

Greater Bustleton Civic League

January 24, 2023 – Monthly Membership Meeting

Please remember to Sign-In and purchase your 50/50 tickets

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 7 PM

Thank you for your community interest and involvement.



GO EAGLES!

AGENDA

- Housekeeping / Bustleton Updates / Public Service Announcements
- UPS Warehouse, 1 Red Lion Road – Update
- GBCL welcomes **Jeff Brown, Philadelphia mayoral candidate**
- (3) Zoning PRESENTATIONS & VOTE:
 1. 9568 Walley Ave — ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 9:30 AM – Shed, side
 2. 9722 Walley AVE - ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 3:30 PM – Addition
 3. 90 Red Lion Rd - ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 2:00 PM - Personal vehicle sales and rentals, prohibited in Far Northeast Overlay

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.
- A warm GBCL welcome to our **elected officials** or their representatives attending tonight.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
 - Please RENEW your Membership for 2023.

Neighborhood Updates & PSAs:

- **7th Police District**
 - **Captain Steven O’Brian**
 - **Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer**
 - PSA 2 Meeting (Police Service Area 2) - Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 7PM. Randi’s Restaurant, Grant Plaza.

- **The GBCL's consistent theme: Help Keep Bustleton Beautiful.** Please do whatever you can to keep your properties and streets litter free, and your front yards neat and well-maintained. Spring Clean Up coming.
- **Bustleton Bengals** – Purchase a fundraising **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, 8600 Verree Road:**
 - Maple Sugar Day, Saturday, March 4 - Fox Chase Farm
 - Sheep Shearing, Saturday, April 22
 - **HIRING: Phila. Youth Network and Summer Educator Positions**
Stephanie.Hoffer@phila.gov



- **Northeast Philadelphia History Network** – Wednesday February 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Topic: Byberry African American Burial Ground, located adjacent to Benjamin Rush State Park. Speaker: Hannah Wallace, Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. Contact nephillyhistory@gmail.com for more information.

- **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.

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



- The GBCL and its Executive Board officers individually received **Court Summons**. Sandmeyer Steal Company also received Court Summons.
- A Summons is the first official notice of a lawsuit a defendant receives to notify him or her that he or she is being sued. An associated Complaint, that describes the grievance, has not been received.
- SLAPP Suit – (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) A term for the kind of lawsuit used by deep-pocketed interests to intimidate and silence opponents by taking them through the courts.

- GBCL holds General Liability, and Directors and Officers insurance.
- January 29, 2020, Governor Wolf Announces 1700 New Jobs with UPS
<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-announces-1700-new-jobs-with-ups-expansion-across-pennsylvania/>
- 1 Red Lion Road is a Keystone Opportunity Zone, **KOZ**, parcel.

- What taxes are sometimes waived or reduced with a KOZ parcel?

City taxes

- Net profits tax
- Business income & receipts tax
- Use and occupancy tax
- Sales, use, and hotel occupancy tax
- Real estate tax*

State taxes

- Corporate net income tax
- Personal income tax (Partnerships and sole proprietors)
- Sales and use tax
- Mutual thrift institutions tax
- Bank and trust company share tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax

UPS Sorting and Distribution Warehouse Plan:

- 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?

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

Contact your elected officials

1st - City Councilman Brian O'Neill: 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
- **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
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- **State Senator Jim Dillon:** 215-281-2539, 717-787-9608,
info@dillonforpasenate.com

ZONING

NOTE: Your summer projects will begin soon. Avoid the need to request a Variance and making a presentation by checking the regulations FIRST.

Helpful city 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/>

Whatever happened to...?

- **9800 Bustleton Ave Parcel B /1719 Fulmer Townhomes.**
 - December presentation ended with 34 to 12 votes to OPPOSE.
 - 2nd Civic Design Review Presentation: Date TBD
 - January 11 ZBA Hearing was CONTINUED. New date TBD

 - 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.

February Presentation:

1. **9855-89 Bustleton Ave/Belair Shopping Center** - ZBA Hearing TBD. USE Variance request for as an event center, Assembly and Entertainment use. Change of use is needed for small event location, bridal showers, birthday parties, no club or concerts, no alcohol being served, no dj, no cooking.

Tonight's Zoning PRESENTATION & VOTE

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2. **9722 Walley Ave** - ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 3:30 PM – Variance request for an addition with front porch and car port.
3. **90 Red Lion Rd.** - ZBA Hearing 2/22/23, 2 PM - Variance request for professional offices, vehicle sales and rental, minor auto repair.

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