

Greater Bustleton Civic League

February 25, 2025 Monthly Meeting

Next Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

First Day of Spring: Thursday, March 20

Phillies season opener against the Washington Nationals: March 27

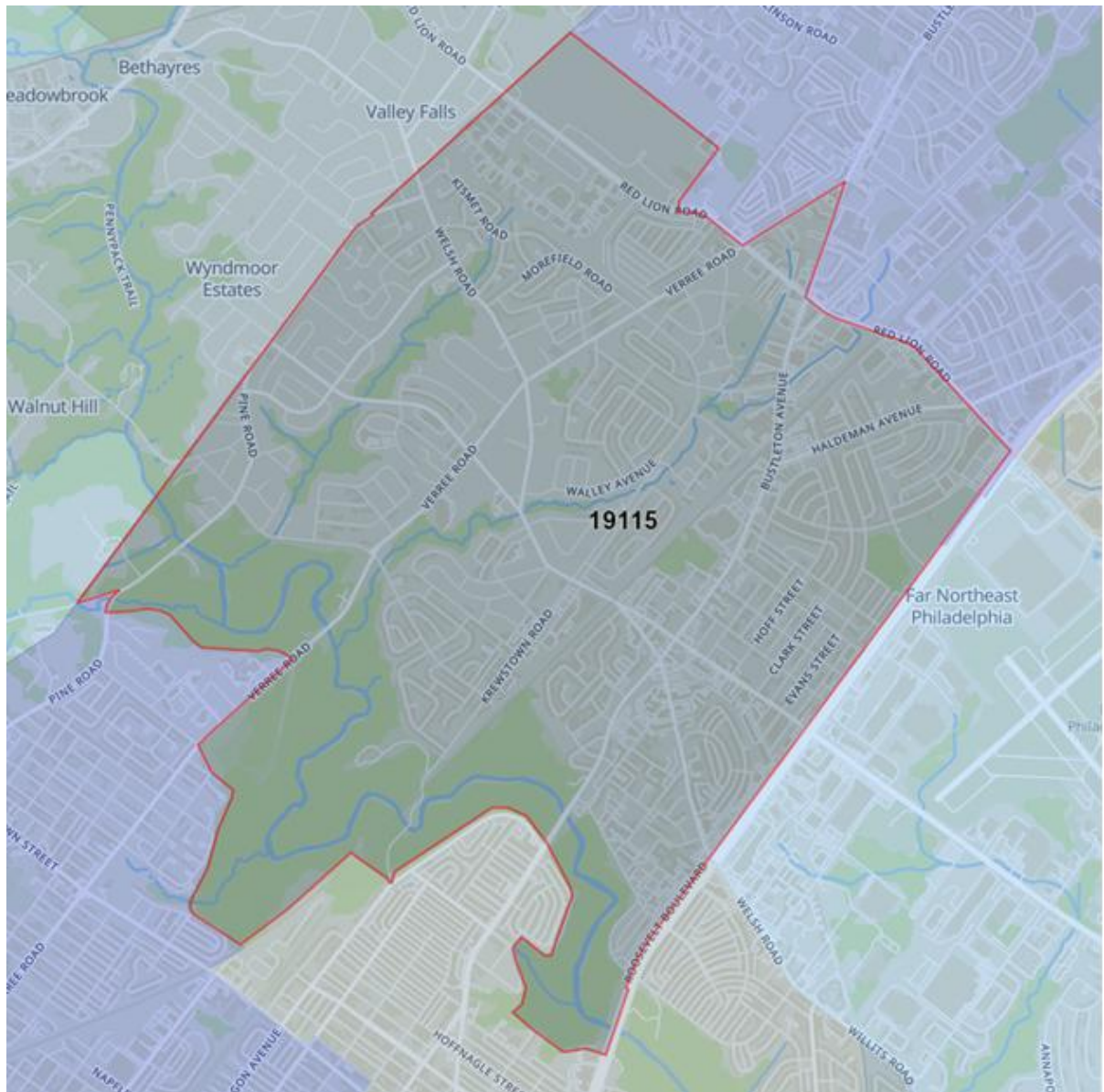
***Our Bustleton / 19115 community improves
from your interest in our neighborhood
and your involvement with the GBCL.***

