

# Greater Bustleton Civic League

June 28, 2022 – Monthly Membership Meeting

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **September 27**, 2022, 7 PM



Thank you all for your interest and involvement  
in our community.

## AGENDA

1. Housekeeping / Neighborhood Updates / PSA's
2. PRESENTATION – Phila. Dept. of Public Health - Ticks and Mosquitoes
3. UPS Warehouse on Red Lion Road - Court Hearing TOMMORROW
4. PRESENTATION - Zoning – 2050 Welsh Road
5. 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
- Chairperson Zoning Committee – Carl Jadach

### **GBCL Housekeeping:**

- NOTE: Tonight's In-Person/Zoom meeting format is expected to continue on September 27 after our summer recess.
- A GBCL welcome to our elected officials and their representatives in the audience.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
  - PayPal option is now available and easy to use.
  - Please JOIN or RENEW your Membership.
  - Please consider a DONATION to the GBCL.

### **Neighborhood Updates:**

- **7<sup>th</sup> Police District**
  - **Captain Steven O'Brian**
    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.
    4. Carjacking
  - **Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer**
    - Movie Night – Fri. July 22, 8 PM - 7<sup>TH</sup> District Parking Lot  
Disney's Encanto
    - Community Day – Sat., Sept. 17, 11 to 2 PM, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Parking Lot

- **No Large Commercial Vehicle Parking Allowed in Residential Neighborhoods.** June 17, 2022 - City Council passed **Councilmember David Oh's** bills targeting illegal dumping and illegal parking of large commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods - specifically trailers, semitrailers and auto carrier trailers. The legislation amends a section of the Philadelphia Code, "On-Street Parking of Boats, Motor Homes, Truck Campers. Such vehicles cannot be parked on any residential street, for any amount of time. It also establishes a \$300 civil penalty for vehicles that are illegally parking on residential streets and authorizes the immobilization and towing of vehicles that are illegally parked in residential neighborhoods without proper authorization.
- **Welsh Road Lane Reduction UPDATE - Pine down to Alburger,** reduced to one lane, and possibly to Grant as a result of neighbor's input.
  - You'll first see PennDOT repave the road, then Streets Dept. will paint the lane lines. NO start date provided yet.
  - GBCL requested bike lanes to be included, as per Deputy Commissioner Richard Montanez instructions, which he stated needs to be approved by City Council. This request was confirmed received with Councilman O'Neill's office.
- **Bustleton is Truly Multicultural** – Earlier this month, **Baldi Middle School**, on Verree Road with 1,500 Students, celebrated their cultural diversity with a Multicultural Night through student song, dance, poems, and cultural fashion show. Principal Luke Hostetter stated that 30 different languages are spoken in the school. Proceeds from a raffle were donated to the Ukrainian Federation of America. Dance show was by Voloshky School in Jenkintown, which is heavily involved in local Ukrainian relief.



- **Helpful links for your summer projects. “Measure twice, cut once”:**

**Sheds:** [https://www.phila.gov/media/20200904104416/PG\\_011-FAQ\\_Shed.pdf](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-permits/get-a-fence-permit/>

### **House Rentals**

- Yes, you can rent out your house. A RENTAL LICENSE is required to rent housing units or properties to tenants. Rental licenses must be renewed annually.  
<https://www.phila.gov/services/permits-violations-licenses/get-a-license/business-licenses/rental-and-property/get-a-rental-license/>
- No license is needed if the unit is being occupied by a family member and no rent is collected. However, you need to submit an AFFIDATE OF NON-RENTAL.
- Complaints about rental homes can be submitted through 311.

- **Property Assessments. Higher Tax Bills are on their way** - City of Philadelphia needed to delay new property assessments for three years due to operating and pandemic issues.
  - Average assessments increased by **31%** for residential properties.
  - We'll receive notice of the **new valuations by mail, by Sept. 1, 2022.**
  - Deadline for filing an **appeal is Oct. 3, 2022.** NOTE the tight 1-month appeal window.
  - Property owners can look up their new assessed values now for the new **tax bills** by entering your address at <https://property.phila.gov/>
  - Your RE tax will be **due March 31, 2023.**
  - Mayor Kenney and City Council signed off on a city budget last week which takes effect July 1 and included **raising the homestead exemption for the property tax from \$45,000 to \$80,000.** It also included funding for programs that help low-income families and seniors stay in their homes.

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

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



### **Hearing in Court of Common Pleas:**

- Oral argument being heard **Wednesday**  
**June 29, 2022, 10 AM.**

Go to Civic Remote Hearing Info at:

<https://www.courts.phila.gov/LIVESTREAMS/CIVIL/HEARINGS/>

Scroll down to **Remote Hearing Information by Judge**

Find: **Judge: Coyle, Anne Marie**

Click "[Join Hearing](#)". ID: **339 431 8708**, PW: N/A

### Community Position:

- Bustleton / Somerton / Lower Moreland residents and businesses  
**OPPOSE the SIZE/SCALE** of the operation
- 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.**

**2. Contact your elected officials TODAY.**

**3. Submit “Letters to the Editor”**

### UPS Warehouse – CALL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS NOW:

- City Councilman **Brian O’Neill**: [brian.oneill@phila.gov](mailto:brian.oneill@phila.gov)  
215-686-3422, 215-685-6431, 215-685-0432, 215-437-9167
- State Representative Kevin Boyle: 215-331-2600, 215-695-1016,  
[kboyle@pahouse.net](mailto:kboyle@pahouse.net)
- State Representative **Martina White**: 215 330-3711  
[mwhite@pahousegop.com](mailto:mwhite@pahousegop.com) (717) 787-6740, (215) 330-3711, (215) 632-3237
- State Representative **Nancy Guenst**: 215-259-5962  
[RepGuenst@pahouse.net](mailto:RepGuenst@pahouse.net)

**ZONING - 2050 Welsh – Angelic Home Care & Training.** Issue: Existing commercial business prohibited in residential zoned block. Harry Cook, esq presenting.



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