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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, let them know for \$35 annually, they get bimonthly newsletters containing important information regarding the Braddock Heights Community. They will have voting rights at general meetings on issues involving the BHCA pool, park and pavilion. They should also know BHCA represents their interests at the county level when necessary. This includes pedestrian safety, traffic issues, blighted properties and more. We are all volunteers and we need volunteers to support the Board Directors in a myriad of operational areas. The newsletter contains dates of important events - annual spring and fall picnics, pool opening and closing, clean-up dates, etc. Come join the fun! For more information and contact data, go to <https://www.braddockheights.org>.

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**POOL NEWS** *Continued from page 3*

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,  
*Pool Committee Chairperson*  
[pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org)  
301-371-9721

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**B**raddock Heights Friends and Neighbors -

With the warm weather in late December and January, we thought we might be opening the pool early; however, reality set in, and our homes and roads were engulfed with a mass of snow, just to let us know we need to keep on schedule. With that in mind, remember to renew your swimming pool membership as early as possible. Over the past couple of years, we have reached our membership limit before the swim season began. When that happens, we can no longer accept applications regardless if you were a member the previous year or not. However, well before the pool opens, there is much to be done around the park and the pool. Remember, we are all volunteers and we need your help during the spring clean-up days (April 9; 8:30 to 12 noon) for both the park and pool). If it rains/or snows that day, we will meet a week later. We may need an additional day for the pool. It is important we get this work done in April since we have the spring picnic and parade scheduled for May 14 (rain date, May 21) and the pool will open on May 28. Finally, if there are things you think your Board could do better or is not doing or not doing well enough, we'd like to hear from you. Send us an email or better yet, come out and contribute your ideas and time. We are looking forward to seeing you in the Park or at the Pool.

Doug Sims,  
*President*



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

**T**he BHHS has started work on a Braddock Heights walking tour that will highlight the history and homes of our wonderful community. As part of the tour, we are planning to erect several historical markers to commemorate our most treasured and important spots. We envision the tour to be self-guided using a pamphlet that includes a map, Braddock history, pictures, and even small ads for local businesses. A special porch tour is also a possibility to kick off the availability of the pamphlet and the first historical marker.

Our first planned marker will feature the Hotel Braddock. Built in 1905 with 70 rooms, a 3 sided porch, and wonderful views of the Middletown and Frederick valleys, it quickly became a retreat for elite city folk to beat the summer heat. Great meals, music, tennis, and high fashion were hotel staples. A third sleeping floor and comb roof were added in 1925 under the management of the Croghans. The hotel burned down in August 1929 and was not rebuilt. Today, the original privet hedge that graced the property remains in front of the McCutcheon's lawn. We plan to place the marker there.

The BHHS hopes the walking tour will provide a glimpse into Braddock Heights' history and showcase the beauty of our magnificent community. If you are interested in participating or helping out, please contact Mark Koltz at [markkoltz@gmail.com](mailto:markkoltz@gmail.com) or 240-490-7951. In the meantime, please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories or memorabilia for our archives.



HOTEL BRADDOCK, BRADDOCK HEIGHTS, MD.

## FROM THE BRADDOCK HEIGHTS BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM



Planning for the 2016 Frederick Summer Swim League is underway and the Braddock Heights Barracudas plan to have a great team again this summer!

The Swim Team Board is pleased to announce that Holly Brown will return as Head Coach of the Barracudas!

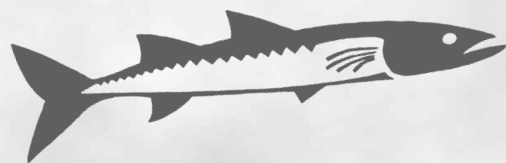
She will be responsible for leading the coaching staff and for preparing swimmers to perform their best at the weekly meets, held on Saturday mornings.

To complete the coaching staff, the Board is seeking a few Assistant Coaches and will be looking to fill those positions by mid-March. If you are interested in an Assistant Coaching position and have swim team/coaching experience, please submit your resume to [pamela.wilson29@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.wilson29@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Check the website for application information.

Details of the 2016 FSSL season will be available by April. Registration opens in May and meet information should be available in the next BHCA Newsletter. Check the team website which can be accessed from the BHCA website.

Snow may be on the ground, but we are looking forward to the warm weather and to another successful summer swim season! We hope you'll join us!

Pam Wilson,  
President, Braddock Heights Swim Team Board



## BRADDOCK HEIGHTS FACILITIES - 2016 PRICE UPDATE

The BHCA Community Center and outdoor Picnic Pavilion are the perfect spots for your next event. They are ideal for hosting showers, meetings, parties, and picnics. You can learn more about the facilities on the BHCA web site ([www.braddockheights.org/facilities](http://www.braddockheights.org/facilities)). Please note that Community Center events are limited to 50 people, due to parking limitations. The BHCA facilities are available for rent only to BHCA members. Renters must be existing members or can apply for membership (\$35/calendar year) at the time of rental.