Tonight's Agenda:

- Housekeeping: Welcome our elected officials - Treasurers Report - Time to renew your membership for 2025.
- 7th District Police Reporting
- Community Updates & Public Service Announcement's
- Two (2) Zoning presentations
 1. 9372 Clark Street - replace garage with living space
 2. 9909 Northeast Blvd - vehicle Sales and Rental

What is the Greater Bustleton Civic League, or GBCL?

- The GBCL is an **all-volunteer**, neighborhood organization that works to help keep residents and businesses of **Bustleton / 19115** informed and **involved** in issues affecting our neighborhood.



- The GBCL acts as a voice for the Bustleton community and advocates for policies that better the community and improve our quality of life.
- The Greater Bustleton Civic League is proud of our 70-year track record of community involvement and will continue to advocate for quality-of-life upgrades.
- The GBCL is a non-political, non-religious group. No offices, no salaries, no benefits.

Current Executive Board:

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

Please consider volunteering to help with:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| ○ <u>Insurance</u> Fund Drive | ○ Sign up business members |
| ○ Zoning case management | ○ Create marketing material for businesses |
| ○ Membership Meetings | ○ Gift baskets for meetings |
| ○ Membership Drive | ○ Author articles / announcements |
| ○ Social Media and Website | |
| ○ Grant writing | |

Housekeeping

- Many thanks to our host, **American Heritage Credit Union** who have been very gracious over many years.
- **We welcome our elected officials** and their representatives.
- **Treasurers Report** – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
 - **Insurance Fund Drive** – Please donate and help in our effort to offset the insurance premium increase due to the **UPS Warehouse developer suing** our all-volunteer GBCL. Directors & Officers insurance went from \$490 per year to **\$6,017 per year**.
 - **PayPal option** is now available.
 - Please consider a **DONATION**.
 - Friendly Reminder: **Membership renewals** are now due for 2025.
GBCL Bylaws: ***“Individuals eligible to vote include residents and their families who live in zip 19115 and were paid members as of the previous meeting.”***
 - Feel free to invite friends & neighbors to attend.

7th Police District

- **Captain - Steven O'Brian**

- Police Officers of the Month:
Joseph Campbell and **William Forbes**

- **Community Relations Officer - Al Fiorentino**

- **If you witness a crime or suspicious activity**, the entire community benefits when you **call 911**.
- Consider purchasing a **Faraday pouch**. The pouches help keep cars with keyless entry systems safe.
- Be sure your vehicle is locked before heading to bed.
- Make sure your home and garage doors are locked.
- Avoid **road-rage** exchanges at all costs.
- **PennDOT's [Yellow Dot Safety Program](#) Yellow Dot** decal in your rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital medical information.

Truck Tractors parked at Residential Properties are increasing and is **illegal**.

Please REPORT violations to the Police, **911**.

- [CODE 12-1135](#)- Prohibited Parking or Maintaining of trailers and Truck Tractors at **Residential Properties**.
- [Tractor Trailer Enforcement](#)
- [Tractor Trailer Enforcement Request Page](#) - Picture is required. \$100 tickets. Multiple tickets boot eligible
- [Report abandoned vehicle](#) - 311 site.
- [License Plate Not Displayed](#)

Community Updates & Public Service Announcement's

- **Maple Sugar Day at Fox Chase Farm** - Saturday, March 1st
Noon to 4 PM. \$5.00 admission ages 2+up. [Pennypack Environmental Center](#), 8600 Verree Rd. A true Bustleton jewel to be enjoyed by all ages. Lots of programs for all ages throughout the winter.
- **2025 Philly Spring Cleanup** - Saturday, April 5th, 2025.
GBCL will announce additional cleanup dates and locations.

