

Greater Bustleton Civic League

November 23, 2021 – Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting

NEXT ZOOM MEETING: Tuesday, December 28, 2021, 7 PM

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah

AGENDA

Current Executive Board:

- President – JOH
- Vice President – John McKeever
- Treasurer – Mike Herskovitz
- Corresponding Secretary – David Bauer
- Recording Secretary – OPEN
- Chairman Community Safety Committee - Ellen Dwyer
- Zoning Committee – Carl Jadach

Housekeeping:

- We welcome our elected officials and their representatives.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
 - PayPal payment method now available
 - Friendly Reminder: Membership renewals now due for 2022. Please pay for your 2021 membership dues if still needed.
 - Invite friends & neighbors to attend and join.
 - Please consider a DONATION to the GBCL.

Neighborhood Updates:

- **7th Police District** - Captain Bob Ritchie
Community Relations Officer, Joe Staszak
 - **Toys For Tots**, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve – Until December 17th
drop off New and Unwrapped toys.

- **Holiday Fire Awareness & Prevention**
 - 51% of December home decoration fires were started by candles.
Try to use only flame-retardant or not flammable.

 - Never leave a burning candle unattended.

 - Cooking is the biggest cause of fires and injuries in homes.

 - Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires or wear.

 - Keep Christmas tree away from heat sources and room exits.

 - Water Christmas trees daily.

 - Test your smoke detectors. Replace if more than 10 years old.

- **UPS Warehouse proposed for 1 Red Lion Road**



- ZBA DENIED all Appeals from October 12th ZBA Hearing.
- GBCL and Sandmeyer Steel both appealed ZBA decision. Probable next step is a hearing in Common Pleas Court.
- UPS ads in NE Times. Listed endorsements misleading:
 - James Donnelly of 58th Ward, **knew nothing about ad.**
 - NE Chamber of Commerce President: **"The quote was not a Chamber endorsement of the specific project."**
 - Senator Tartaglione's office: **"The Senator said that she does not have a position on the UPS warehouse because the facility is not in her district."**

Call To Our Politicians

We continue to hold out hope that our elected officials will listen to the opinions of their constituents, help with our opposition efforts, and introduce a business project that will better coexist in our community.

Community Position:

Bustleton / Somerton / Lower Moreland residents and businesses **oppose** **the SIZE/SCALE** of the operation, and the damage the explosion in truck traffic volume will have on residents & businesses.

To set the record straight, **the community supports**

- **development** of the parcel
- **construction jobs**
- **unions**
- **jobs that will accompany any business** that occupies the parcel
- **home-delivery services**

What is terrifying is the **permanent community damage** caused by a **High-Intensity**, 24/7, million sf. distribution center operating in residential area.

What can residents and businesses do?

1. Please continue to spread the word to neighbors and friends.

2. Contact your elected officials TODAY.

a. Tell them your opinion

b. Ask them how they can support our opposition

3. Submit Letters to the Editor – Inquirer, NE Times, WHYY,

UPS Warehouse

CONTACT:

- **City Councilman Brian O'Neill: brian.oneill@phila.gov 215-686-3422, 215-685-6431, 215-685-0432, 215-437-9167**
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- **State Representative Nancy Guenst: 215-259-5962
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- **State Senator Christine Tartaglione – 215-533-0440
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- **State Senator Maria Collett - (717) 787-6599
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- **US Representative Brendan Boyle: 267 335-5643**
- **Attorney General Josh Shapiro (215) 886-7376, 717-787-3391, 888-538-8541. info@attorneygeneral.gov**

UPDATES Continued:

- **American Heritage Credit Union's Annual Grand Illumination** - Kick-Off Saturday, November 27 at 7:00pm. Over 400,000 lights, concert featuring the Philadelphia Boys Choir and the New Jersey Fifes and Drums, a firework symphony. Stroll their campus, enjoy the lights and decorations, take family photos. In the spirit of giving, bring a canned food item for Philabundance, the non-profit food bank.
- **Bustleton Bengals**
 - Engraved Bricks – Bengal’s fundraiser is still available. Immortalize your support of our local youth organization.
- **Thanksgiving Turkey’s** – GBCL provided Thanksgiving meals to a few Bustleton households thanks to the Goldenberg Group of Bluebell, Pa.



Volunteer Michaella Massa happily unloading Thanksgiving turkeys and trimmings.

- **Steve Steins Restaurant REOPENS** – Grant Plaza



- **TUTORIAL: Sheds, playhouses and pergolas – Philadelphia L&I:**



https://www.phila.gov/media/20200904104416/PG_011-FAQ_Shed.pdf

- Over 120 SF -> Permits
- Front & Side yards -> Permits
- Not taller than 15 ft.

- **GBCL Theme: Help Keep Bustleton Inviting** – Bustleton is one of the most sought-after sections in the city. Litter free. Well-kept front yards.

ZONING Issues

- **PECO Property, 9358 Old Bustleton Avenue - Zoning Violations**
GBCL SUCCESS – Thank you for your emails and calls to PECO



- PECO has started to clean up construction debris and will soon remove cyclone fence.
- If you want to help the GBCL's efforts, contact the PECO RE Manager about the lot's appearance: **Mike Maronski at 215-841-5471,**
Michael.Maronski@exeloncorp.com

Tonight's Zoning PRESENTATION:

- **9201 Old Bustleton** – Legalize existing day care, and signage, at Temple Beth Ami, Discovery Day Care Inc. ZBA Hearing December 21 at 9:30 AM.

Future Zoning Presentation:

- **December: 1813 – 25 Gregg** – Developer/Applicant reduced the number of homes, density and expanded the drive aisle to include a cul-de-sac. ZBA Hearing Feb 2, 2022, 9:30 AM