Price updates for 2016:

Facility	Timeslot Available for Rent	Cost
Community Center	9 am until 4 pm	\$100
Community Center	5 pm until 10 pm	\$100
Community Center	9 am until 10 pm (all day)	\$150
Picnic Pavilion	9 am until 10 pm (all day)	\$60

## SPRING EVENTS SCHEDULE

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, March 26 11:00 - 12:30  
Rain Date: N/A

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**  
Saturday, April 9 8:30 - noon  
Rain Date: April 16

**SPORTS PARADE / SPRING PICNIC**  
Saturday, May 14 11:00 - 3:00  
Rain Date: May 21

\* **The Egg Hunt** is a great time for kids of all ages - even the adults have a good time!

\* **On Clean-Up Day**, neighbors and friends assemble to spruce up the BHCA Park and the surrounding area. Donuts, OJ and coffee are provided, and "little helpers" are welcome.

\* **The Spring Parade** features baseball teams, the Barracudas swim team, fire engines, and members of local scout troops. Immediately following the parade, the Spring Picnic includes music, a clown, a moon bounce, and hot dogs and hamburgers right off the grill.



## SWIMMING POOL NEWS

### Mark Your Calendars!

★ Pool Opening is **Saturday, 5/28/16!**

### ★ BHCA & Pool Clean-Up Days:

- Saturday, 4/9/16 - Spring Clean-Up (Both Park AND Pool)
- Saturday, 4/16/16 - Spring Clean-Up (Both Park AND Pool) - (RAIN DATE)
- Saturday, 5/15/16 - Pool Clean-Up Day
- Saturday, 5/22/16 - Pool Clean-Up Day (RAIN DATE)

We are always looking for volunteers to help us make the park and pool ready for the season. Remember, the BHCA is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization. In order to help keep BHCA and Braddock Pool membership fees as low as possible, the more volunteer help we have, the less money we have to pay others to complete the necessary work. This translates to keeping membership fees as low as possible! If you are interested and available to help, please send an e-mail to [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org). **YOU WILL RECEIVE (3) FREE GUEST PASSES**, if you are on deck to help!!

### ★ Pool Events:

- Saturday, 5/28/16 - Pool Opening
- Saturday, 5/14/16 - Day in Park/ Picnic & Parade
- Saturday, 5/21/16 - Day in Park/ Picnic & Parade (RAIN DATE)
- Sunday, 9/4/16 - Summer Splash with Rain Date of
- Monday, 9/5/16 - Summer Splash (Rain Date) - (LABOR DAY)
- Monday, 9/5/16 - Pool Closing

**Continental Pools:** They are looking forward to working with any interested and qualified lifeguard and gate guard candidates from Braddock Pool! Simply complete the online application on their website: [www.continentalpools.com](http://www.continentalpools.com) and note that you were referred/worked at Braddock Pool. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Crystal Tyree, who is the staffing coordinator. Her phone number is: 301-498-1000, and her e-mail address is: [crystalt@continentalpools.com](mailto:crystalt@continentalpools.com).

**Did Your E-mail Change??** 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. Simply send us an e-mail to: [Pool@BraddockHeights.org](mailto:Pool@BraddockHeights.org).

**Membership for 2016:** We will have the same pricing structure as for the 2015 season. Feel free to check out our updated Pool Brochure: <http://braddockheights.org/about-our-pool/pool-membership>.

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. 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](http://www.braddockheights.org). You will have the opportunity to purchase an unlimited amount of discounted guest passes, usually \$5.00 each, for only \$3.00.

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.

If you would like a paper application mailed to you, please contact our volunteer in charge of membership: Tom Dixon (301-639-3903).

### Deadlines for 2016:

[NOTE: COMPLETED APPLICATION = Full Payment + Photo(s) of all persons on the membership]

2016 Deadline	Primary Member Dues	Comments / Explanation
February 2 - April 1	\$285.00	Standard Season Rate (No Increase from 2015)
April 2 - Until Max Reached	\$320.00	Late Season Rate (No Increase from 2015)

**Pool Policies** - The sub-committee met to revise our pool policies for 2016. The biggest change is NO SQUIRT GUNS will be allowed. Many people had a little too much fun in and on the pool deck. It was disruptive to other members and a safety issue, since guards had to address continually the misuse of the guns.

**Improvements** - We are researching the possibility of investing in a permanent shade structure for an area of the pool and we plan to add another 'robot' to clean the pool overnight. We also plan to replace another (18) lounge chairs, the small diving board stand, and all the Plexi-Glass dividers between the baby pool and the main pool. If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see at the pool, we definitely want to hear from you! Simply send an e-mail to [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org) and we'll respond!

**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.