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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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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
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

“Hie on up to Braddock!”

School is almost out and the pool is open! Once again we reached membership capacity. Lisa Tosh, our Pool Committee, and its many volunteers did an outstanding job painting, cleaning, repairing, and preparing the pool. Please watch out for increased traffic in the neighborhood as our members enjoy the park and pool. We ask everyone to slow down and car pool when possible to ease parking challenges.



As my first official act as the BHCA President, I want to thank Jay Smathers for his leadership the past seven months. Jay provided us with a fresh perspective and was instrumental in helping with numerous facility issues and readying the pool for its Memorial Day weekend opening. With Jay's guidance, we were able to significantly reduce insurance costs. I hope I can have a similar impact as I take over the role. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at president@braddockheights.org.

We added fresh mulch to the playground last month and saw the start of little league season on our baseball diamond. Stop by and enjoy a nostalgic game. Bookings for our community center and pavilion are filling up fast. Please see our website (www.braddockheights.org) for information on how to reserve the facilities. The website is a great resource for all Braddock Heights news and pool information. You can also check us out of Facebook.

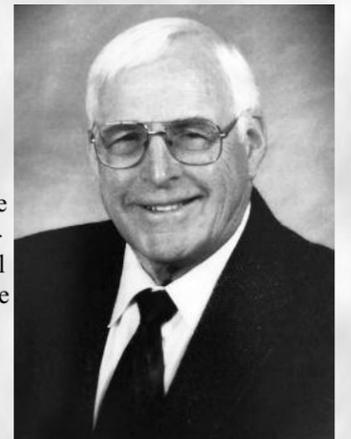
Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a big success, with over 40 families coming out to enjoy the event. Lauren Smathers assumed the leadership reins from Leah Koltz. Great job Lauren and all her helpers! Hopefully, many of you joined us for the Spring Sports Parade and Picnic held on May 20th. The event is a great way to spend time with your neighbors and enjoy the unique things that make Braddock so special.

Finally, even though we just opened the pool, your Pool Committee is already planning the always enjoyable Summer Splash event to mark the end of the swim season. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 28th. Until then, we will see you at the pool or in the park. Have a fun-filled summer!

Mark Koltz, *President*

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

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of one of our community patriarchs, Robert McCutcheon, Jr. Bob is synonymous with Braddock Heights and the greater Frederick community. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Braddock Heights Historical Society and helped keep our history alive with many a story from the old days of Braddock Park. His legacy will live on through his family, local business, and those great stories and memories.



Bob was born in Pasadena, CA on August 2, 1921 to Robert J. McCutcheon, Sr. and Helen McCullagh McCutcheon. He was the husband of Doris Fulmer of Frederick, MD. Bob and his family moved Braddock Heights in 1933. He attended Middletown High School where he excelled in academics, track and field, and served as Senior Class President of the graduating class of 1940. Bob served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the U.S., England, France, and Germany as a flight engineer on transport planes. After the service, Bob attended the University of Maryland, College of Business and Public Administration, in College Park and graduated in 1950.

His father, Robert McCutcheon, Sr., along with his grandfather, William O. McCutcheon owned and operated McCutcheon Apple Processing Co. in Frederick. The family business produced apple cider for local farmers. When his father died suddenly at the age of 54 in 1947, Robert continued the family business,

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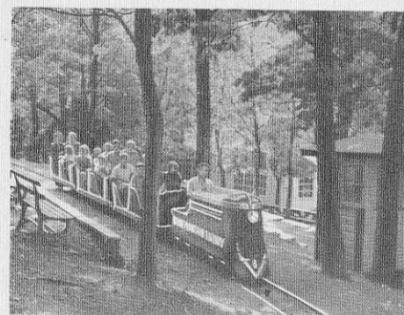
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along with his mother Helen, his brother Bill, and with the aid of his sisters Barbara and Rebecca. Bob and Bill continued the business, expanding the product line and sales territory considerably. They incorporated in 1971 as McCutcheon Apple Products, Inc. which remains in business to this day. Bob continued to work until 2015 when he had a stroke at age 94. He then served on the Board of Directors until his death. Working with his family was his pride and joy.

