

**Greater Bustleton Civic League**  
**December 13, 2022 – Monthly Membership Meeting**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7 PM

Thank you for your interest and involvement  
in our community.

**Happy Hanukkah and  
Merry Christmas**

Remember to pick up your 50/50 tickets, FREE Door Prize ticket and  
purchase a ticket for our Basket of Cheer at our Sign-In table.

**AGENDA**

1. Housekeeping / Bustleton Updates / Public Service Announcements
2. UPS Warehouse, Red Lion Road - APPEAL in Commonwealth Court
3. Zoning PRESENTATION & VOTE: 9800 Bustleton Ave/1719 Fulmer

**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** for the use of their Community Room, monthly In-Person/Zoom hybrid meetings are expected to continue. And thank you to them for creating the annual **Grand Illumination** attraction in Bustleton, that's now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year.
- A warm GBCL welcome to our elected officials or their representatives attending tonight.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
  - Please RENEW your Membership for 2023.

- **What is the Greater Bustleton Civic League?**

The GBCL is a Philadelphia certified Registered Community Organization. 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) RCO 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, and all Bustleton residents and businesses.

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.

## **Neighborhood Updates & PSAs:**

**The GBCL and its membership would like to publicly thank, and express our deepest gratitude for the work performed by the officers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Police District, and Engine 62, Ladder 34, Medic-6. We can not thank you enough.**

- **7<sup>th</sup> Police District**
  - **Captain Steven O'Brian**
  - **Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer**
    - Holiday Shopping Safety Tips.
    - **PSA 2 Meeting** (Police Service Area 2) - Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 7PM. Randi's Restaurant, Grant Plaza.
- **PFD Fire Safety Presentation - Firefighter Leo Maysonet,**  
[leopold.maysonet@phila.gov](mailto:leopold.maysonet@phila.gov)
  - Christmas trees are extremely flammable. Look for a fresh, newly cut one. Cut two inches from the bottom of the stump to help it better absorb water. Check the level of water in the stand every day to make sure the tree remains hydrated. As a general rule, keep the tree three feet from anything that could be considered flammable.
  - Make sure that your Hanukkah menorah is at least three feet from anything flammable.
  - Check all string light wires for wear.
  - Make sure that every floor of your house has a working smoke alarm. If an alarm goes off, everybody in the house needs to exit immediately. Have an exit plan and practice it.

- **Holiday Health Tips** from **Philadelphia Department of Public Health**

Tripledemic: RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), flu and Covid-19. While all three viruses are present now, they aren't each peaking at the same time. COVID-19 no longer represents a health emergency for people who are vaccinated.

- Get your flu shot and COVID booster.
- Wear a mask in stores and on public transit
- See vulnerable loved ones first *before* attending large gatherings
- Space out gatherings. Omicron has a relatively short incubation period.
- Improve the ventilation in your home and reduce the virus particles. Open the windows occasionally.
- Test yourself for COVID especially before seeing elderly relatives or someone with a weakened immune system.

- **Shaare Shamayim, Chinese food and a movie** - Congregation of Shaare Shamayim, 9768 Verree Road, will host a Chinese dinner and movie on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$22 per person. Call 215-677-1600 for more details.

- **Bustleton Bengals** – Give a gift this season that memorializes your community spirit, or honors a loved one, with the purchase of an **Engraved Brick** that will be placed outside the Bengals gym. The Bricks look great and will be placed in the ground, outside of the gym entrance.  
<https://www.bricksrus.com/order/bustletonbengals/>

- **Pennypack Environmental Center, Winter Programs:**
  - **Candle Dipping**, Friday, December 16, 1 to 3 PM. Tots to teens.
  - **Bird Count**, Saturday December 17, 11 AM to Noon. Identify and count birds. Birders of all levels are welcomed.
  - **Full Moon Hike**, Friday, January 6, 2023, 4:30 to 6 PM.  
8600 Verree Road [Stephanie.Hoffer@phila.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Hoffer@phila.gov)

- **Northeast Philadelphia History Network** – Wednesday January 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Joseph Minardi will speak on his book, "City of Neighborhoods: Philadelphia, 1890–1910," with a special focus on the Northeast. [nephillyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:nephillyhistory@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ZONING**

**AVOID** the need to request a Variance and making a presentation of your project to the GBCL, by checking the regulations **FIRST**.

Helpful city links for your projects:

- **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/get-a-fence-permit/>

## **Whatever happened to...?**

1. **9311 Voits Lane**, ZBA Hearing 12/14/22, 9:30 AM – Side Deck. Initial presentation made at October membership meeting. After hearing objections, Applicant stated he would take the deck down, or return with revised plans. NO vote was taken. Architect recently stated he is not certain of Applicants decision. GBCL will notify ZBA of status.

## Whatever happened to...? (cont.)

2. **2050 Welsh, ZBA Hearing 12/14/22, 9:30 AM. Angelic Home Care & Training operating in Residential district.**

Commercial business continues to operate unlicensed in a residential zoned block. June '22 presentation to GBCL membership ended with a **unanimous vote to OPPOSE**.

Applicant postponed their August ZBA hearing and the GBCL has not received any stated revisions. GBCL will notify ZBA of status. **Contact 311** today to report Unlicensed Business Complaint.

3. **9981 Verree** - Beit Harambam Congregation – Applicant formally withdrew zoning Appeal for fence height in front yard setback, and stated height and setback violations will be corrected.

## Future Presentations:

1. **9855-89 Bustleton Ave/Belair Shopping Center** - ZBA Hearing 1/18/23 9:30 AM. USE Variance request for 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. **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 the ne .
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)**

**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)
- **State Senator Jim Dillon**: 215-281-2539, 717-787-9608, [info@dillonforpasenate.com](mailto:info@dillonforpasenate.com)

## **Tonight's Zoning PRESENTATION & VOTE**

- **9800 Bustleton Ave Parcel B /1719 Fulmer Townhomes.**
  - Civic Design Review took place Oct. 11.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Civic Design Review Presentation: Date TBD
  - ZBA Hearing: January 11, 2023, at 2PM
  
- **Application is for:** The erection of new TOWNHOME DEVELOPMENT including thirteen (13) detached structures, with one hundred-thirty (130) accessory parking spaces and twenty-four (24) bicycle spaces. For use as multi-Family household living sixty-five (65) dwelling units.
  
- **Reason for need of a Variance and ZBA Hearing:** The proposed use, multi-family household living, is expressly prohibited in the current I-2 industrial zoning district.

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