

# **Greater Bustleton Civic League**

**April 22, 2025 Monthly Meeting**

Next Membership Meeting:

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

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

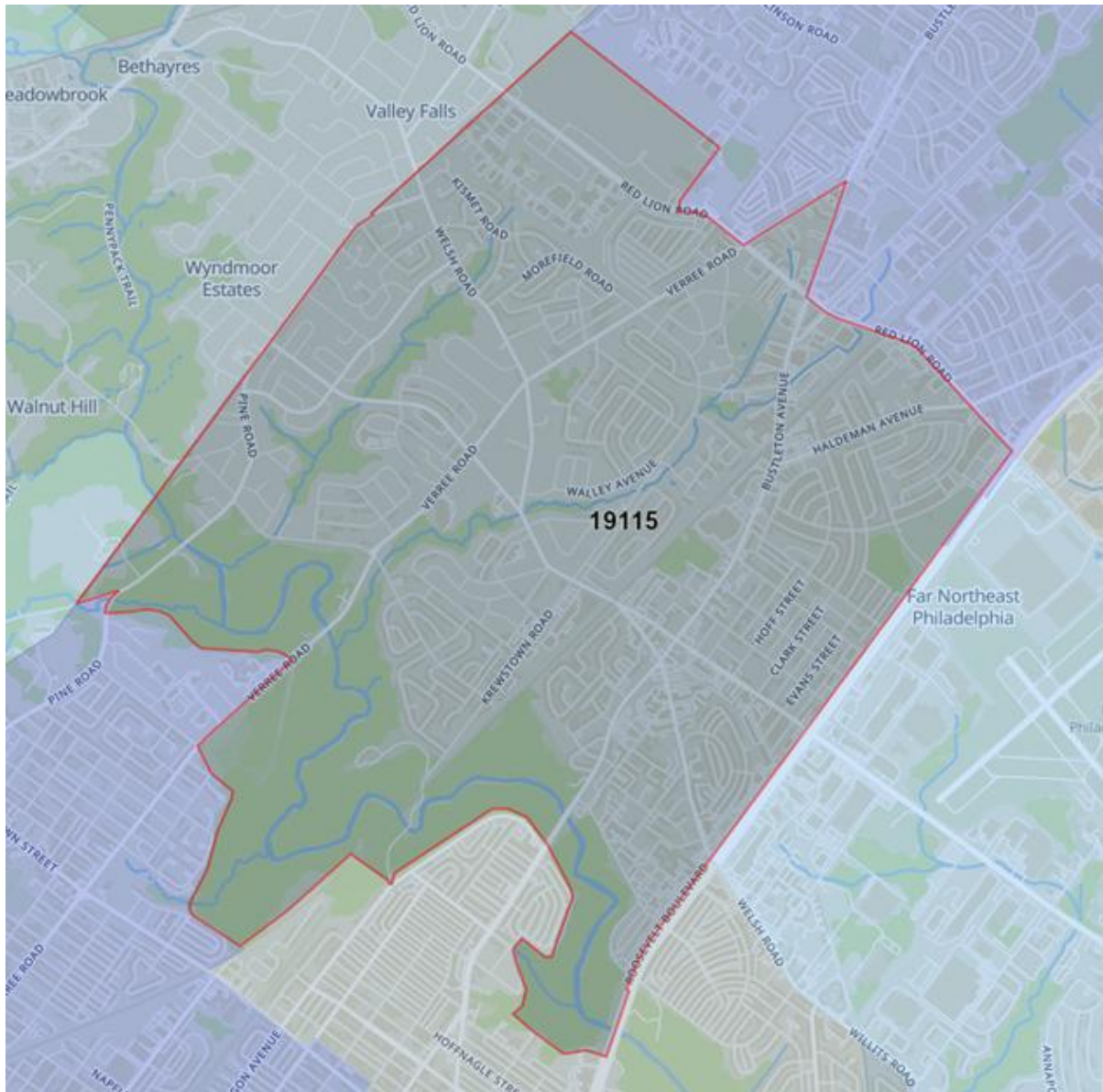
**50 /50 tickets and door prizes available at sign-in table.**

## **Tonight's Agenda:**

- Housekeeping
- 7<sup>th</sup> District Police Reporting
- Community Updates & Public Service Announcements
- Zoning PRESENTATION: 123 Alburger – Oversized shed.

## What is the Greater Bustleton Civic League, GBCL?

- The GBCL is an **all-volunteer**, neighborhood organization that works to help keep residents and businesses of **Bustleton / 19115 informed** and **involved** with 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 GBCL has a 70-year track record of community involvement.  
We work to keep Bustleton a safe, clean, and friendly place to live, and we understand that it starts with us.
- The GBCL is a non-political, non-religious group. No offices, salaries or benefits for its volunteers.

#### **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:**

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| ○ <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 **American Heritage Credit Union**. Car Show
- **We welcome our elected officials** & representatives.
- **Treasurers Report** – Mike Herskovitz, Treasurer
  - **Insurance Fund Drive** – Good news, our carrier is renewing our D&O (Directors Officers) policy for another year. We request funds for the insurance premium increase caused by the **UPS Warehouse developer suing GBCL**. D&O insurance went from \$490 per year to **\$6,017 per year**.
  - **Website** expense being calculated
  - **PayPal option** is now available.
  - Please consider a **DONATION**.
  - Friendly Reminder: **Membership renewals** for 2025.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Police District**

- **Captain - Steven O'Brian**
  - Police Officer of the Month: **Timothy Miller**
- **Community Relations Officer - Al Fiorentino**
  - **If you witness a crime or suspicious activity, call 911**, the entire community benefits.
  - Be sure your **vehicle is locked**.
  - Make sure your **home and garage doors are locked**.
  - Avoid **road-rage** exchanges at all costs.