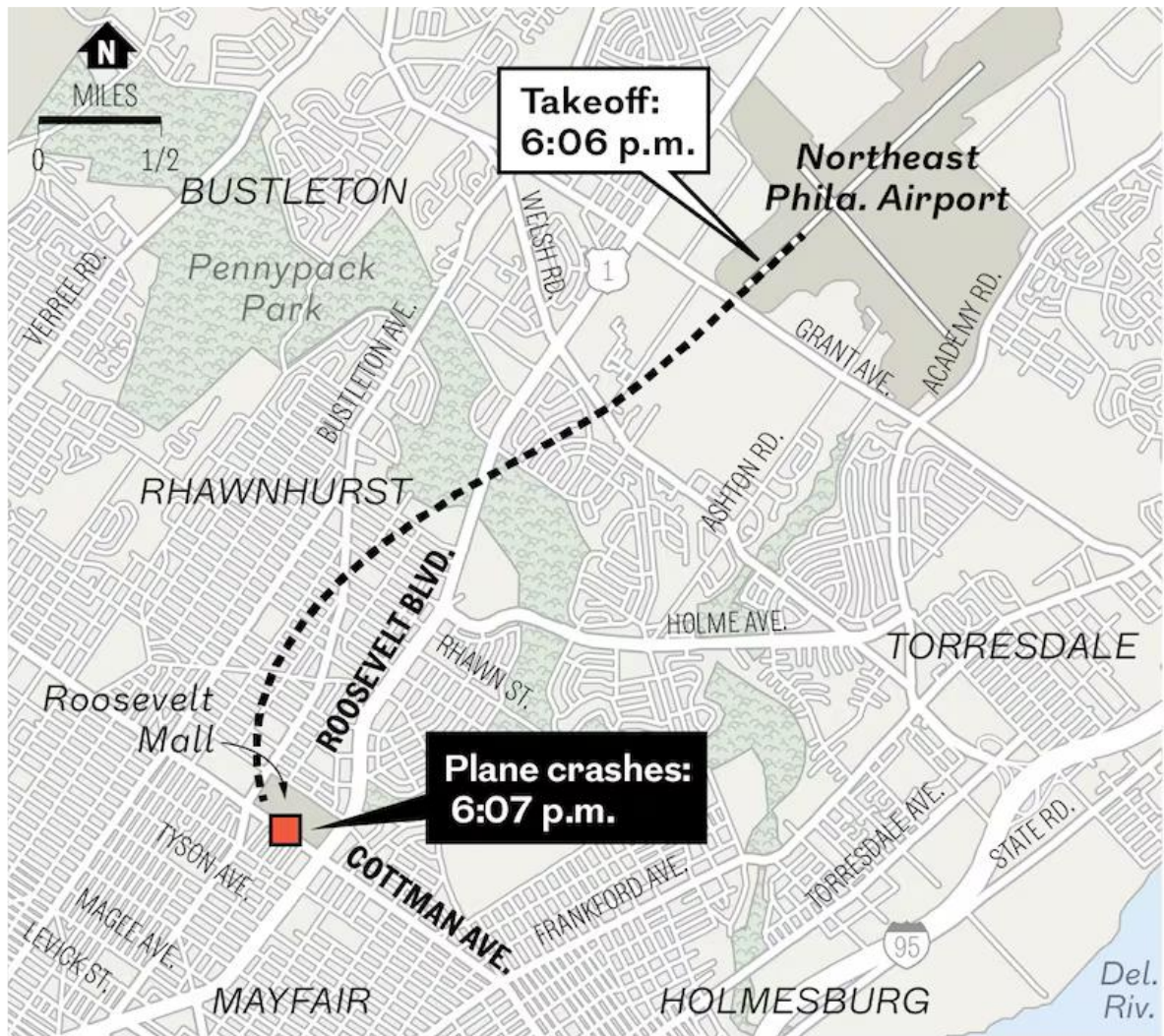


- **How Philadelphia Spends Your Money** - Understanding the City Budget. FREE **Lecture**. First of a three-part series presented by Committee of Seventy. Wednesday, **February 26, 2025, 5:30-6:30 PM**. Registration [LINK](#).

