

Greater Bustleton Civic League

May 24, 2022 – Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 7 PM



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

AGENDA

1. Housekeeping / Neighborhood Updates / PSA's
2. APPEAL of proposed UPS Warehouse on Red Lion Road
3. TWO Zoning Presentations
4. 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:

- A welcome to our elected officials and their representatives.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
 - PayPal option is now available and easy to use.
 - Please RENEW you Membership.
 - Please consider a DONATION to the GBCL.
- GBCL Elections – Nomination Chairperson Tommy James.
All Executive Board positions were uncontested, and are certified by acclamation. Nominations accepted annually in April, voting in May.

Neighborhood Updates:

- **7th Police District**
 - Captain Steven O’Brian – Prior community event.
 1. Make sure you lock your vehicles at night and leave nothing of value visible inside the vehicle.
 2. NEVER leave your car running unattended. Don’t run back into the house or run into a store.
 3. Be sure to close all windows, at least on the 1st floor, locked & secured because it’s an easy entry for burglars.
 - Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer.
 1. 2nd, 7th, 8th & 15th Police District’s, Summer Sizzler End of The School Year Event - Friday, June 17th, 12:00pm – 3:00pm - Students K to 8th Grade. Hot Dogs, Water Ice, Pretzels, Cold Drinks, Games& Prizes. Bustleton Bengals Youth Organization, 9945 President St.
 2. Federation Early Learning Services, FELStival – Sunday, June 12, 12 pm - 6 pm. 2199 Strahle St. - Food Trucks, Crafts, Local Artisans, Music, Children’s Zone.

- **Welsh Road Lane Reduction UPDATE** - Pine down to Alburger, up to Grant is being considered as a result of neighbor's input.
 - GBCL coordinated Streets Dept. project introduction March 23
 - PADOT will repave the road first, and notify Streets Dept. of the timeline. NO start date provided yet.
 - GBCL requested bike lanes to be included, as per Deputy Commissioner Richard Montanez instructions. He added that the bike lanes need to be approved by City Council and has forwarded our request to Councilman O'Neill's office.
 - Current two car lanes will be reduced to one lane, in each direction, with bike lanes once approved.

- **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/>

- **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.



- **COVID-19 in Bustleton/19115 – Numbers heading in wrong direction.**

21.4% of those tested were **POSITIVE** in the last two weeks

21.1% one month ago

2.8% two months ago

3.9% three months ago

128 COVID-19 Cases Reported in the last two weeks

67 cases one month ago

17 cases two months ago

44 cases three months ago

- Being vaccinated still the best defense
- Everyone 5 or older can be vaccinated.
- Homebound vaccinations are available. Call 311.
- FREE Rapid Test Kit for Special Events & Celebrations

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



- Summer Basketball Camps – Boys and girls, 1st to 8th grade.
- Summer Basketball League for Girls – 3rd to 8th grade.
- Dance Program – Boys and girls, 4 to 18. Beginning in September.
- Engraved Bricks – Bengal's fundraiser is still available. immortalize your support of our local youth organization.

- **Proposed UPS Warehouse 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:

- Zoning Board's submitted March 7, 2022
- GBCL brief submitted April 4, 2022
- UPS's brief submitted May 2, 2022
- Oral argument scheduled for **Wednesday June 29, 2022, 10 AM.**

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:**
 - **JOBS – UNION & CONSTRUCTION JOBS**
 - **jobs that will accompany any business that occupies the parcel**
 - **development** of 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, WHYY, 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 Guent: 215-259-5962
RepGuent@pahouse.net**
- **State Senator Christine Tartaglione – 215-533-0440
Carmen.Sousa@pasenate.com
Kathy.Benton@pasenate.com**
- **State Senator Maria Collett - (717) 787-6599
senatorcollett@pasenate.com**

ZONING - (TWO Presentations tonight)

- **JUNE Presentation - 2050 Welsh** – Angelic Home Care & Training. Issue: Existing commercial business prohibited in residential zoned block.

Tonight:

1. **resentation – 2001 Lott, Anne Frank School** – ZBA Hearing June 8, 9:30 AM. Issue: Non-illuminated wall sign above 2nd floor.
Attorney Neil Sklaroff representing Anne Frank School
2. **Presentation - 9800 Bustleton** – Legacy Furniture. Issue: Retail sales prohibited in I-2. ZBA Hearing June 8, 2:00 PM
Attorney Shawn Ward representing Legacy Furniture.

Greater Bustleton Civic League - PO BOX 51523, Philadelphia, PA 19115
<https://gbcl.online/> (215) 676-6890 gbustletoncl@gmail.com