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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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FALL EVENTS SCHEDULE

SUMMER SPLASH AT THE POOL

Sunday, Sept. 4

Noon - 3:00

Rain Date: Mon. Sept. 5

FALL PICNIC

Saturday, Oct. 1

Noon - 2:00

Rain Date: N/A

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, Oct. 15

8:30 - 11:00

Rain Date: Sat. Oct. 22

* **The Summer Splash** is a family-fun event at the pool including games, prizes and refreshments. All pool members are invited to come out and enjoy an event that wraps up the summer season at the pool.

* **The Fall Picnic** is a relaxed gathering at the pavilion, with the BHCA providing hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and place settings. This is a pot luck event, so please bring a dish to share!

* **On Clean-Up Day**, neighbors and friends assemble to prepare the BHCA park for the winter season. Activities include raking, landscaping, and general branch / trash pick-up. Donuts, OJ and coffee are provided, and "little helpers" are welcome.

Dear Members - Summer finally arrived as defined by the high temperatures and humidity. Great to have a pool to go to. Our pool is the envy of a lot of Frederick people, not just Braddock Heights. The pool recently placed second in the Best of Frederick 2016 competition for swimming pools. We have had several complaints from pool members regarding "kiddie pool" overcrowding and a lack of parental supervision of children in the kiddie pool. Since lifeguards are not directly responsible for the kiddie pool, it is imperative parents/adults with children in the pool pay close attention to them. Guards have been instructed to ensure there is adequate supervision and take positive action where there are violations. We want everyone to enjoy their day/afternoon at the pool; however, where there is a lack of supervision and children misbehave, it ruins the experience for other children. On another note, starting September 1, 2016, the Braddock Heights Pavilion and Community Center will no longer be available for public rentals. These facilities will be reserved for Braddock Heights community

events only until such time as the Board completes its review of facilities usage and makes a final decision on the way ahead. These facilities are fully booked for August and those commitments will be honored. We regret this, however, coordinating the use of these facilities has become nearly a fulltime job for our volunteer, plus the costs for upkeep and maintenance are not matched by fees we charge. On a closing note, my term as President and Tom Dixon's term as Secretary end in November. We are looking for two dedicated Braddock Heights residents interested in serving our community to step forward and volunteer to fill these positions. There are other Board positions that need to be filled in November, as well. BHCA is only as good as the volunteers willing to serve. We need your help. Contact me or one of the Board members listed on the back page of this newsletter. See you at the pool.

Doug Sims,
President

FROM THE BRADDOCK HEIGHTS BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM



The Swim Team season has come to an end. We finished the season with a winning record and placed 2nd in the Divisional meet! We would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of our coaching staff; Head Coach Holly Brown, Assistant Head Coach Robby Tucker, and Assistant Coaches, Raegan Corcoran, Reilly Caldwell, Kayla Burgess and Elise Wilson. The swimmers benefit so much from your knowledge and patience, we are appreciative.

This year, we hosted a record 3 meets; 2 regular season meets and the Division Championship meet all at the Middletown High School pool. We had lots of fun Spirit nights, and capped the season off with a family picnic and team swim at the Braddock Heights Pool. †Lots of fun was had by all!

We would be remiss not to thank the Braddock Heights Community Association and Pool Committee for allowing there to be a Barracuda's Swim Team. Without that support, we simply could not exist, thank you. Thank you to the 2016 Board Members, those remaining and those out going and welcome to the incoming board. Finally, thank you to all the parents and swimmers. I have enjoyed the privilege of sharing your joys and even your tears as the swimmers experienced the old cliché of the joy of victory and the agony of defeat. In the end, it was all smiles as the swimmers were awarded their trophies, gifts and certificates. We hope to see everyone back next year, and happily welcome new families as well. See you next spring.

Pam Wilson,
President, Braddock Heights Swim Team Board

BHCA FACILITY RENTALS DISCONTINUED

After many years of running a rental program for the community center and pavilion, the BHCA board of directors has decided to discontinue renting these facilities. Existing reservations through year-end will be honored, but new reservations will not be accepted. A big THANK YOU to Karen Koltz who has served as Facilities Coordinator for the last three years, and to Jaime Dixon who served in this role prior to Karen. The Facilities Coordinator role is one of the most time-consuming volunteer positions in the association, and the board's decision was primarily based on the lack of a new volunteer willing to take on this position.

TO THE BRADDOCK HEIGHTS BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM FAMILIES:

Thank you for supporting your swimmer(s) and all of the swimmers on our team; 131 swimmers strong! Thank you so much, for all the time and energy you shared with our team this season. We had a great season, full of fun and friendships, improved techniques and times, and many happy memories. We say good-bye to senior swimmers, Siglinda Lyons and Evan Wilson, you will be missed. Lucky for us, senior Raegan Corcoran has one more year of swim eligibility. We also say a special thank you to Kevin Corcoran as the outgoing FSSL League Chair, and longtime liaison for BHST. Barracuda's have a great time, making best times! Hope to see everyone back next year.

2016 BHST Parent Board



SUMMER SPLASH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH 12 NOON - 3:00PM

Summer swim season is more than half over. Keep enjoying the pool and plan on having fun at the season ending SUMMER SPLASH 2016 - Sunday, 4 September, noon to 3 p.m. (Rain date for this event will be 5 Sep, Noon - 3pm.) BHCA will provide hotdogs, drinks and the fixings - and the games! Naturally! We do ask participants to bring a dish to share.†

Please plan on attending for fun, sun, and swimming!

PS - We need a couple of volunteers to help out. Please contact Doug Sims at email: simsda1@gmail.com or phone: 301-606-3326.

SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Summer Splash! Please join us for our annual event, which will take place on Sunday, 9/4/16, from Noon until 3 p.m. Rain date is Labor Day Monday, 9/5/16. (The pool closes for the season at 8 p.m. on 9/5/16.) The BHCA will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share!

Continental Pools Update: Guards are 'extra' eyes on your children. Please keep them in sight at all times and be in arm's reach for non-swimmers, regardless of floatation devices. 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 e-mail to: pool@braddockheights.org so we can resolve any issues promptly.

Memberships for 2017: We will have the same pricing structure as this year. Our volunteers on the Technical Sub-committee plan to have the e-application online as of January 2, 2017. 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 are 'live.' Of course, you can check us out on the website at any time: www.braddockheights.org. Don't miss our "Early Bird Special" in the month of January. The primary member can renew for \$250.00 and receive (6) FREE guest passes! (This means that your application, payment and photo(s) were received within the month of January.)

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.

Pool 'Wish List' for 2016 & Beyond: If you have suggestions for what improvements you would like to see at the pool for next year, or future years, please send an e-mail to: Pool@BraddockHeights.org. The budget meeting will occur in September 2016, for next year's season. We would love to hear from you! At present, we intend to invest in a couple of new powder-coated tables to replace some of our classic wooden picnic tables. We also plan to invest in a couple of new umbrellas to test our healthy Braddock Heights wind.

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 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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