- **How Philly Works** – A guide to our city government. Committee of Seventy [LINK](#)
- **PSA-2 (Police Service Area-2) Meeting.** – every **3rd** Tuesday of the month at AHCU, 7 PM.
- **SEPTA** - February 23, 2025, will transition six bus routes from **letters to numbers**. Six lettered bus routes G, H, J, L, R, and XH—will now use numbers.
- **American Legion Post 810** - 9151 Old Newtown Rd – a private, non-profit organization for veterans and their families. Offers affordable hall rental rates to the public.
- **BSA Scout Troop 174** - Boys AND Girls age 10 1/2 to 17 meets at Maternity BVM Church Cafeteria Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Additional information at the Sign-In table . Scoutmaster Boys Troop: Steve Thomson, 267-326-7024 Scoutmaster Girls Troop: Shannon Kelly, 215-370-4459
- **Mini City Hall now open at Hayes Playground** – NCAC (Neighborhood Community Action Centers or "Neighborhood City Halls") Center will be staffed with a manager and two organizers. Extra focus on **311 issues**.
- **Become an Election Board Worker - Working the Polls.** Poll Workers manage the voting process on Election Day. Voters interested in working on Election Day should complete the online form: [LINK](#) or see Bob Stewart.

- **NE Philadelphia Plane Crash - Friday, January 31, 2025**

In light of the recent tragedy, and the fact that many flights fly over the Bustleton community, the GBCL reached out to PHL / PNE management to learn more about the PNE operation.



Source: ADS-B Exchange

John Duchneskie / Staff Artist

PNE Runway Layout [IMAGE](#)

FlightAware – Realtime flight paths: [LINK](#)

Northeast Philadelphia Airport:

- PNE is Pennsylvania's third busiest airport.
- Air traffic is managed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which does operate a control tower at Northeast Philadelphia Airport.
- While there has been an increase in air traffic from 2004-2024, we cannot speculate on air traffic growth at PNE.
- There were an average of 335 flight operations a day at PNE in 2024.(125 itinerant and 210 local flight operations per day).
- PNE has voluntary program in an effort to limit touch-and-go flight operations and associated noise.
 - Mondays through Saturdays between the hours of 09:00 AM and 10:00 PM and Sundays between 12:00 PM and 10:00 PM limit of five touch-and-goes per flight.
 - Mondays through Saturdays between the hours of 10:00 PM and 09:00 AM and Sundays between 10:00PM and 12:00 PM pilots are asked not to conduct touch-and-goes.
- During nighttime hours all aircraft use a common traffic advisory radio frequency to broadcast their location and position. Spacing is maintained primarily using visual flight rules (VFR) when weather conditions allow.

- **Disposing of large trash items.** The Department of Sanitation will now handle the pickup of bulk collection items by appointment, FREE. Schedule a pick-up online or call **311**. [ONLINE FORM](#)
- [Bustleton Bengals](#) – Consider making a donation with the purchase of an **Engraved Brick** to memorialize a loved one. The red bricks look great and will be placed in the ground around the outside of the gym.
- **FREE Tickets - Philadelphia Youth Orchestra** - Marian Anderson Hall, The Kimmel Center, **Sunday, March 2** at 3p.m. Use code PYOMIPARTNER85 at [Ticket Link Here](#)
- [Northeast Philadelphia History Network](#). Local historical presentations on the 1st Wednesday of every month held at Pennepack Baptist Church, 8732 Krewstown, & Zoom.
- **Classic Body Worx** - **10% DISCOUNT to GBCL members** - 9902 Bustleton Ave. DISCOUNT available for all out-of-pocket repairs. If you've used them, consider giving a review on **Google**. [LINK](#). Thank you, **Joe Pellegrini**. [LINK](#)
- **Home Projects.** Check the rules *before* you start your project. Links to Zoning Code Do's and Don'ts:
 1. [SHEDs](#) - [DECKs](#) - [FENCES](#)
 2. Construction Next Door [FAQs](#)
 3. Get a Building Permit [LINK](#)

