

Membership Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM

American Heritage Federal Credit Union—Red Lion & Jamison Road

Greater Bustleton Civic League News

February 2020



Sunday, March 8th set your clocks forward one hour to “spring ahead.”

President’s Corner

Hello neighbor,

The Phillies are in spring training and their regular season begins March 26th. The Bengals baseball registration is also open and neighborhood cleanups are right around the corner. It seems like we’ve skipped right over winter this year and are going straight into spring.

At our monthly membership meeting we will once again be discussing the arrival of a UPS warehouse to 1 Rd Lion Road. We will also hear an unofficial presentation from a developer who wants to hear the community’s opinion on a townhouse project he’s considering for the Bustleton and Fulmer Street area before he commits to the project. These along with several other Bustleton related issues will be discussed at the meeting. We hope you can attend.

Thank you,
Jack O’Hara, President

Greater Bustleton Civic League

Bits and Pieces

- **1 Red Lion Rd./Budd Plant Update** – As mentioned in our February 6 update letter, UPS confirmed with the GBCL that they will be constructing a 1 million sq. ft. warehouse on the 138-acre parcel. Work on the warehouse could be started by the end of 2020, probably early 2021, and completed in 2022. There is a possibility that the project could be subject to the city's non-binding, Civic Design Review, which includes community input and comments. The mountain of dirt that currently exists on the site will be added to in the coming weeks and will eventually be spread across the entire parcel. Building plans, traffic studies, environmental issues, potential roadwork, are all topics that UPS stated would be addressed during a series of upcoming community outreach meetings. With some facts now confirmed, the GBCL continues to hold the position that the parcels use as a mammoth shipping distribution center, in the heart of a residential area, will create numerous unsafe traffic conditions and will have a damaging effect on businesses and resident's quality of life throughout our area. The GBCL looks forward to hearing additional project details at the upcoming UPS meetings. Dates of any meeting will be announced in the Bustleton/Somerton/Lower Moreland community once they are secured.
- **GBCL March meeting** - Our next membership meeting will be Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00pm.
- **Police Service Area 2 (PSA-2) Meeting** - Monday, March 9th, Randi's, Grant Plaza. Meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a rep from the 7th Police District.
- **Election of GBCL Officers:** GBCL Executive Board officers hold one-year terms, May through April. Nomination of candidates for the upcoming term for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Recording Secretary positions can be submitted at the March membership meeting. Voting takes place at the April meeting, and new officers begin their term in May.
- **Dept of Revenue PRESENTATION** – Questions on 2020 Real Estate Tax and Water bills will be taken at our membership meeting by guest Vicki Riley: 215-686-6831, vicki.riley@phila.gov.
- **Saint Albert the Great Gators Swim Team** – A big congratulations to our neighbors who just had their 20th straight undefeated season & league championship. Way to go Coach Chris.
- **Bustleton Bengals - Clothing Drive – Saturday, April 25**, 7am to 3pm. Clothing, accessories like belts/ties/scarves, toys, household items like sheets/blankets/towels. **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.

- **Fox Chase Farm: Maple Sugar Workshop** Saturday March 7th from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Fox Chase Farm 8500 Pine Road. Learn how to boil the sugar to make pure maple candy and how to make maple syrup and sugar from trees in your backyard. Please dress to be outdoors for half the time. Indoor session followed by a short walk to tap maple tree. There is a \$3.00 per person event charge.
- **Friends of Pennypack Park Events** – The next **membership meeting** will be Saturday March 19th 7:30 P.M. at Deer Meadows Residence on Roosevelt Boulevard. The next weed removal work will be Saturday April 4th at the Sanctuary Area behind the Environmental Center. **Park Cleanup** - The first park cleanup for 2020 will be March 28 at the Ballfield at Holme Avenue behind Nazareth Hospital. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants, long sleeve shirts, and sneakers/ work boots. The first **Guided Park Walk** with Roland Williams starts on Sunday March 15th from 1pm to 3pm. Meet at the lower parking lot on Verree Road. Explore the sound of spring at the frog pond, the Nakashima walnut, Slater's Bridge and beachcomb gravel drifts for quartzite.
- **The Pennypack Environmental Center** - is sponsoring a **Morning Bird Walk** on Saturday March 28th at 8:30am. Join them for a walk through the nature sanctuary in search of winter birds and wildlife. Binoculars are available to borrow. Followed with a walk for **Spring Greens and Tonics**. At the first hint of green, many folks would eat bitters such as dandelion greens and roots to sweep out the body's winter cobwebs after a long winter eating preserved and dried food.

Zoning:

- **Sense-of-Body PRESENTATION: 9800 Bustleton/Fulmer St.** – Typically, zoning variance applicants are required to present their project to the local community organization as part of their application process. A sense-of-body presentation is an unofficial, non-binding presentation that the GBCL allows a developer to conduct to get a sense of what the community would support or oppose, before any unnecessary expenses are incurred. In this case, a local builder is considering a townhouse project on Fulmer Street and wants to hear community feedback before moving forward with any plans. They will share their building plans and take questions at the 2/26 meeting. Please attend and contribute your opinion, or call and email us with your input. 215-676-6890, gbustletoncl@gmail.com
- **MARCH 25 Presentation: 842 Red Lion Rd (Red Lion & Bustleton center)** Onyx Hookah Lounge. ZBA Hearing May 6. Proposed use, Assembly and Entertainment, requires a “Special Exception” in this zoning district. Currently closed. New owner is looking to legalize current use. A Special Exception is required for a use that is allowed, but only after the applicant has demonstrated that the use does not have any detrimental impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

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 _____

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, 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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