

**Greater Bustleton Civic League
February 27, 2024 Membership Meeting**

Thank you for your continued involvement.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Please sign-in at the welcoming table,
and pick up your 50/50 tickets.

Tonight's Agenda

- Housekeeping – Treasurers Report
- Welcome State Senator Jimmy Dillon
- Community Updates and PSA's
- UPS warehouse developer suing GBCL
- Overview presentation of proposed Fulmer St. twin-home project – No ZBA voting. Developer gathering community feedback.

What is the Greater Bustleton Civic League?

The **GBCL** is an all-volunteer, non-political, neighborhood organization that works to keep residents and businesses of Bustleton / 19115 informed of issues affecting our neighborhood. No offices, no salaries, no benefits; we are all Bustleton volunteers. We have existed in Bustleton for over 70 years.

Current Executive Board:

- President – Jack O’Hara
- Vice President – John McKeever
- Treasurer – Mike Herskovitz
- Chairperson Community Safety Committee - Ellen Dwyer
- Chairperson Zoning Committee – Carl Jadach

From Phila.gov:

- “**Registered Community Organizations (RCOs)** are community groups that are *concerned with the physical development of their community.*”
- “Organize and conduct public meetings where community members can comment on planned developments in their neighborhood”.

GBCL has limited resources. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help operate the GBCL; Membership Meetings, Membership Drive, Website.

Housekeeping:

- GBCL welcomes our elected officials or their representatives attending tonight.
- The GBCL is very grateful to the **American Heritage Credit Union** and its staff for continuing to provide a safe and comfortable meeting space for our meetings.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
 - PayPal option is now available.
 - Please RENEW your Membership for 2024.
 - Please consider a DONATION to the GBCL.

GBCL Welcomes State Senator Jimmy Dillon

Community Updates & PSA's

- **7th Police District:**
 - Captain Steven O'Brian
 - Community Relations Officer Joe Staszak
- [Northeast Philadelphia History Network](#). Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7 PM at Pennepack Baptist Church, 8732 Krewstown Rd., and via Zoom. In honor of Women's History Month, "Saint Katharine Drexel" presentation by author Cordelia Frances Biddle.
- **Pennypack Environmental Center**, 8600 Verree Rd. [Upcoming Events](#). [Facebook](#). A true Bustleton jewel. Saturday, March 2nd, **Maple Sugar Day** at Fox Chase Farm

- **GBCL hosting FREE CPR Training – Tuesday, March 12, 7 PM, at AHCU.** Cardiopulmonary resuscitation – Non-certification, hands-only CPR training. Learn how to recognize a cardiac arrest and become confident enough to perform bystander CPR. Used in an emergency if someone is not breathing normally, or their heart has stopped (cardiac arrest). Call or email to reserve your seat. Please wear comfortable clothing as part of the workshop may take place on the floor.



- **How Philly Works: A Guide to Our City Government** – [LINK](#) – Excellent summary of how the city works by attorney Lauren Vidas and Committee of Seventy.
- **Pennsylvania 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate** - 888-222-9190. Applications for 2023 Rebates are **due by June 30, 2024**. The program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Based on your income, this program provides a rebate ranging from **\$380 to \$1,000** to eligible older adults and people with disabilities age 18 and older. Since the program’s inception, qualified recipients have received more than \$7.6 billion in tax and rent relief. [LINK](#) to apply.
Eligibility:
 - 65 and older - Widows and widowers 50 and older
 - People with disabilities 18 and older
 - Household income must be \$45,000 or less annually.
 - [VIDEO](#) on how to apply.
- **Philadelphia Health Department is providing virtual information sessions.** To attend you need to sign-in with a short **Zoom** registration here: [REGISTER](#)
 1. February 27 - Intimate Partner Violence
 2. March 26 - Traffic Safety & Injury Prevention
 3. April 16 - Maternal, Child, and Family Health

- **Classic Body Worx, 9902 Bustleton Ave, 10% DISCOUNT to all GBCL members** as a way of saying thank you to the community and to give something back to its members. Mention **GBCL** when you come in for an estimate and receive a 10% discount applied to your entire estimate; Parts, Labor and Materials. Since they cannot discount Insurance repairs, they are offering the discount to all out-of-pocket repairs. Thank you, Joe Pellegrini.



- **Helpful city Zoning links for your home projects:**
 1. **SHEDs:** https://www.phila.gov/media/20200904104416/PG_011-FAQ_Shed.pdf
 2. **DECKs:** <https://business.phila.gov/media/EZ-Deck-Permit1.pdf>
 3. **FENCES:** <https://www.phila.gov/services/permits-violations-licenses/apply-for-a-permit/building-and-repair/get-a-fence-permit/>

- **The Pine Road Bridge over Pennypack Creek will be closed beginning March 18th** until the end of the year, as per the Streets Department. There will be no pedestrian access across the bridge during construction. Demolition of the bridge will be coordinated with PWD due to the existing and proposed bridge-mounted water main lines. Bridge closure signs are expected to be in place by March 4. Additionally, PennDOT will not be resurfacing Verree Road until 2025, as we were recently told. Significant road congestion is expected. If you travel that area, begin to modify your travel schedules now in preparation. Good luck.
Future Streets Department project [LINK](#).

- **Bustleton Bengals** <https://www.bustletonbengals.org/>
Clothing Drive - Saturday April 13, 2024
Engraved Bricks - Purchase a fundraising brick that will be placed outside the gym and remembered forever.

- **Truck Tractors** - It is illegal for trailers or truck tractors to park on any residential street. REPORT violations.

