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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*

ions, time and talent as a member of the Pool Committee. You do not have to be a resident of Braddock Heights to participate as a committee, or sub-committee member.

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. ***We meet at my house, in Braddock Heights, at 7:30 p.m., on the third Thursday 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*  
[pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org)  
301-371-9721

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

After only two board meetings, I'm already impressed by the volunteer energy put forth by our friends and neighbors to make Braddock what it is. Thanks to Lisa Tosh and her team of volunteers we are heading into 2017 with an 85 year old swimming pool that is once again the envy of nearby communities. Such things do not happen without real effort, and this is Lisa's 10th year of making it happen!

The departing BHCA president, Doug Sims, was instrumental in creating an entirely new playground. In addition to replacing the old equipment, new retaining walls were installed creating a larger and safer play area. The final touches to the playground will be made as winter fades next month.

After three full years of managing rentals of the community center and park pavilion, Karen Koltz has handed this volunteer position off to Nancy Moser. Nancy, a lifelong resident of the Frederick area, and the owner of the renowned antique venue - The Mill at Keymar, selected Braddock Heights as her new home last May. She is already contributing her time to help our community retain the charm that drew her here -

she is leading by example! Facility rental details can be found on our website ([www.braddockheights.org](http://www.braddockheights.org)).

The unofficial patriarch of the BHCA, Tom Dixon, has an article in this newsletter summarizing our past years finances. This article makes clear significant annual funds are required to maintain our facilities. The people on the board making these decisions are mere volunteers. This is my first foray in a community association volunteerism. I have found it refreshing to observe a diverse group of neighbors successfully put their backs to common purpose. New board members are elected each fall; -all one need do to get on the BHCA board is to volunteer. If you enjoy the special character of our neighborhood, consider rotating into the lineup and helping to make the decisions that are required to preserve it. You can email me at [president@braddockheight.org](mailto:president@braddockheight.org) to get yourself on the ballot this fall or with general questions about serving on the BHCA board.

Jay Smathers,  
*President*

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

Most people think Braddock Heights history started when the trolley brought people to the mountain at the start of the 1900s. However, Braddock Heights got its name during the French and Indian War in 1755. General Edward Braddock, with the help of 1,400 British troops, stopped the French from taking land claimed by Britain. Braddock met with Benjamin Franklin, Colonel George Washington, and others during the campaign. In May 1755, he pushed west through present day Braddock Heights (Old Braddock

Road/US 40 Alt.), toward Fort Duquesne in attempt to oust the French and their Indian allies.

Driving up US 40 Alt. from Middletown you can find a historic marker and monument commemorating General Braddock's route and the "The National Old Trails Road." Eighty-five years after originally being erected (see the picture of the original), the monument was moved to its current location in 2009.

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**BHHS NEWS** *Continued from page 1*

The BHHS is dedicated to the preservation and research of the landmarks, structures, and historic areas of Braddock Heights. Stop by The Braddock Inn to see some of the great memorabilia we have on display. We hope the items on display will provide a glimpse into Braddock Heights' history. If you are interested in participating in the BHHS, 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.



**BHCA 2016-2017 BUDGET**

A \$170,195 operating expense budget for the BHCA 2016-2017 fiscal year was approved at the general membership meeting in November. The largest expense categories in this budget include: \$81,500 for pool management / guards, \$25,000 for park / facility maintenance, \$14,325 for utilities, \$12,000 for insurance, \$10,000 for general pool maintenance, and \$7,020 for accounting services. In addition, a \$72,960 capital budget was approved which includes \$18,000 for playground improvements / equipment, \$13,300 in mortgage principal / interest payments, and an itemized list of major maintenance items for the pool. If all of the capital budget items are implemented, the BHCA would reduce its reserves, set aside for major pool maintenance items, by more than \$56,000. The board is planning to monitor association financial status closely and may decide to push some of the major pool maintenance items into the next fiscal year. Running an operation that includes a large community pool and a park / facilities complex is quite an undertaking! Copies of the complete budget are available upon request by contacting Tom Dixon, at 301-371-5690 or thomasadixon@comcast.net.