**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**

- **GBCL Elections** – Annual Executive Board elections for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations submitted in April, voting in May.
- **NE Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce:**  
Charlie Kueny, President
- **Sheep Shearing Day at Fox Chase Farm**, 8600 Verree Road – Saturday, **April 26**, noon - 4. Volunteers needed.  
[pec@phila.gov](mailto:pec@phila.gov) [stephanie.hoffer@phila.gov](mailto:stephanie.hoffer@phila.gov)
- **2025 Philly Spring Cleanup w/GBCL** - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. GBCL holds additional cleanups throughout the year.



- **PSA-2 (Police Service Area-2) Meeting.** – every **3<sup>rd</sup>** Tuesday of the month at AHCU, 7 PM.



- **American Heritage Annual Car Show and Member Appreciation Day** - Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 3 PM, 2060 Red Lion. Craft and gourmet food vendors, Family Fun Zone, plus raffles and a 50/50 drawing!
- **How Philly Works** – A guide to our city government. Produced by [Committee of Seventy LINK](#)
- **American Legion Post 810** - 9151 Old Newtown Rd – Hall rental available to the public. 215-698-1170
- **BSA Scout Troop 174** - Boys AND Girls age 10 1/2 to 17 meet at Maternity BVM Cafeteria, Thursdays 7 to 9 pm. Scoutmaster Boys Troop: Steve Thomson, 267-326-7024 Scoutmaster Girls Troop: Shannon Kelly, 215-370-4459
- **Mini City Hall open at Hayes Playground**  
Extra focus on **311 issues**. [NCACDistrict10@phila.gov](mailto:NCACDistrict10@phila.gov)
- **Disposing of large trash items.** Bulk collection items can now be picked up FREE by calling 311 or by appointment. Schedule a pick-up online at [ONLINE FORM](#)
- [Bustleton Bengals](#) – **Clothing Drive**, April 26, 7 to 3 PM.
- [Pennepack Baptist Church](#), 8732 Krewstown Rd.  
"Pennepack Day", Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Communion Service at 11, open house 1 to 4 PM. Honoring their Civil War Veterans on the church's 337th Anniversary Celebration.

- [Northeast Philadelphia History Network](#). Local historical presentations on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month held at Pennepack Baptist Church, 8732 Krewstown, & Zoom.
- [Classic Body Worx](#) - **10% DISCOUNT to GBCL members** - 9902 Bustleton Ave. Consider giving a review on Google: [LINK](#). Thank you, **Joe Pellegrini**.
- **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. Getting a Building Permit [LINK](#)
  4. Zoning basics [LINK](#)
- **Senior Expo – at CORA**, 8540 Verree Rd. - Friday, May 2, 10 to 1 PM Hosted by **State Rep Sean Dougherty**
- **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.



- **Financial Literacy Forum** - Thursday, April 24, 6 to 9 PM hosted by **Community College of Philadelphia**. CCP Small Business Center, 12901 Townsend Rd., with **City Controller Christy Brady**. Plus, Department of Commerce Business Action team. [REGISTER](#) April is recognized as National Financial Literacy Month

## **ZONING**

- **ZBA hearings are back to meeting in person.** Hearings will be **hybrid** so participants will continue to have the option of attending virtually on Zoom. [INSTRUCTIONS](#).
- **Future ZBA Hearing Dates:**
  - **9372 Clark** – **CONTINUED** - September 17 at 3:30
  - **9909 Northeast Blvd** – April 23 **CONTINUED - No Vote Taken**
  - **615 Alburger** – April 23 at 3:30 – GBCL voted on 12/21/23 to OPPOSE side-yard deck, 19 to 2.
  - **123 Alburger** – **Tonight's PRESENTATION** Oversized shed. June 18 @ 9:30
  - **9768 Verree** – Removal and installation of signs. July 30, 9:30
  - **90 Red Lion** – Vehicle repair. August 6 at 3:30
  - **2050 Welsh** – Commercial in resident. Sept. 17, 9:30
  - **1503 Creswood Road** – Addition – October 1, 9:30

## 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 GBCL has ever experienced.

The community supports development of the parcel. The community opposes the size and scale of the project. 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 community opposition?

Contact our elected officials today:

**1<sup>st</sup> CALL – 10<sup>th</sup> District City Councilman**

**Brian O'Neill:** [brian.oneill@phila.gov](mailto:brian.oneill@phila.gov)

**215-686-3422, 215-685-6431 and 215-685-0432**

- **NEW State Senator Joe Picozzi:** 215-281-2539  
[jpicozzi@pahouse.net](mailto:jpicozzi@pahouse.net)
- **NEW State Rep. Sean Dougherty:** 215-331-2600  
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- **State Rep. Ed Neilson:** 215-330-3714  
[eneilson@pahouse.net](mailto:eneilson@pahouse.net)
- **State Rep. Martina White:** 215 330-3711  
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- **State Rep. Nancy Guenst:** 215-259-5962  
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- **UPS Carol Tome, CEO** [ctome@ups.com](mailto:ctome@ups.com)
- **UPS Mark Giuffre, State Government Affairs,**  
[mgiuffre@ups.com](mailto:mgiuffre@ups.com) 502-727-7539

- **Tonight's Zoning PRESENTATION: 123 Alburger.**  
ZBA Hearing June 18, 9:30 AM.

***Reason for Refusal:***

- *An accessory structure for a residential use shall not exceed 130 sq. ft., whereas the proposed accessory structure size is more than the allowed size and is refused.*
- *Allowed: Maximum sq. feet area, 130 sq. ft.*
- *Proposed: 387 sq. ft.*

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**Thank you**