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**Join the BHCA Today!**  
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**Membership Information**

Ask your neighbors if they are members of the BHCA. If not, tell them for \$35 annually they get bimonthly newsletters containing important information regarding the Braddock Heights community. They also will have voting rights at general meetings in issues involving their community. The BHCA provides a strong voice on important issues such as pedestrian safety and the growing traffic problems. We also sponsor community events throughout the year. Check the newsletter calendar as we always need volunteers. Our community heads can always use additional help with their committee duties. Contact Tom Dixon at 301-371-5690 for more information. Tell your neighbors to join now and get involved in their community!

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**BHCA Directory**

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**SWIMMING POOL NEWS**

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Meetings typically last 1 1/2 hours and, while the agenda is usually packed, the atmosphere is casual and there are a lot of laughs.

Lisa Tosh  
Pool Committee Chairperson  
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301-371-9721



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**W**e are in the midst of winter, but that hasn't stopped your Board of Directors from managing your interests in Braddock Heights. At our most recent Board meeting, discussions ranged from maintaining the Community Center to operation of the swimming pool for this coming season to upgrading the playground. Our Board's representative to the Braddock Heights Historical Society recommended absorbing the Society into the Community Association operations subsequent to the Society's decision to disband. The Board will look at the Charter/By-Laws of the Association to see how best to incorporate the Society's mission/goals into the overall well-being of Braddock Heights. The Society plays an important role in the community and we certainly do not want to lose the rich historical perspective it provides to Braddock Heights residents. Rick Wilson, representing the Frederick Little League requested continued use of the Community Ball Field. The Board approved multi-year use. We look to have many of our Braddock Heights ball players playing on

their home field over the coming years. Playground renovation is slowly moving forward as the committee reviews proposals and associated costs. The apparatus currently in place is old and in dire need of replacement. At the same time, there is a drastic need to install a drainage system that diverts water around the playground allowing the playground surface to absorb normal rain/snow instead of being a natural path for water running down the street headed to the lower part of the park. The Board also established dates for traditional activities in the park and the pool and we've included a listing of the upcoming Spring Events in this newsletter issue. We hope you will join us during these events. In the meantime, your Board will continue to address those issues critical to maintaining Braddock Heights Community Association assets in the very best state of maintenance for use and enjoyment.

Doug Sims,  
President, BHCA

**BRADDOCK HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (BHHS)  
NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**T**he latest BHHS Christmas ornament depicting the Camp Schley Inn is still available at the post office for only \$10. Many Marylanders and Braddock Heights residents learned to ski on the small slope next to the Inn. It was the first ski slope in Maryland and boasted a 300 foot vertical drop with trails as long as 1,200 feet. The "Ski Way" included "Strudel Run" and had a T-Bar, two rope tows, and snow making capability. Built in 1962, you can still see remains of the equipment today. The pond (280,000 gallons when first built) behind the Inn was also dug as part of the ski slope construction. Skiers had to learn to stop quickly or they ended up in the pond! Ski Way

operated until the early 1980's. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, 2015 will see organizational changes for the BHHS. We are working to merge the BHHS into the BHCA and hope to have that completed over the next few months. The union of community and history is a perfect combination. Watch this newsletter for the next historical event. In the meantime, if you have memories (like skiing at Ski Way) or memorabilia to share, please contact Mark Koltz at 240-490-7951.



## BRADDOCK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER AND PAVILION RENTAL INFORMATION

There has already been tremendous interest in the Community Center and Pavilion for 2015. If you are interested in renting either facility or to check availability, please contact Karen Koltz at 410-440-5932 OR email her at bhca\_rentals@hotmail.com.

Use of the Community Center is \$90 per time slot (9am - 4pm OR 5pm - 10pm). Use of the Pavilion is \$50 per day (9am - 10pm). In addition to the facility rental fee, all renters need to be a 2015 BHCA member, or pay the required \$35 for membership. If you are already a BHCA member for 2015 this fee is NOT required. This membership is valid for the entire calendar year which enables you to use the community center or park pavilion for the usage fee only.

### SWIMMING POOL NEWS

**Mark Your Calendars** – The pool opening day is on **Saturday, 5/23/15**, at 11am, of the Memorial Day weekend. The pool closing day on Labor Day Monday, 9/7/15, at 8pm. Our annual **‘Summer Splash’** event will take place on Sunday, 9/6/15, with a rain date of Labor Day Monday, 9/7/15.

**Facebook** – We hope you found it helpful to check us out under ‘Braddock Heights Swimming Pool’: <https://www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation>. Feel free to e-mail us at: [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org) if you have any questions or suggestions for future postings. When the pool opens, and weather issues present themselves, we encourage you to contact the Braddock Pool gate guard desk: 301-371-8007, to find out about pool closures due to heavy rain/thunder/lightening.

**Now Hiring All Guards / Gate Guards!** - Michelle Marzullo, owner and operator of Serenity Pools, is well underway in hiring all guards and gate guards. The Braddock Pool fully staffed for the 2014 season by February 2014.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BHCA SPRING EVENTS

The BHCA has set the schedule for its sprint events. Please note these on your calendars, and stop by to assist or just to enjoy!