**SPRING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY**

Sat. April 1  
8:30 - Noon  
Rain Date: April 8

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sat. April 15  
11:00 - 12:30  
Rain Date: N/A

**SPORTS PARADE / SPRING PICNIC**

Sat. May 13  
11:00 - 3:00  
Rain Date: May 20

\* 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 FREE hot dogs and hamburgers right off the grill.



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

**SWIMMING POOL NEWS**

**M**ark Your Calendars - Earn (6) FREE pool guest passes for volunteering!!!

- **BHCA Spring Park & Pool Clean-Up**  
DATE: Saturday, 4/1 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon, with a "rain date" of Saturday, 4/8.
- **Pool Clean-Up Days**  
DATE: Sunday, 5/7 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon, with a "rain date" of Saturday, 5/20.

We are always looking for volunteers - for ANY amount of time! - 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.

- Pool Opening: Saturday, 5/27/17, at 11 a.m., (for the Memorial Day weekend)
- Pool Closing: Labor Day Monday, 9/4/17, at 8 p.m.
- 'Summer Splash' event: Sunday, 9/3/17, from 12 noon until 3 p.m.
- Rain Date for 'Summer Splash': Labor Day Monday, 9/4/17, from 12 noon until 3 p.m.

**Policy Changes for Pool Parties & Large Guest Groups**

We have implemented a new policy for 2017, to ensure that we always have enough pool staff to accommodate guests when any member wants to bring large groups of non-member guests to the pool at one time. If you plan to have more than (5) guests at the pool during a single visit, you are now required to notify the pool manager at least 48 hours in advance of the pool visit. Please include the date/time of the event and the number and approximate ages of all the guests. Remember, we require a ratio of one adult for every five guests who are children (under 18 years old).

**Now Hiring All Guards / Gate Guards!** - Continental Pools will be managing Braddock Pool once again this year. They are well underway in hiring all guards and gate guards. The Braddock Pool was fully staffed for the 2016 season by the end of February 2016. So, if you know of anyone who would like to be a gate guard or a lifeguard for the 2017 season, **please act immediately!**

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 Wes Long, who is the

staffing coordinator this year. His phone number is: 301-498-1000, and his e-mail address is: [WesLong@continentalpools.com](mailto:WesLong@continentalpools.com).

**Deadlines for 2017 Membership:** The "Early Bird Special" deadline for returning members ended on 1/31/17. As of 2/1/17, **the standard season rate of \$285.00 for the primary member is NOW in effect through 4/1/17.** On 4/2/17, the primary member rate will be \$320.00 until maximum membership is reached, so please act soon! All new members will receive (6) FREE guest passes for joining the pool in 2017. Our volunteers on the Technical Sub-Committee have the 2017 Pool E-Application on our website and ready for retrieval: <https://braddockheights.org/about-our-pool/join-our-pool/>. If you would like a paper application mailed to you, please contact our volunteer in charge of membership: Caroline Milam: 240-409-3189.

**Improvements:** We plan to add more "powder-coated" tables, invest in some newer lounge chairs and large cloth umbrellas, and we will continue to offer FREE Wi-Fi. Simply ask the gate guard for the password. In addition to the usual investment in umbrellas (researched annually) and more new bases, we will be purchasing more new filters to keep the pool as clean as possible.

**Facebook:** We hope you found it helpful to check us out under 'Braddock Heights Swimming Pool': <https://www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation>. Feel free to e-mail us at: [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org) if you have any questions or suggestions for future postings. When the pool opens, and weather issues present themselves, we encourage you to contact the Braddock Pool gate guard desk: 301-371-8007, to find out about pool closures due to heavy rain/thunder/lightening.

**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.

**Want to help?** We have an OPENING!! We are looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering his/her opin