

Greater Bustleton Civic League

April 26, 2022 – Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7 PM

We thank you all for your interest and involvement
in your community.

AGENDA

1. Neighborhood Updates / Public Service Announcements
2. UPS Warehouse proposed for Red Lion Road
 - NO Zoning presentations tonight. Two in May, one in June.
3. Q & A

Current Executive Board:

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

GBCL Housekeeping:

- We welcome our elected officials and their representatives.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
 - PayPal option now available.
 - Please respond to your Membership renewals for 2022.
 - Please consider a DONATION to the GBCL.

- GBCL Elections – Annual Executive Board elections for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations accepted in April, voting in May. Volunteers for the election committee contact **Tommy James** at junie412@hotmail.com

Neighborhood Updates:

- **7th Police District**
 - **Captain Steven O’Brian**
 - **Joe Staszak**, Community Relations Officer.
 - **TRAFFIC at Anne Frank School** –School officers met with Captain O’Brian, Joe Staszak and traffic officer to address unsafe drop-off and pick up traffic conditions. As a result, conditions have improved. Additional crossing guards were added, blinking road sign repaired, more officers physically present on site.
- **Helpful links for your summer projects:**
 - SHEDs:** https://www.phila.gov/media/20200904104416/PG_011-FAQ_Shed.pdf
 - DECKs:** <https://business.phila.gov/media/EZ-Deck-Permit1.pdf>
 - FENCES:** <https://www.phila.gov/services/permits-violations-licenses/apply-for-a-permit/building-and-repair/get-a-fence-permit/>
- **American Heritage Car Show – Saturday, May 14**

- **GBCL Volunteers Participate in Philly Spring Cleanup, April 6**
Grant Ave at Welsh Rd., Train Trestle Bridge.



Some of our GBCL volunteers: Alan Kaminsky, Ayden Stubbs (12), Patty Lattanzio, and Carl Jadach.

- **GBCL Volunteers paint bathrooms at Lackman Playground.**



- GBCL Volunteers at Sheep Shearing Festival, Fox Chase Farm, April 23



- **4-H Club** continued operation at Fox Chase Farm questionable.

4-H is the nation's largest youth development program, supported by a network of public universities. Fox Chase Farm is a campus of the School District of Philadelphia. A 4-H Club operates at the farm raising pigs, sheep, goats, and beef cattle and is open to children aged nine and up. Please support their continued presence at the farm.



- **BIG Thank You** to First Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist on NE Avenue for the lending of needed **scaffolding** to the **Krewstown Pennepack Baptist Church** for needed building repairs.



- **Northeast Philadelphia History Fair** - Saturday, April 30, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, at Cannstatter Volkfest Verein, 9130 Academy Road. Free admission. See historic displays, presentations, books, prints, photographs, and other Items on our local history. 215-370-4626, nephillyhistory@gmail.com
- **COVID-19 in Bustleton/19115 – Heading in the wrong direction.**

12.1% of those tested were **POSITIVE** in the last two weeks
 2.8% one month ago
 3.9% two months ago.
 22.2% three months ago.

67 COVID-19 Cases Reported in the last two weeks
 17 cases one month ago
 44 cases two months ago
 492 cases three months ago.

- Being vaccinated the best defense against getting a serious case.
- Everyone 5 or older can be vaccinated.
- Homebound vaccinations are available. Call 311.

- **Bustleton Bengals** - <https://www.bustletonbengals.org/>



- Engraved Bricks – Bengal’s fundraiser is still available. immortalize your support of our local youth organization.

- **Bustleton Beautiful:** Our ongoing initiative. Please do whatever you can to keep your properties and streets litter free, and front yards neat and well-maintained.

- **Red Tiger Taekwon-do**, 1912 Welsh Rd - The Red Tiger TKD Cup competition will take place Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bryn Athyn College's Asplundh Fieldhouse, 2775 Buck Road, in Bryn Athyn. Call 215-969-9962 or email redtigertkd@gmail.com

- **Welsh Road Lane Reduction - Pine to Alburger**
 - GBCL coordinated a community update on March 23rd.
 - Current two car lanes will be reduced to one lane, in each direction.
 - Area residents expressed a desire to extend the lane reduction up Grant Ave. and is now being considered.
 - Project will begin with repaving, tentatively by mid-summer.
 - The GBCL has formally requested the creation of bike lanes be included in the project.

ZONING - (NO Presentations tonight)

- **9423 Hilspach** – Variance request for conversion from two to three units REFUSED at 3/30/22 ZBA hearing. Membership voted 16 to 3 to OPPOSE.

- **MAY Presentation – 2001 Lott, Anne Frank School** – ZBA Hearing June 8, 9:30 AM. Issue: Non-illuminated wall sign above 2nd floor.

- **MAY Presentation – 1819 Gregg**, Stable development – Continued from February 2nd. ZBA Hearing June 22, 9:30 AM

- **JUNE Presentation - 9800 Bustleton** – Legacy Furniture. Issue: Retail sales prohibited in I-2. ZBA Hearing June 8, 2:00 PM

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

Four years since the announcement of the project. Plans show a quarter mile long, multi-story high warehouse with loading bays for 500 trucks.



Hearing in Court of Common Pleas Approaching:

- Zoning Board's brief submitted
- GBCL brief submitted **April 4, 2022**
- UPS's brief due **May 2, 2022**
- Oral argument to be scheduled to take place on or after **June 6, 2022.**

Community Position:

- Bustleton / Somerton / Lower Moreland residents and businesses **oppose the SIZE/SCALE** of the operation
- We ask that our elected officials **introduce a project that will better coexist in our community.**
- The community **supports:**
 - **development** of the parcel
 - **construction jobs**
 - **union jobs**
 - **jobs that will accompany any business that occupies the parcel**
 - **home-delivery services**

What can residents and businesses do?

- 1. Please continue to spread the word to neighbors and friends.**
- 2. Contact your elected officials TODAY.**
- 3. Submit “Letters to the Editor” – Inquirer, NE Times, WHY?, etc.**

UPS Warehouse – CALL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS NOW:

- **City Councilman Brian O’Neill: brian.oneill@phila.gov
215-686-3422, 215-685-6431, 215-685-0432, 215-437-9167**
- **State Representative Martina White: 215 330-3711
mwhite@pahousegop.com (717) 787-6740, (215) 330-3711,
(215) 632-3237**
- **State Representative Nancy Guenst: 215-259-5962
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