**Park / Pool Clean Up**  
Saturday, March 21, 8:30 a.m.  
(rain date: March 28)

**Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, April 4, 11:00 a.m.

**Annual Parade / Picnic**  
Saturday, May 2, 11:00 a.m.  
(rain date: May 9)

**Pool – Opening Day**  
Saturday, May 23, 11:00 a.m.

### BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM NEWS

The Braddock Heights Swim Team Board installed its new officers at its December meeting.

**President,** Michelle Baird  
(bairdbunch5@comcast.net)  
**Vice President,** Pam Wilson  
(dogsalmosthome@yahoo.com)  
**Treasurer,** Jim West  
**Secretary,** Katherine Buohl

By January, the officers and other member of the Board were busy making plans for the 2015 season! The Board is currently accepting applications for coaching positions. If you have swim team coaching experience and are interested in becoming a member of the Barracudas coaching staff, please submit your resume to Michelle Baird or Pam Wilson via e-mail by February 28th.

Details regarding the 2015 Frederick Summer Swim League season will be available on the Barracudas team website by April and registration for the season will begin in May.

For more information about the team please go to [braddockheights.org](http://braddockheights.org) and click on the swim team tab or go directly to the team website. <http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recfsbhb>

Come join the Barracudas this summer! We look forward to seeing you on the pool deck!

### SWIMMING POOL NEWS *Continued from page 3*

So, if you know of anyone who would like to be a gate guard, or a lifeguard for the 2015 season, **please act immediately**: Simply go to:

- [www.serenitypoolmgmt.com](http://www.serenitypoolmgmt.com) – click on ‘Employment Application.’ You can print it and mail it to the address noted, or scan and e-mail it to Michelle Marzullo.
- Michelle’s e-mail: [aftm@comcast.net](mailto:aftm@comcast.net)
- Office Phone: 240-215-4734

**FREE Guest Passes** – As in past years, all members earn (6) FREE guest passes for **‘Early Bird Renewal’—deadline of 2/21/15**. Returning members can earn (6) FREE guest passes for each family referral. Please have your family/friends note your name on the e-application, or on the bottom of the Wait List form (found on the Pool Brochure on our website). Also, all new members will receive (6) FREE guest passes for joining the pool in 2015.

**Deadlines for 2015 Membership:** Our volunteers on the Technical Sub-Committee now have the 2015 Pool E-Application on our website and ready for retrieval: <https://secure.netsolhost.com/braddockheights.org/app/poolapplication.html>. If you would like a paper application mailed to you, please contact our volunteer in charge of membership: Tom Dixon 301-639-3903.

2015 Deadline	Primary Member Dues	Comments/ Explanation
Feb. 2	\$250.00	‘Early Bird Special’ Deadline for Returning Members Only (No increase from 2014)
Feb. 3 - Apr. 1	\$285.00	Standard Season Rate (\$10 increase from 2014)
April 2 - Until Max Reached	\$320.00	Late Season Rate (\$20 increase from 2014)

**Improvements:** For the 2015 season, the diving well already received a new white-coating and the coping stones were replaced. (The coping stones are the curved cement stones that frame the pool.) We plan

to add another table, invest in some newer lounge chairs and large cloth umbrellas for the wooden picnic tables, and we will continue to offer FREE Wi-Fi. Simply ask the gate guard for the password. In addition to the usual investment in umbrellas (researched annually) and more new bases, we will be purchasing more new filters to keep the pool as clean as possible.

**Braddock Pool Survey:** Thank you to all the members who completed the survey! We understand that *shade* and *food* are among members’ top priorities. So, the pool committee will continue to explore all options, while trying to keep pool membership dues as low as possible. We appreciate your understanding, as this volunteer process takes time. If you know of any food vendor who would be interested in parking a cart either on the pool deck, or is willing to stop by the Braddock Pool at assigned times (that we can share with our members) please let us know, or have them contact me as stated below.

**Comments, Compliments, Complaints??** We invite you to please feel free to contact us at any time to share your comments and concerns, or ask any questions about the pool and pool management. You may contact me at 301-371-9721, e-mail us at [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org), or mail your suggestions to: BHCA, P.O. Box 243, Braddock Heights, MD 21714. All information will be discussed at a committee meeting and forwarded to Michelle of Serenity Pool Management.

**Want to help?** We have an OPENING!! We are looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering his/her opinions, time and talent as a member of the Pool Committee. You do not have to be a resident of Braddock Heights to participate as a committee, or sub-committee member. The Pool Committee has several **sub-committees:** *Technical, Pool Polices (Rules), Marketing, Pool Operation/Maintenance, Summer Splash, Facebook and Playground Equipment.* FYI: Anyone may participate as a sub-committee member without being a Pool Committee member. Please let us know if you would like more information! Or, you could attend a meeting (no commitment) just to meet the group and assess your interest level. We meet monthly at my house, in Braddock Heights, on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the month of December) to discuss and resolve issues, as well as plan and implement necessary improvements. Snacks & beverages are provided.

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