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**BHCA Directory**

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Program Comm. Chair: Tom Dixon, 301-371-5690  
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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>.

**Send dues to: P.O. Box 243, Braddock Heights, MD 21714-0243**

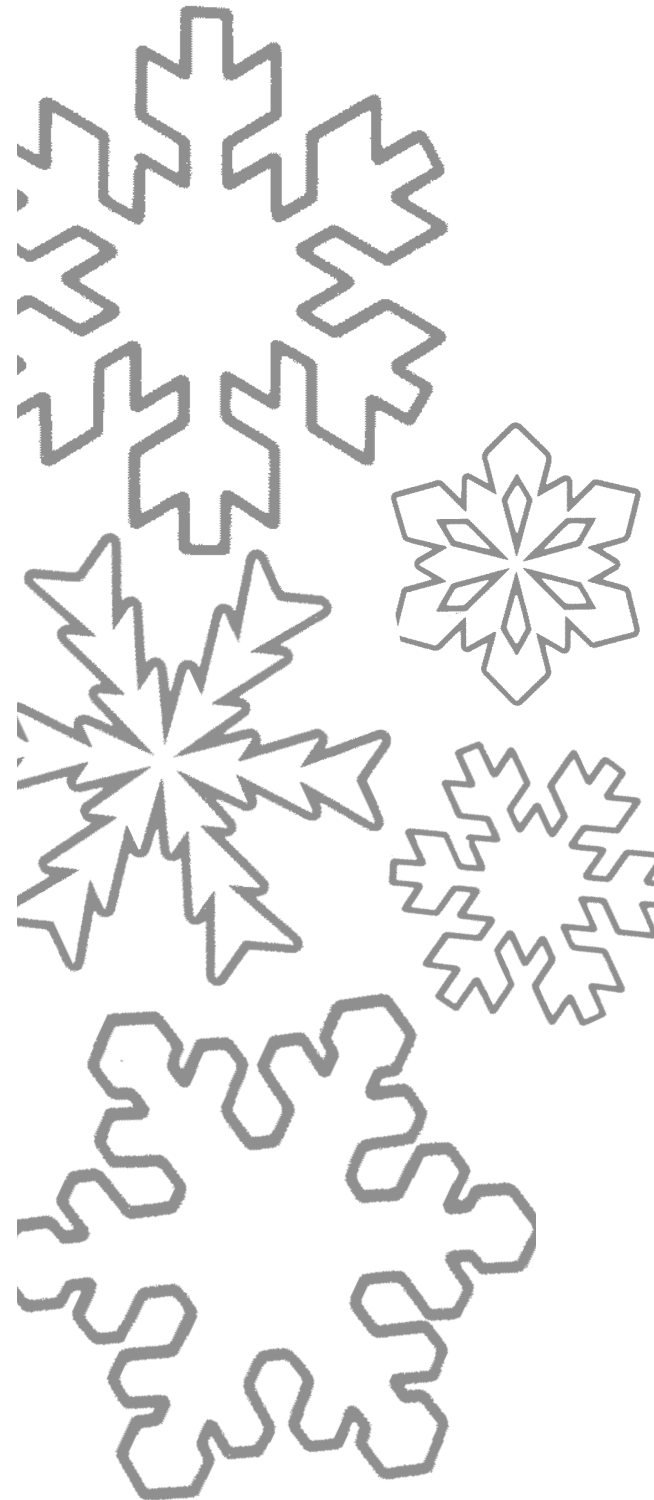
**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Fellow BHCA Members - -

While Karen and I were not there Tuesday evening, we heard the BHCA general membership meeting went extremely well with over 20 BHCA members in attendance. That evening, Jay Smathers was officially elected as the new BHCA President and Bev Donald was chosen to be the new BHCA secretary. Officer positions are filled on a two-year basis. Board members re-elected for a three year term included Daryl Happ and Bill and Penny Jacock. Tom Dixon, the outgoing BHCA secretary, was elected to fill the 4th vacancy for the 2019 group. I know you join me in thanking these folks for volunteering to serve the Braddock Heights community. Elsewhere in this abbreviated newsletter, you will find critical information concerning the 2017 Swim Season. Lisa Tosh continues to serve as Chairperson for the pool committee and she has a full plate of tasks to be completed before we open the pool next May. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, and I urge you to make contact with her to see where you can help. Our next newsletter will announce dates for our annual events all the way from spring clean-up to fall clean-up. Finally, I hope you have had a chance to drive by the park to see the new playground apparatus installed a month ago. After some grading around the playground, we have been able to divert a majority of the rainwater that used to flow across the playground so run-off of mulch should be drastically reduced. We still have to add a layer of 6x6 foot timbers on the north and east sides, and fill the entire area with about 6 inches of mulch before phase 1 is completed. As you can tell, there is a lot that goes into maintaining our park. We hope you will consider volunteering in some capacity to help make Braddock Heights a great place to live and raise a family.

