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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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Braddock Heights Neighbors, The summer swim season has started out nicely thanks to the hard work of the Pool Committee and its many volunteers who painted, cleaned, repaired, and straightened things around the pool. Special thanks to Lisa Tosh who heads the committee and committee member Frank Lebhertz who spent countless hours dotting the "Is" and crossing the "Ts" so we could pass the annual county health inspection. I also want to publicly thank Tom Dixon, Craig Campbell and Mike Cottrell for their work on making our parade and picnic in the park a great success. We are grateful to the Vindobona staff for allowing us access to their parking lot, not withstanding they had an event at the

same time. The Playground Committee will meet soon and propose the first major playground apparatus for the Board's approval. We are hopeful we can have it installed no later than mid-summer. Finally, just as we opened the pool, your Pool Committee is already planning the always enjoyable Summer Splash event to mark the end of the swim season. We will need volunteers to help plan and execute this event, so don't be bashful. 'Til then, we'll see you at the pool or in the park. Have a fun-filled summer!

Doug Sims,
President

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

The annual BHCA parade and picnic provided another great chance to reminisce and look back at the wonderful history of Braddock Heights. This year Bill McCutcheon drove the BHHS "float" (aka his John Deere tractor and trailer) with a scale replica of the Braddock Heights observation tower. Bill also brought along lots of other memorabilia and pictures that the community got to peruse during the picnic. Early Braddock Heights transportation options were on display as well ... Neil Sandler rode the parade route in his original Pennyfarthing bicycle.

Pick up your copy on Amazon or at local booksellers.

If you are interested in helping out with future BHHS events, 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.

The observation tower stood 40 feet when first built in 1894 and offered great three to four state views with a telescope on the top landing (Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and sometimes Pennsylvania). The original tower had deteriorated and was torn down by Potomac Edison and rebuilt in 1931 with a stone foundation by George Fulmer who also constructed many of the local homes. Fireworks were often launched from the tower on the 4th of July to the delight of Frederick and Middletown Valley residents.

In case you missed it, Bob Savitt gave a great presentation on the glory days of Braddock Heights as part of the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society meeting in June. Bob's book, *Middletown Valley*, includes an insightful chapter on Braddock and is filled with numerous pictures.



Replica of the old BHCA Observation Tower in the spring parade thanks to Bob McCutcheon

FROM THE BRADDOCK HEIGHTS BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

We have started pre-season practices at MHS and are proud of our team, 125+ swimmers strong! Below is an updated list of key Barracuda events for the 2016 swim season.

Please note these important upcoming dates:

- 1st swim meet - Saturday, June 18th
- 1st in-season practice (held at BH pool) - Monday, June 20th
- Team kickoff event (Middletown Park) - Thursday, June 17th, 6-8pm
- Team season end picnic - Sunday, July 24th

Also, please join us and support the Braddock Heights Swim team at our Fundraiser night at the Main Cup on June 22nd, 5pm to close.

If you would like more 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/. 2016 season calendar and information is available on the website. 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.

We are looking forward to a fantastic season and look forward to seeing you at the pool!

Pam Wilson,
President, Braddock Heights Swim Team Board



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SPRING EVENTS RECAP

The annual Egg Hunt was a success, with over 40 children coming out to enjoy the event. A big THANK YOU to Leah Koltz for leading the event for the last few years. We are looking for a youth who would be interested in taking over the event from Leah, who will head off to college next year. This is a great way for young people to build their planning and organization skills, and it also provides them with volunteer credits. Please pass the word, and let any board member know if there is a young volunteer in your family who might be interested.

We had to push the Spring Sports Parade and Picnic to our rain date, but well over 100 people enjoyed the event in the following Saturday. Even then, a storm came through that forced us to wrap things up a little early. Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with coordinating and running these two back-to-back events. We'd like to expand the parade next year, and are looking for ideas that would produce a larger crowd. One idea on the table would be to invite dog owners to join in the 1.5 mile walk from Vindobona Nursing Home to the park. We will share more information about next year's parade and picnic as we plan out these events late this year.

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS FACILITIES

Act fast -- there are only a few spots left for the summer! 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 website 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

SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Pool Events:

- 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 at 8 p.m. (LABOR DAY)

Continental Pools Update - As most of you know, we have a new pool management company this year. If you see anything amiss and don't feel comfortable saying something to the Manager On Duty (MOD), then we encourage you to send an email to: pool@braddockheights.org so we can resolve any issues promptly.

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: braddockheights.org and click on Swim Lessons. Please do not hesitate to e-mail MacKenzie Pettrey at: 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 will enjoy some extra time at the pool with family and friends. Extended hours until 8:30 p.m. (Thursdays through Sundays) begin on Thursday, 6/16/16, through Sunday, 7/31/16.

Lost-N-Found - At the end of the day, the pool staff will place all found items found 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).

Did Your Email Change?? We are aware that email addresses do change. SO, please let us know if you changed your email address, so we can make note of it in our database used for announcements. Simply send us an email to: Pool@BraddockHeights.org.

Improvements - This year, more lounge chairs were replaced and one more new table will be delivered this year. A volunteer has cleaned 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 email 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, email 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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