

## Greater Bustleton Civic League

October 25, 2022 – Monthly Membership Meeting

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **November 22**, 2022, 7 PM

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



### AGENDA

Remember to pick up your 50/50 tickets at our Sign-In table  
and also pick up your FREE Door Prize ticket.

1. Housekeeping / Bustleton Updates & Public Service Announcements
2. PRESENTATION – Philly Streetlighting Improvement Project
3. UPS Warehouse on Red Lion Road update
4. ZONING PRESENTATION & VOTE – 9311 Voits Lane

### 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:**

- Thanks to the generosity of **American Heritage Credit Union**, monthly In-Person/Zoom hybrid meeting format is expected to continue.
- A GBCL welcome to our elected officials and their representatives attending tonight.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
  - PayPal option is now available.
  - Please RENEW your Membership for 2023.
  - Please consider a DONATION to the GBCL.
- **What is the Greater Bustleton Civic League?**

“The Greater Bustleton Civic League (GBCL) is an all-volunteer, non-affiliated, neighborhood organization that works to keep residents of Bustleton/19115 informed on issues affecting our neighborhood.

No offices, no salaries, no benefits, all Bustleton volunteers.

We have existed in Bustleton for over 70 years.

We work to preserve the best in Bustleton and assure any future development is an improvement to our community.

We interact with the 7th Police District.

We represent Bustleton at Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) hearings.

With your involvement, our Bustleton voice is louder. With your volunteering, our impact improves.”

The city established the RCO designation as a result of the redrafting of the zoning code in 2011. The code addition was intended to simplify the community engagement process.

Phila.gov: “Registered Community Organizations (RCOs) are community groups that are concerned with the physical development of their community.”

## Neighborhood Updates & PSAs:

- **Election Day is Nov. 8, 2022**
- **7<sup>th</sup> Police District**
  - **Captain Steven O'Brian**
  - **Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer**
    - Drug Takeback – Sat. Oct. 29, 10 to 2 PM
    - Trunk or Treat – Sun. Oct. 30, 6 to 7:30 PM
    - Halloween – Mon. Oct. 31, 5 to 8 PM

*Please drive attentively.*
  - **PSA 2 Meetings are back.** (Police Service Area 2)  
Randi's Restaurant, Grant Plaza 7PM. An opportunity to speak directly with a representative of the 7<sup>th</sup> Police District.
    - Tuesday, Nov. 1
    - Tuesday, Dec. 6
- **Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners** – Contact GBCL for assistance to Bustleton households.
- **Northeast Philadelphia History Network** – Discussing the **Honorable John Paul Verree**, born at Verree Mills on Pennypack Creek in 1817. Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:00 PM at the **Pennepack Baptist Meetinghouse**, 8732 Krewstown Rd. Or join via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent a day or so prior to the meeting. To receive the link, subscribe at [nephillyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:nephillyhistory@gmail.com) .
- **Free Yard Tree Giveaway** - Event Date: Saturday, November 5th, 2022  
Location: Pleasant Hill Park, 9000 N Delaware Ave. and Linden Ave,  
Time: 9AM-2PM. Registration is required. Register here:  
[https://www.cognitofirms.com/TreePhilly1/NortheastRegionalTreePhillyFreeYardTreeGiveaway?mc\\_cid=0688928965&mc\\_eid=fccf7f441d](https://www.cognitofirms.com/TreePhilly1/NortheastRegionalTreePhillyFreeYardTreeGiveaway?mc_cid=0688928965&mc_eid=fccf7f441d)
- **Philly Fall Cleanup** – Held Saturday, October 1, 2022. **Thank you, Carl Jadach and Alan Kaminsky.**
  - **LIGHTING** under the CSX bridge/overpass coming soon.

## PRESENTATION

- **Philly Streetlighting Improvement Project – Phoebe Coles**  
Community Marketing Concepts

City will convert 120,000 old, high-pressure sodium streetlights into a network of efficient, longer-lasting LED lights across the entire city starting in 2023. Wistaria St., between Murray St. and Grant Ave will be a pilot introduction.

## ZONING

- **Whatever happened to...?**

1. **9800 Bustleton Ave Parcel B & Fulmer Townhomes.**

- Presentation to the Civic Design Review Committee took place Oct. 11. Motion made for 2<sup>nd</sup> review.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Civic Design Review Presentation: Date TBD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GBCL Presentation: Date TBD.
- ZBA Hearing: January 11, 2023, at 2PM

2. **2050 Welsh – Angelic Home Care & Training.**

Commercial business continues to operate illegally in a residential zoned block. June variance request presentation to GBCL membership ended with a unanimous vote to OPPOSE. August 10 ZBA hearing was postponed. Next **ZBA Hearing 12/14/22, 9:30 AM. Contact 311** today to report an Unlicensed Business Complaint.



- **Future Zoning Presentations:**

1. **9855-89 Bustleton Ave/Belair Shopping Center** - ZBA Hearing 1/18/23 9:30 AM. Variance request for USE as an event center, Assembly and Entertainment use.
2. **9568 Walley Ave** — ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 9:30 AM - Variance request for Shed.
3. **9722 Walley Ave** - ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 3:30 PM – Variance request for an addition with front porch and car port.
4. **90 Red Lion Rd.** - ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 2 PM - Variance request for professional offices, vehicle sales and rental, minor auto repair.
5. **9981 Verree** - Beit Harambam Congregation – Applicant seeks variance for fence height in front yard setback.

- **UPS Warehouse, 1 Red Lion Road**

**You don't need an Engineering Degree to see this Million+ Sq. Ft. project could ever legitimately coexist in our community.**



- Over 4,600 additional vehicles on Red Lion Rd. PER DAY.
- Over 1,000 of the 4,600 vehicles will be large tractor-trailers.
- No roads are being added.
- No roads are being widened.
- The warehouse building would be a third-of-a-mile long.
- Multi-stories high
- 500 truck loading bays
- Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

- **UPS Warehouse, continued.**

For the past four years, the Bustleton / Somerton / Lower Moreland communities have worked to stop the damage this project would inflict.

This is the biggest threat our community has ever encountered in the GBCL's 70-year existence.

The GBCL and Sandmeyer Lane businesses continue their appeals of the zoning and building permits granted for the project. Both groups are appealing Philadelphia Common Pleas Court case denials with the PA Commonwealth Courts.

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

The community **SUPPORTS** development of the parcel and the JOBS – UNION & CONSTRUCTION JOBS, which will accompany any business that occupies the parcel

**What can you do to support the community opposition to the project?**

1. Continue to spread the word of the project to neighbors & friends.
2. Submit "Letters to the Editor" to your favorite publications.
3. Contact your elected officials TODAY. Let them know your opinion.

- UPS Warehouse, continued.

Please **CALL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS NOW**. Let them know your opinion and ask them to get involved:

**1<sup>st</sup> - 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  
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- **State Representative Nancy Guenst:** 215-259-5962  
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- **State Senator Jim Dillon:** 215-281-2539, 717-787-9608,  
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**TONIGHTS Zoning Presentation and VOTE**

**9311 Voits Lane, ZBA Hearing 12/14/22, 9:30 AM**

Applicant seeks a variance for Side deck.

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