

## **Greater Bustleton Civic League**

**February 28, 2023 – Monthly Membership Meeting**

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

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 7 PM**

Thank you for your interest and community involvement.

### **AGENDA**

- **Future termination of the Greater Bustleton Civic League**
- Housekeeping / Bustleton Updates / Public Service Announcements
- Zoning PRESENTATION & VOTE
  - 9722 Walley AVE - ZBA Hearing 3/22/23, 9:30 AM – Porch and carport

### **Current Executive Board:**

- President – Jack O’Hara
- Vice President – John McKeever
- Treasurer – Mike Herskovitz
- Corresponding Secretary – David Bauer
  - Recording Secretary – OPEN
- Chairperson Community Safety - Ellen Dwyer
- Chairperson Zoning Committee – Carl Jadach

## UPS Warehouse, UPDATE

As a result of the UPS warehouse developer lawsuit, the Greater Bustleton Civic League will likely dissolve in the future for its inability to afford D&O insurance.



- The GBCL, and Executive Board officers, are being sued individually, by the UPS warehouse developer, CDC.
- UPS warehouse developer has also issued an “Intent to Subpoena” documents from members of the GBCL who spoke out against the facility, Somerton Civic and businesses involved with the GBCL’s opposition efforts.

- GBCL involved in two proceedings.
  1. **Appeal of the Zoning in PA Commonwealth Court.**
  2. **UPS warehouse developer suing GBCL and Officers.**
- GBCL holds two types of insurance coverage.
  1. **General Liability Insurance**, renewal in March
  2. **Directors and Officers Insurance**, renewal in June.

Relteva Complaint: “GBCL and Sandmeyer have submitted frivolous appeals of both the zoning and building permits lawfully issued to Relteva that have absolutely no legal merit and which were submitted solely for the purpose of delay, harassment and thwarting the development of the Property.”

- GBCL is working through the law and the legal process granted us, when exercising our right to appeal.
- GBCL believes Relteva’s lawsuit is without merit and will aggressively defend against it. We are confident the facts and the law are in our favor.
- Based on discussions with other civic organizations who have experienced similar situations, and conversations with insurance brokers; when renewal of our **D&O** arrives, we can expect an increase in premium payments, and more painful, a **considerable increase in deductible** that will be extremely difficult to afford.

What to do? Contact your elected officials and UPS.

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- **State Senator Jim Dillon**: 215-281-2539, 717-787-9608, [info@dillonforpasenate.com](mailto:info@dillonforpasenate.com)
- **State Representative Martina White**: 215 330-3711 [mwhite@pahousegop.com](mailto:mwhite@pahousegop.com) (717) 787-6740, (215) 330-3711, (215) 632-3237
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## 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.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
  - Please RENEW your Membership for 2023.

## Neighborhood Updates & PSAs:

- **7<sup>th</sup> Police District**
  - **Captain Steven O’Brian**
  - **Joe Staszak, Community Relations Officer**
    - Easter Bunny is coming to the Police 7<sup>th</sup> District Saturday, April 1, 11 to 2 PM.
- **Bustleton – Philly Spring Clean UP – Saturday, April 1**
- **Bustleton Bengals – Clothing Drive**, Saturday, April 22, 7 to 3 PM. Purchase a fundraising **Engraved Brick** that will be placed outside the Bengals gym.  
<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](mailto:Stephanie.Hoffer@phila.gov)
  
- **PA 2022 Property Tax/Rent Rebate**  
The deadline to apply for a rebate is **June 30**.  
Pennsylvanians aged 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older, income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, *and* half of Social Security income is excluded.  
<https://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx>
  
- **Northeast Philadelphia History Network – Boy in the Box & Vidoqc Society - Wed, March 1 @ 7PM.** Contact [nephillyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:nephillyhistory@gmail.com) for more information.
  
- **Helpful city Zoning links** for your summer 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/>



## ZONING

- **90 Red Lion Rd.** - ZBA Hearing was 2/22/23 - Variance request was for professional offices, vehicle sales and rental, minor auto repair.

GBCL voted at January meeting 14 to 3 to SUPPORT.  
Councilman O'Neill OPPOSED, and the ZBA vote was postponed.

- **2050 Welsh - ZBA Hearing Wednesday March 1, 2 PM**
  - Variance required for commercial business in residential block.
  - GBCL presentation June '22. Voted Unanimous to OPPOSE.
  - For many years GBCL and the immediate neighbors have fought to keep the parcel and block zoned RSA-2 Residential
  - Please attend ZBA hearing and support the neighbor's opposition.
  - Zoom and phone-in instructions:  
<https://admin.phila.gov/media/20200918164157/ZBA-meeting-instructions-v3.pdf>



## March Presentation:

1. **9855-89 Bustleton Ave/Belair Shopping Center** - ZBA Hearing July 12, 2023 at 9:30 AM. USE Variance request is for 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

1. **9722 Walley Ave** - ZBA Hearing 2/8/23, 3:30 PM – Variance request is needed for addition that includes a FRONT PORCH and CAR PORT for 1 parking stall. Existing parking to remain as previously approved for single-family household living.

- Reasons for the need of a Variance and ZBA Hearing:
  1. Front Yard Depth requires 25ft. Proposed is 21ft. 6.5in.
  2. Occupied Area allows for 30% of property. Proposed is 34.4%
  3. Side Yards Widths require a total of 25ft. Proposed is 9.9ft.

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