- **Pennsylvania 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate**
Now OPEN, 888-222-9190. Applications for 2024 **due by June 30, 2025**. Based on your income, this program provides a rebate ranging from **\$380 to \$1,000** to older adults and people with disabilities age 18 and older.
[LINK](#) to apply. **Eligibility:**
 - 65 and older - Widows and widowers 50 and older
 - People with disabilities 18 and older
 - Household income must be \$46,520 or less annually.
 - [VIDEO](#) on how to apply.

ZONING

- **ZBA hearings are back to meeting in person.** These meetings will be **hybrid**, so appellants, participants, and the public will continue to have the option of attending virtually on Zoom. Zoom [INSTRUCTIONS](#).
- **Future ZBA Hearing Dates:**
 - **9372 Clark** – March 26 at 3:30
 - **9909 Northeast Blvd** – April 23 at 2:00
 - **615 Alburger** – April 23 at 3:30 – GBCL voted on 12/21/23 to OPPOSE side-yard deck, 19 to 2.
 - **123 Alburger** – 2nd Story addition & shed. 6/18, 9:30
 - **9768 Verree** – Removal and installation of signs. July 30, 9:30
 - **90 Red Lion** – Vehicle repair. August 6 at 3:30

Proposed UPS Warehouse – 1 Red Lion Rd.



The proposed UPS warehouse is the **most damaging development our community has ever faced** and the worst disregard for its impact the GBCL has ever experienced.

The basis for the community's opposition **has never been evaluated in court**. Our zoning appeal has been dismissed by the ZBA, Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, PA Commonwealth Court, and now waits for a decision with the PA Supreme Court to allow us our "due process". The silence and lack of involvement by our elected officials is deafening.

Our community **OPPOSESES the SIZE** of the massive project and the impact truck traffic will have on our community.

4,798 vehicles will be added to the road **each day**, of which **1,048 of those vehicles will be large tractor-trailers.**

UPS Warehouse Legal Status

GBCL is involved in two (2) ongoing proceedings.

1. Zoning Appeal in PA Court.

- Our Appeal working through the Courts is **not** a determination on the underlying **zoning issues**. Our Appeal is a **request to receive “due process”** and allow us to put on a full case to validate our position, with witnesses, which has yet to happen.

2. UPS developer is Suing the GBCL and its Officers.

- 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 believes UPS developer lawsuit is without merit and is aggressively defending against it.

What can you do to support your community opposition?

- Share the story everywhere.
- Contact your **elected officials today:**

1st – 10th District City Councilman Brian O’Neill:

brian.oneill@phila.gov 215-686-3422,

215-685-6431 and 215-685-0432

- **NEW State Senator Joe Picozzi:** 215-281-2539
- **NEW State Rep. Sean Dougherty:** 215-331-2600
- **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
- **UPS Carol Tome,** CEO ctome@ups.com
- **UPS Mark Giuffre,** State Government Affairs,
mgiuffre@ups.com 502-727-7539

Zoning PRESENTATIONS this evening:

February 25, 2025 Zoning Presentations to GBCL:

- 1. 9372 Clark Street** – ZBA Hearing date: 3/26/25, 3:30. Working without permits to replace garage with existing living space; surface off-street parking space is proposed within the required rear yard is prohibited.

- 2. 9909 Northeast Blvd.** - ZBA Hearing Date April 23, 2025, 2:00 PM (Meineke Car Care) Personal Vehicle Sales and Rental, within an existing structure.

Next Membership Meeting:
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Thank you