CODE 12-1135

170.1 Added, Bill No. 230208 (approved July 12, 2023).

§ 12-1135. Prohibited Parking or Maintaining of Semitrailers and Truck Tractors at Residential Properties.

(1) Definitions. The terms Semitrailer and Truck Tractor have the meanings as defined in the Vehicle Code at 75 Pa. C.S. § 102.

(2) No person shall park or maintain a semitrailer or truck tractor on a driveway or other part of a property utilized or zoned for residential purposes that is visible from a location outside of such property.

(3) Penalties. The penalty for a violation of this Section shall be a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense for each day the violation continues.

- [Tractor Trailer Enforcement](#)
- [Tractor Trailer Enforcement Request Page](#) - Picture is required. \$100 tickets. Vehicles W/ three or more unpaid tickets eligible for boot.
- [Report abandoned vehicle](#) - 311 site.
- [License Plate Not Displayed](#)

Philadelphia Code:

[§ 12-919. ON-STREET PARKING OF BOATS, MOTOR HOMES, TRUCK CAMPERS AND VENDING CARTS.](#)

...C.S. § 102.. (2) *Prohibited* Conduct. 112 112 (a) No person shall park a **boat, motor home, truck camper or vending cart** for more than fifteen (15) days in any on-street parking space located on a single block of any street or highway. Any boat, motor home, truck camper or vending cart parked in an on-street parking space shall be on wheels and readily movable.

ZONING - UPS Warehouse UPDATE



- The GBCL considers the proposed 1.1 million square foot warehouse the **most damaging development** our Bustleton community has ever faced.
- Despite being sued by the UPS developer, and the time and expense required to contest these attacks, the GBCL will continue to represent the community's opposition.
- GBCL is very grateful for the citywide support and assistance that helped secure insurance coverage and allowed us to continue serving Bustleton community.

UPS Warehouse Legal Summary

- GBCL is involved in two (2) ongoing proceedings.

1. Zoning Appeal in PA Commonwealth Court.

- After being denied the opportunity to present a case to the ZBA or Phila. court, GBCL appealed to the state asking them to send the case back to Phila. and allow us our “due process” to present our evidence. GBCL is exercising its legal right to appeal and will continue to work through the law and the legal process. Oral arguments have been tentatively scheduled to be heard **April 8, 2024**.

2. UPS warehouse developer suing GBCL and Officers.

- GBCL Defense Attorney continues preparing case. GBCL believes UPS developer lawsuit is without merit and will aggressively defend against it. We are confident the facts and law are in our favor.

What can you do to help your community opposition?

- Continue to share our story with family and friends.
- Contact elected officials, UPS, and other News Outlets.

1st - City Councilman Brian O’Neill:

brian.oneill@phila.gov 215-686-3422, 215-685-6431, 215-685-0432

- **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 Guenst:** 215-259-5962 RepGuenst@pahouse.net
- **State Senator Jim Dillon:** 215-281-2539, 717-787-9608, info@dillonforpasenate.com
- **UPS Carol Tome**, CEO ctome@ups.com
- **UPS Mark Giuffre**, State Government Affairs, mgiuffre@ups.com 502-727-7539
- **UPS Kim Krebs**, UPS Public Relations, kkrebs@ups.com 404.828.4404

Past ZBA Hearing Results:

- **248 Geiger** – ZBA Approved personal services use despite knowledge of unlicensed business tenants.
- **9504 Rising Sun Ave.** – Applicant WITHDREW variance request for Personal Home Care.

Bustleton /19115 area upcoming ZBA Hearings:

- **90 Red Lion RD.** – ZBA Hearing Wed. **5/1/24**, 2 PM -
1/24/23 VOTE: Support 13, Opposed 4, with 5 PROVISOS:
 1. No additional signage added to existing sign.
 2. No SALE signs in or on vehicles
 3. No additional outside lighting to be added.
 4. No parking of vehicles on Red Lion Rd. front grass area.
 5. No parking of vehicles on Red Lion Rd. or Geiger Rd.
- **615 Alburger** - ZBA hearing **3/13/24**, 9:30. Variance needed to legalize existing Side Deck, too close to party line. 12/21/23 VOTE: Support 2, Opposed 19.
- **9855-89 Bustleton Ave** - ZBA Hearing: **3/27/24**, 9:30 AM - Variance request for USE as an event center. 4/24/23 VOTE: 15 Oppose, 3 Support
- **220 Geiger** – ZBA Hearing: **4/10/24**, 2 PM – Variance request is for a change of USE to allow Personal Services (Adult Training Facility). PRESENTATION in March.
- **9877 Verree Road** - ZBA Hearing **6/12/24 @ 9:30 AM** Legalize existing fence. 10/24/23 VOTE: Support 5, Opposed 10

- **9969 Wistaria** – ZBA Hearing: **6/26/24**, 3:30 PM – Variance request is for a detached private residence garage. Proposed depth is 44' exceeds maximum of 25'. Proposed height is 16'-4" exceeds maximum of 15'. Two (2) proposed parking stalls of 8' are less than minimum required width of 8'-6".

Instructions on how to attend ZBA Hearings: [LINK](#)

Tonight's Sense-Of-Body PRESENTATION.

No Voting:

- **Fulmer Street & Bustleton**

Developer seeking community feedback on latest proposed plan for 48 twin-homes with 3 acres of open space.

Virtual attendees can provide their opinion by email or phone message. gbustletoncl@gmail.com (215) 676-6890