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Join the BHCA Today!
Membership information below.

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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ANNUAL PARADE & PICNIC - MAY 14

The annual Braddock Heights Parade and Spring Picnic (aka 'Day in the Park') events are set for Saturday, May 14. The parade featuring baseball teams, scout troops, swim teams and fire trucks will start from the Vindobona Home at approximately 11am, and end at the BHCA park around 11:30. **Note: Jefferson Boulevard will be closed for a short time during the parade.**

Picnic activities start at Noon. We will have lots of free food, including hamburgers, hot dogs and "exploding potatoes". There will also be a moon bounce, a clown, and folk music by local band Ragged Company. Come join neighbors and friends for this spring kickoff event!

In the event of bad weather, the rain date is the following Saturday, May 21.



Tuscarora Tennis Club

5216 Renn Road, Frederick
Just off Mt. Zion Road
301-473-5050
www.tuscaroratennis.com

- Indoor and Outdoor Courts located "in the neighborhood"
- Very popular summer camps!!
- Free lesson for new customers

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Braddock Heights Neighbors, The temperatures are finally feeling like spring, the grass is green, and most trees have begun to leaf out! The park is looking great. What a wonderful time to be in Braddock Heights. Many thanks to Leah Koltz for her hard work in putting together the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There is a lot going on in preparation for the upcoming pool season, and your pool committee is completing plans for the opening day on Saturday 28 May. Your Board of Directors approved a contract to accomplish the first phase of the Playground Renovation Project. Ground breaking should start sometime the middle of April. Bear with us during this messy phase - we think you'll be pleased with the final result

sometime mid-summer. Several of the Board members are busy with final coordination for this year's annual parade and picnic to be held on 14 May (rain date will be 21 May). The Parade will start at 11 a.m. from Vindobona, proceed north on Jefferson Boulevard and end at the Park. This year there will be no charge for a hotdog or drink, but donations would be appreciated. Kids will enjoy the moon bounce while all will enjoy the music and greeting friends and neighbors. See you at the pool and the park.

Doug Sims,
President

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (BHHS) NEWS AND INFORMATION

The BHHS is continuing to 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.

One of our planned markers will feature Casa Loma on Jefferson Boulevard. Casa Loma was originally built as a sanitarium by Rev. Charles Winbigler. Oscar Coblentz, one of the partners in the Frederick and Middletown Railway, occupied the home from 1910-1919. During the 1920's and 1930's it became an exclusive hotel under the ownership of French caterer Louis Guertin. Prominent Washington officials discovered Casa Loma and enjoyed great food, croquet, and wonderful views of the valley. Marshall Staub (owner of Staub's Liquor Store in Frederick) maintained the home for many years as a private residence, and was famous for his long and spirited parties. Since the mid 1960's, Casa Loma has been the family home to our beloved Frances Randall (long-time owner of the Frederick News Post). Frances has been a lifelong supporter of the BHHS and Frederick historical preservation.

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 or 240-490-7951. In the meantime, please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories or memorabilia for our archives.



FROM THE BRADDOCK HEIGHTS BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

Spring keeps trying the break through and summer will follow before we know it. That means, another summer swim season is approaching! Planning for the 2016 Barracudas season in the Frederick Summer Swim League is well underway and we are seeking children 5-18 years of age to join the team! Children must be able to independently swim a minimum of 25 yards to qualify. Swim practice is held daily during the week and swim meets are held on Saturday mornings. Our team's goal is to be competitive but to have fun at the same time! We are pleased to announce that Holly Brown will be returning as Head Coach! She is very excited to be working with the team again this summer!

We are continuing our partnership with Team Unify to provide the Barracudas website. As a swim team member you will have private online access to your account via this website that allows you to: maintain your contact information, declare for swim meets, sign up for volunteer jobs, track your child's official swim times, and much more! If you would like information regarding the team please go to the Swim Team page on the BHCA website and "Click to find out more" or go directly to www.TeamUnify.com/recfsbhb/. We will be posting all the 2016 season information to the website soon. If you were a 2015 Swim Team family look for e-mail notification soon. If you are interested in joining the Barracudas for the first time, the team website provides you with registration information plus gives you the ability to contact a Swim Team Board member should you have questions.

