

**Greater Bustleton Civic League**  
**November 22, 2022 – Monthly Membership Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, **December 13**, 2022, 7 PM

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

# Happy Thanksgiving

## 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. NO Zoning Presentation or Vote tonight. Two in December.
3. UPS Warehouse, 1 Red Lion Road APPEAL in Commonwealth Court

### 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
  - Please RENEW your Membership for 2023.
- **What is the Greater Bustleton Civic League?**

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

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.”

## Neighborhood Updates & PSAs:

- **7<sup>th</sup> Police District**
  - **Captain Steven O'Brian**
  - **Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer**
    - Holiday Shopping Safety Tips.
    - Cold weather safety tip! Remember that space heaters need space: Keep at least three feet away.
  - **PSA 2 Meeting** (Police Service Area 2)  
An opportunity to speak directly with a representative of the 7<sup>th</sup> Police District.
    - Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7PM. Randi's Restaurant, Grant Plaza.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets** – Thanks to the generosity of the Goldenberg Group in Blue Bell, PA, the GBCL was able to help out a few Bustleton families.
- **Northeast Philadelphia History Network** – Discussing the **Philadelphia County Fair at Somerton/Byberry**. Wednesday, December 1, 2022, 7:00 PM. Link to the Zoom Presentation:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462981955?pwd=TFk5VmI2K2UyOGljVy8zZkRPSWtQQT09> Meeting ID: 894 6298 1955, Passcode: 512013  
[nephillyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:nephillyhistory@gmail.com) .
- **Streetlighting Online SURVEY:**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZ2OcvzmxSR6Wpr2A2hcZfupfsWabvFXgwXcKCJH7O86s1rQ/viewform> **Philly Streetlighting Improvement Project** (“PSIP”) 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** is a designated pilot street. Visit the block and give your lighting preferences at the online survey.
- **Bustleton Mechanical Leaf Pickups:** 11/22, 11/23, 11/25, 11/28 & 12/1.  
<https://www.phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/recycle-fall-leaves/#2021-map-of-drop-off-events-and-mechanical-collection>

## ZONING

- **December 13 PRESENTATION & VOTE**

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

- Civic Design Review took place Oct. 11. Motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> review.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GBCL Presentation: Tuesday, December 13th
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Civic Design Review Presentation: Date TBD
- ZBA Hearing: January 11, 2023, at 2PM

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

1. **9311 Voits Lane, ZBA Hearing 12/14/22, 9:30 AM**

Applicant seeks a variance for Side deck. Preliminary presentation made in October '22 membership meeting. NO vote taken. Applicant stated he would return with revised plans. Architect stated they will request a continuance. Next steps YTD, whether to remove or revise.

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

Commercial business continues to operate illegally in a residential zoned block. June '22 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**. GBCL will confirm opposition. **Contact 311** today to report an Unlicensed Business Complaint.



- **Future 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. No contact w/applicant.
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. **9981 Verree** - Beit Harambam Congregation – ZBA Hearing continued to 2/8/23, 3:30 PM. Applicant requesting variance for fence height in front yard setback.
5. **90 Red Lion Rd.** - ZBA Hearing 2/22/23, 2 PM - Variance request for professional offices, vehicle sales and rental, minor auto repair.

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

**There is not a similar facility of this size anywhere that is located in a residential area, 2 miles from a major highway.**



- 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 and intend to continue the opposition.

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

The GBCL and Sandmeyer Lane businesses are appealing the zoning and building permits granted for the project. Both groups are appealing Philadelphia Court 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
- 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 support their constituent's opposition:

**1<sup>st</sup> - City Councilman Brian O'Neill: [brian.oneill@phila.gov](mailto:brian.oneill@phila.gov)**

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- **State Representative Nancy Guenst:** 215-259-5962 [RepGuenst@pahouse.net](mailto:RepGuenst@pahouse.net)
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