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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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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**G**reetings Fellow Braddock Heights Citizens - The summer is over and we anticipate a beautiful fall. First and foremost the Board wants to thank Lisa Tosh for her superb leadership of the Pool Committee, as well as to her committee members who spent many long hours to ensure we had an outstanding swim season. Until you have served on that committee, you have no idea of the amount of coordination, determination and just plain hard work it takes to put together a successful swim season. But then, Lisa is but one of your Board members who quietly volunteer their time and talents to make Braddock Heights the super place we enjoy so much.

On the 3rd of October, we will observe a time-honored American event with our very own "Fall Picnic in the Park." In addition to gathering at the Park Pavilion to meet fellow Braddock Heights families and those families outside Braddock Heights who enjoy the amenities of our pool and park, we will have a special ceremony to honor Mr. John Smariga, a longtime BHCA Board Member and past president who passed away in January. A special plaque will be placed on the front of the Community Center. Some time ago, it was John's vision that Braddock Heights should have a location that could be available for use by BHCA members for meetings, celebrations and community activities. He led the effort that resulted in the building we use today. Please join us on the 3d in front of the Community Center at 11:30 to recognize John's dedicated service to BHCA and the Braddock Heights community.

The Board has scheduled its Fall Clean-up for Saturday morning, October 31. We need as much help as possible as we clean up from the summer and prepare the park for the winter. Please join us "around" 8:30 a.m. With your help, we should finish by noon. That leaves plenty of time to get the kids ready for trick-or-treat fun that evening.

Finally, after due consideration, the Board of Directors found it necessary to approve slight increases in the price of renting the Pavilion and the Community Center. This is the first increase in many years and simply represents the rise in prices for materials and services necessary to keep our facilities in the best possible condition. Compared to similar facilities in Frederick County, our facilities are less expensive and located in an idyllic setting. Board member Karen Koltz is the person to contact for more information and to make reservations.

Have a super, enjoyable Fall.

Doug Sims,  
*President*



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

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, a BHHS sponsored Braddock porch tour is in the works for 2016. Strolling Maryland, Urner, and Potomac Avenues as well as Jefferson Boulevard, one passes many of the original summer cottages and boarding houses from the early 1900's. One of the oldest properties is Washington Cottage (6816 Maryland Avenue), which dates back to 1904 when Mrs. Potterfield owned the home. She ran it as a boarding house where senators and politicians would come during the hot summer months. Mrs. Porterfield was famous for ringing a bell calling her guests in for homemade fried chicken. The original bell still resides in the private collection of a Braddock resident. Later, Washington Cottage was renovated into nine apartments. After several more owners and years of neglect, Washington Cottage was rebuilt and is now a wonderful spa (My Red Bow) retaining much of its original charm.

We hope the porch tour will provide a glimpse into Braddock Heights' history and showcase the beauty of these wonderful properties. 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 the last porch tour in 2011) or memorabilia for our archives.



### BHCA FALL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Dates for BHCA's fall events are shown below:

- Summer Splash** Sun. Sept. 6 12:00 - 3:00  
Rain Date: Sept. 7
- Fall Picnic** Sat. Oct. 3 11:30 - 2:30  
Rain Date: N/A
- Fall Clean Up Day** Sat. Oct. 31 8:30 - Noon  
Rain Date: Nov. 7

• All pool members are encouraged to come to our annual Summer Splash event on Sunday, September 7. There will be games for all ages and a table full of prizes. The Bring a dish to share. BHCA will provide drinks and hot dogs. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will roll the event to

Labor Day (following day).

• The Fall Picnic is a pot-luck event, with the BHCA providing set-ups, drinks, hot dogs and burgers. Bring a dish to share, and join us at the pavilion for this family event on Saturday, October 3. Also note, we will be holding a brief ceremony in memory of John Smariga and his many contributions to the community at 11:30 at the community center.

• On Saturday, October 31, neighbors and friends will assemble to clean up the BHCA park and close up the pavilion for the season. Donuts, OJ and coffee will be provided, and "little helpers" are welcome. The rain date for the fall cleanup is the following Saturday, November 7.

## SWIMMING POOL NEWS

**Summer Splash!!** - I hope this newsletter hits homes in time for this final announcement for our annual event, which will take place on Sunday, 9/6/15 from Noon until 3 p.m. Rain date is 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: donations for prizes, 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!

**Membership for 2016:** We will have the same pricing structure as for the 2015 season. Our volunteers on the Technical Sub-Committee plan to have the revised 2016 Pool E-Application ready for retrieval immediately after New Year's Day. Again, you will have the opportunity to purchase guest passes, usually \$5.00 per person, at a discounted rate of \$3.00 per person. Look for an e-mail informing you that we're 'live'. Of course, you can check us out on the website at any time: [www.BraddockHeights.org/PoolMembership.html](http://www.BraddockHeights.org/PoolMembership.html).

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 announcement. Simply send us an e-mail to: [Pool@BraddockHeights.org](mailto:Pool@BraddockHeights.org). If you would like a paper application mailed to you, please contact our volunteer in charge of membership: Tom Dixon (301-639-3903).

For the second year in a row, we reached our membership cap within one week of pool opening. Please mark your calendars for early renewal for the 2016 season. Remember, we do NOT hold spots from year to year.

**Facebook** - We hope you found it helpful to check us out under 'Braddock Heights Swimming Pool.' We plan to try to keep you informed of any fun happenings throughout the year, as well as pool

closures: <https://www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation>

**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.

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