The Swim Team Board is planning more fun events again this summer for swimmers and their families, beginning with marching in the annual BHCA parade and enjoying the picnic on May 14th! We hope to see you there!

Please note these important upcoming dates:

- Swim Team **Online Registration opens - May 1st**
- **Open House** (at Braddock Heights Community Center) - **Thursday, May, 19th from 7-8:30**
- 1st pre-season practice (held at MHS pool) - **Tuesday, May 31st**
- 1st in-season practice (held at BH pool) - **Monday, June 20th**
- 1st swim meet - **Saturday, June 18th**

We invite you to join us this summer and look forward to seeing you on deck!

Pam Wilson,
President, Braddock Heights Swim Team Board

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS FACILITIES

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). 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	9am - 4pm	\$100
Community Center	5pm - 10pm	\$100
Community Center	9am - 10pm (all day)	\$150
Picnic Pavilion	9am - 10pm (all day)	\$60

BHCA EASTER EGG HUNT A BIG SUCCESS

The annual BHCA Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 26th at the park and community center. Mother Nature provided delightful sunny weather for the fun event. There was a great turn out (50+ children) including many new community residents and their families. Leah Koltz coordinated the event with help from her friend Hannah Bronson. Six lucky children found the elusive gold and silver eggs and won baskets in their age group. While they were the big winners, all the kids had a great time and went home with lots of candy and wonderful memories. Thanks to everyone who showed up. See you next year!

The big winners:
Age 0-4: Gold - Colbie Messick; Silver - Carter Schneider
Age 5-7: Gold - Ella Heritage; Silver - Avery Schneider
Age 8+: Gold - Kelly Zimmerman; Silver - Addison Messick



SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Mark Your Calendars!

★ Pool Opening is 11:00am on **Saturday, 5/28/16!**

★ Pool Clean-Up Days:

- Feel free to come for only part of the time!!
- Saturday, 5/15/16 - Pool Clean-Up Day (from 8:30am - 12 noon)
- 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. If you are interested and available to help, please send an e-mail to 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
- Sunday, 9/4/16 - Summer Splash
- Monday, 9/5/16 - Summer Splash (Rain Date) - (LABOR DAY)
- * Monday, 9/5/16 - Pool Closing at 8pm.

Continental Pools Update: All lifeguards and gate guards for the Braddock Pool have been hired. However, Continental Pools is a large organization and has other pools to staff. If you have transportation and are interested in being hired for another location, 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: crystal@continentalpools.com.

Did Your E-mail Change?? We are aware that e-mail addresses do change. SO, 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.

Memberships for 2016: The Primary Member fee is now \$320.00. We have less than 60 memberships available for the 2016 season. For the second year in a row, we have reached our membership cap within one week of pool opening so, please renew as soon as possible. Remember, we do NOT hold spots from year to year.

[NOTE: COMPLETED APPLICATION = Full Payment + Photo(s) of all persons on the membership.] If you have any questions, please contact: Pool@BraddockHeights.org.

Discounted Guest Passes for 2016: They are available only until May 2, 2016. If you have renewed your application already and would like guest passes for \$3.00 each (instead of \$5.00 each), please e-mail: Pool@BraddockHeights.org, in order to take advantage of this great deal!

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 - One more new table will be delivered this year and we also plan to replace more 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 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: 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, 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 Continental Pools.

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 Monday 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. 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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SWIM LESSONS!!

Sign up for swim lessons this summer with Mrs. MacKenzie and her staff. There are five sessions beginning June 27th with late afternoon/evening hours available for group, private, and semi-private lessons. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. Please call MacKenzie at 240-626-9068 if you have any questions.