunday, February 2nd.

President's Corner

Hello neighbor,

We will be holding our first membership meeting of the new year this Wednesday, January 22nd.

Our meeting on the 22nd will include a police report and a number of Bustleton related updates. Also, in the case of any bad weather, we will post meeting cancellation notices on the hotline before noon of the meeting night: 215-676-6890.

The GBCL, its Board and volunteers work together throughout the year to preserve the best features of our area, and to ensure that any new development in Bustleton is appropriate and an improvement over what existed. We monitor crime and safety issues and participate in a number of neighborhood clean-up projects. We thank all those who support our cause.

Thank you,
Jack O'Hara, President

Bits and Pieces

- **1 Red Lion Rd./Budd Plant - Massive Warehouse Soon to Come**

The coming distribution warehouse is the biggest threat ever faced by the Bustleton community.

Opposition to the warehouse continues. With all the safety and congestion issues this project creates, who in their right mind thought this was a good idea to place a gigantic distribution center in the center of a residential area? Once one can visualize and understand the size of the complex, and the amount of truck activity associated with the 24/7 facility, it is easy to see all the safety problems it adds to the current congested conditions. The mega warehouse is clear overuse for the size of the parcel.

The role of a Registered Community Organizations like the GBCL is to promote community involvement in area development and zoning matters. The GBCL would be negligent in its role if it didn't continue to question the multiple safety and quality-of-life reductions this project is bringing to us. Where is the expressed concern of our elected officials? Must we beg for representation?

Area residents and businesses are not opposed to development of the industrial site. However, we do want our elected officials to publicly voice support of our opposition to the size of the warehouse and represent that opinion to all parties involved in the planning. Some advances have been made.

State Representative Martina White agreed to attend our January 22 meeting to hear concerns and field questions. We welcome her attendance and look forward to the discussion.

State Senator John Sabatina Jr stated that the warehouse "... is a clear overuse of the parcel".

State Representative Kevin Boyle's office provided the most welcomed response: "As a resident of Bustleton, Representative Boyle shares the same concerns as his neighbors over the possible purchase and use of the old Budd site. He believes it would be an overuse of this parcel of land and has concerns over potential traffic and environmental issues. He supports the neighbors and the civic association in their fight. While he is not opposed to the development of this land, he is in support of a more reasonable use that will not result in drastically altering the way of life for those in Bustleton and the surrounding neighborhoods that could also be impacted."

The GBCL will continue to work to increase awareness of the coming warehouse, fight to reduce the size of the project and to prod our elected officials to represent our position and ensure the safety and quality-of-life of area residents and businesses. Securing legal representation and other opposition efforts will be discussed at the January 22 meeting.

- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting:** Next Meeting February 10th, 7 PM, at Randi's Restaurant in the Grant Plaza shopping center. The PSA-2 meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a representative from the 7th Police District.
- **Roosevelt Boulevard Speed Cameras** – It was recently announced that the city is installing speed enforcement cameras at eight locations along Roosevelt Boulevard, one of the deadliest roadways in the country. In 2019, there were 18 fatal crashes. Without ever being pulled over by the police, a speeding driver who thought they successfully made up some time by racing down the Boulevard will be shocked when they receive a speeding ticket, in the mail, a week later. Driving 11-19 mph over the limit earns you a \$100 fine, 20-29 mph over merits a \$125 fine and 30 mph and above wins a \$150 fine. In the Bustleton area cameras will be installed near Southampton Road, Red Lion and Grant. Also, further south at Strahle, Harbison, Deveraux, F and 2nd Street. We've been warned.
- **Friends of Pennypack Park Events** – The next membership meeting will be February 20th 7:30 P.M. at Deer Meadows Residence on Roosevelt Boulevard north of Holme Avenue. The speaker will be Miles Anott, Executive Director, Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve to speak on Gardening with wildflowers. Come and join the Restoration group and help remove invasive vine and plants throughout the park. The group meets from 10am to 1pm at various sites within the park. The first meeting of the year will be on February 1st at Verree Road Parking lot. The next meeting will be March 8th at Winchester Avenue and Roosevelt Blvd (east side). Wear sturdy shoes and long pants, long sleeve shirts, and sneakers/ work boots. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **The Pennypack Environmental Center** - is sponsoring a **Morning Bird Walk** on Saturday February 8th at 8:30am and Saturday March 28th. Join them for a walk through the nature sanctuary in search on wither birds and wildlife. Binoculars are available to borrow. - **Maple Sugar Workshop** Saturday February 8th at 1:00pm. Learn how to make maple syrup and sugar from trees in your backyard. Indoor session followed by a short walk to tap maple tree.
- **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.
- **Bustleton Bengals** – Proof that summer is on its way. Baseball registration for the 2020 season is now open. Practices begin in March, opening day is April 25th and the season runs through June. The Bustleton Bengals Youth Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help build strong character in kids and maximize their potential as responsible citizens and leaders. Girls and boys, ages 4 years old and up learn “life lessons” that have value well beyond the playing field. For more information visit www.bustletonbengals.org.

NO Zoning PRESENTATIONS or VOTES at the January 22 Meeting

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
- Mazhu Axes
- PAWS
- Pennypack Flowers
- Randi's Restaurant
- Red Tiger Taekwon-do
- Wawa

Greater Bustleton Civic League (GBCL) -- 2020 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 _____

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____

This membership covers from the time it is received until December 31, 2020.

Thank you for supporting the GBCL!

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

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