On behalf of your Officers and Board of Directors, I want to wish you a wonderful, fun-filled holiday season.

Doug Sims,  
*Outgoing President*



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

We are still hoping to have the annual Braddock Heights Community Dinner & Auction in early 2017. Watch the newsletter and your email for updates. Please check your attic or basement for auction donations. We are looking for Braddock Heights historical items, antiques, art, jewelry, gift baskets/cards, and nicer household pieces. Donations from local businesses, artists, and craftsmen are also needed. Please drop your items off with Mark Koltz (6811 Maryland Ave).

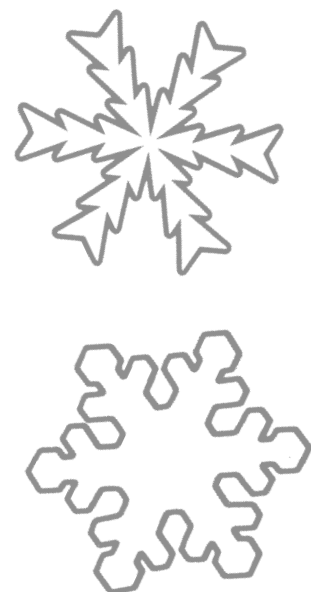
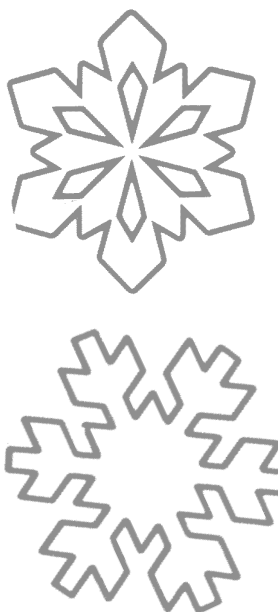
Last year we filled the Braddock Inn ([www.thebraddockinn.com](http://www.thebraddockinn.com)) and enjoyed great food, service, fun socializing, and an exciting auction. All proceeds will benefit the Braddock Heights Historical Society. We expect another spirited battle for design rights to the 2017 Christmas tree ornament.

Speaking of which, the 2016 ornament is pictured here. Congratulations to Peter Brooks and local artist Stacy Krantz (more on her at [www.inbloomjewelry.com](http://www.inbloomjewelry.com)) for winning design rights. Stop by the post office to add it to your collection. Price is \$15. Past ornaments are also for sale.

If you are interested in participating or helping out with the auction or other BHHS events, 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.



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**Buy one entry, get one 50% off with this newsletter!**



## SWIMMING POOL NEWS

### MEMBER FEEDBACK REQUESTED about Pool Management Company!!:

As most of you are aware, Braddock Pool was managed by Continental Pools this past year--a new pool management company for Braddock. We are looking for specific feedback—both positive and negative. If you are willing to take the time to send us an e-mail: [Pool@BraddockHeights.org](mailto:Pool@BraddockHeights.org) or call Caroline Milam at: 240-409-3189, we would really appreciate it! We are always looking for improvements, and for the best pool management company for Braddock Pool. The volunteer Pool Committee meets year-round to discuss suggestions, resolve issues, and plan changes.

**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](http://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) must be received within the month of January.)

**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 e-mail: [Pool@BraddockHeights.org](mailto:Pool@BraddockHeights.org).

**Pool 'Wish List' for 2018 & beyond** – Our annual budget meeting for the 2017 season took place in September. If you have suggestions for improvements you would like to see at the pool for 2018 season, please e-mail: [Pool@BraddockHeights.org](mailto:Pool@BraddockHeights.org). 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: <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 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!) Currently, we meet 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. However, we will be discussing an alternative meeting night, so don't let that stop you from contacting me at: [Pool@BraddockHeights.org](mailto:Pool@BraddockHeights.org) or 301-371-9721. 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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