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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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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The wet, cool summer so far has not impacted swimming pool attendance. The days I've been there, a comfortable number of children and adults were the cool refreshing water and pool amenities. What a delight to have such a recreational treasure in our neighborhood. The feedback I got from those with whom I spoke was all positive. I am hopeful you and your family are able to maximize your time there. Although your Board of Directors took a month off in July, there are still issues on which we are focused, e.g. playground improvement (re-grading to divert water around the play area instead of through it; raising and replacing the wall with a more permanent medium; adding several new pieces of apparatus; renovating the surface area); replacing balcony doors in the Community Center; replacing the sodium lights illuminating the pool at night with LED lights (brighter, longer lasting, cheaper to operate); adding much needed shelving in the pool pump house. We will also look at significant tree

trimming and, necessary, felling several trees to prevent large broken branches from falling and possibly causing damage. We also have a small group of folks looking at improving the manner in which facilities are booked (the Community Center and Pavilion). During the spring, summer and fall, it is nearly a full time job for one of your Board Members (**Karen Koltz**). We want to reduce that work load but still make it easy and efficient for you to reserve those facilities. Future events for you to put on your calendar include Summer Splash (Sept. 6 w/rain date of Sept. 7) and the fall picnic (Oct. 3) when we will honor John Smariga's memory and contribution to Braddock Heights.

Enjoy the summer!

Doug Sims,  
*President*

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

Most of us pass by Vindobona on Jefferson Boulevard every day without knowing its history. Oscar Coblenz built Vindobona as a hotel in 1910. Mr. Coblenz was an active member of the community and was the secretary of the Braddock Building and Development Company. He also worked with the Frederick and Middletown Electric Railway and was the superintendent of Frederick County Schools. The grounds includ-

ed as many as seven buildings in its heyday, but only two much altered buildings remain. Prominent visitors graced the hotel including President Franklin Roosevelt. The house became a nursing home in 1952. Each year we celebrate the start of our community parade at the Vindobona. The BHHS archives include numerous Vindobona pictures and original hotel china.

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Plans are underway for a BHHS sponsored Braddock porch tour in 2016. If you are interested in participating or helping out, please contact Mark Koltz at markkoltz@gmail.com or 240-490-7951. In the meantime, please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories (like staying at the original Vindobona) or memorabilia for our archives.

**SWIMMING POOL NEWS**

**Summer Splash!!** - Our annual event will take place on **Sunday, 9/6/15**, with a rain date of Labor Day Monday, 9/7/15. (The pool closes for the season at 8 p.m. on 9/7/15.) Anyone who is interested in helping during any stage of the Summer Splash event: planning/set-up/running/clean-up, should contact Bev Donald at 301-371-7501.

**The BHCA will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!**

**Menus** - Enjoy a picnic lunch or dinner poolside, or feel free to order for delivery at the pool. The binder of laminated menus is kept at the gate guard desk. Please let us know if we've missed a restaurant. We'll add it to the selection for next year.

**Swim Lessons** - Lessons are still available for scheduling. You can check out our website to explore opportunities for your children and yourself: <http://braddockheights.org/poolswimlessons.html>.

Please do not hesitate to e-mail MacKenzie Pettrey at: [MidAtlanticSwimSchool@gmail.com](mailto:MidAtlanticSwimSchool@gmail.com). Or, you may call her at: 240-626-9068. You can coordinate for group, private or semi-private lessons. (Please note: The lessons are for Braddock Pool Members ONLY.)

**Extended Pool Hours** - We hope you have enjoyed some extra time at the pool with family and friends. Extended hours until 8:30 p.m. (Thursdays through Sundays) ended on Sunday, 8/2/15. Look for them again next season, from school closing throughout the month of July.

**Lost-N-Found** - Our box has been overflowing this season. The pool staff continues to find many items at the end of each day and places them in a bin right inside the clubhouse. Please help us to keep the clubhouse neat by removing your items promptly. We remove, wash, and donate the items to charity each month (and more frequently if needed).

**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/lightning.

**Braddock Pool Staffing for Summer 2016** - If you know of anyone who would like to be a gate guard, or a lifeguard for the 2016 season, encourage them to apply early. **Interviews take place primarily in January 2016.** 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, owner/operator of Serenity Pools.

- Michelle's e-mail: [aftm@comcast.net](mailto:aftm@comcast.net)
- Office Phone: 240-215-4734

**Membership:** Once again, we met our maximum membership early in the 2015 season. Since we do not hold spots for returning members from year to year, a number of returning members were not able to join for the 2015 season. SO, please mark your calendars for early renewal for the 2016 season. We will continue to offer our 'Early Bird Special' during the month of January 2016, with 'rolling admissions', as of January 1st. Our volunteers on the Technical Sub-Committee plan to send out an e-mail reminder in December for our 'Early Bird Special', which includes discounted primary member fee & (6) FREE guest passes. We are aware that e-mail addresses do change. Please let us know if you changed your e-mail address, so we can make note of it in our database used for announcements. Our 2016 Pool E-Application should be on our website and ready for retrieval by year-end: <http://www.BraddockHeights.org/app/PoolMembership.html>. If you would like a paper application mailed to you, please contact our volunteer in charge of membership: Tom Dixon (301-639-3903).

**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.

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. (Sub-committee members do not need to attend monthly meetings!) 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 and beverages are provided. 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,  
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