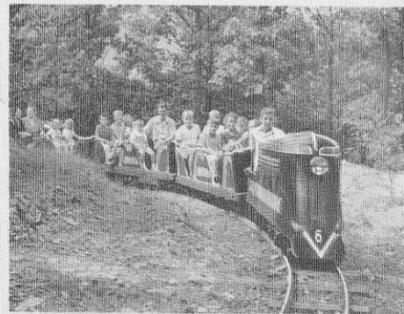
The highlight of Bob's life was being married to his wife Doris. They were married in 1954 and made their home in Braddock Heights on the same spot as the original Braddock Hotel. They traveled throughout the world including a thousand mile cruise up the Amazon River.

Take a trip back to the early days of Braddock Park and ride the Blue Mountain Railway. Bob could be found as an engine driver and sometime mischievous prankster shooting at train passengers as they rounded the bend. We will miss you Bob. Thank you for everything you gave us.

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 and memorabilia for our archives.



BLUE MOUNTAIN RAILWAY, BRADDOCK HEIGHTS, MD.



BARRACUDAS BULLETIN

The 2017 Braddock Heights Swim Team season in the Frederick Summer Swim League is underway! Pre-season practices have begun (at the Middletown High School pool) and our first outdoor practice will be on June 12th at Braddock Heights pool!

We have plenty of fun events scheduled! First up is a restaurant night at The Main Cup on June 7th! Please come have dinner at The Main Cup and a portion of the proceeds benefit our team. We also have the season kick off picnic, kickball night, nail polish night, Fun Fridays and more! Meets are held Saturday mornings through July 22th, though competing in every meet is not mandatory.

The BHST strives to be a competitive, yet fun-loving team and it is not too late to join! All of the 2017 season information is posted to the website and on-line registration is open through June 14th via our website: <http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recfsbhb>

Swimmers ages 5-18 (as of 6/1/17) are eligible to join. Swimmers must be able to independently swim the length of the pool; but the ability to do all four strokes is not required. Our experienced coaching staff is again being lead by Head Coach Holly Brown.

Meet dates/locations for the summer of 2017:

- Sat. June 17 - Barracudas AWAY vs. Mt Airy
- Sat. June 24 - Barracudas @ HOME (MHS pool) vs Brunswick
- Sat. July 1 - Barracudas @ HOME (MHS pool) vs Whittier
- Sat. July 8 - BYE
- Sat. July 15 - Barracudas AWAY vs. Dearbought
- Sat. July 22 - Divisional meet at MHS hosted by Brunswick
- Sat. July 29 - All Star meet at Mt Airy (time qualified meet)

All meets start at 8:00 AM!
Come join us! We hope to see you on the pool deck!

Historic Neighborhood Restaurant



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SWIMMING POOL NEWS

URGENT!! - NO Sanitary products are to be flushed down the toilets. There are signs posted to this effect on each of the stalls, and there are receptacles in each stall. Already, we have had to close the pool due to this issue. The pool is over 80 years old, but, there is nothing wrong with the plumbing as long as no sanitary products are flushed. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

2017 Membership - We have reached our maximum pool membership over a month before the pool opens! The electronic application is no longer available on our website for this pool season. Please email: Pool@BraddockHeights.org in order to go on a Wait List for the 2018 season.

"Summer Splash" - ****CHANGE IN DATE****
Please join us for our annual event on Sunday, 8/27/17, from 12 noon until 3 p.m. There will be NO rain date. We will have "Ray the DJ," again and tons of fun. If you are available to volunteer for the event, in any way, please contact Doug Sims: 301-606-3326.

Swim Lessons - Lessons are still available for scheduling. You can check out our website to explore opportunities for your children, or even yourself: www.BraddockHeights.org. Please do not hesitate to contact MacKenzie Petrey 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, 6/15/16, through Sunday, 7/30/17.

Lost-N-Found - At the end of the day, the pool staff will place all items found in a bin right inside the guardhouse. Please help us to keep the guardhouse neat by removing your items promptly. We remove, wash, and donate the items to charity each month (and more frequently, if needed).

Did Your E-mail 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 for announcements, as well as reminders for pool renewal for the next season. Simply send us an email to: Pool@BraddockHeights.org.

REMEMBER -- 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 email Pool@BraddockHeights.org and 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).

Improvements - We donated some of our older wooden picnic benches, and replaced them with "powder-coated" tables that come with a 20-year guarantee. Each year, we invest in new sets of filter to keep the pool as clean as possible. We also purchased a new robot that runs all night long, and we continue to invest in more new lounge chairs and large cloth umbrellas each year. Lastly, we replaced the diving well guard stand with a permanent stand. 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! Don't forget--there is FREE Wi-Fi at the pool. Simply ask the gate guard for the password.

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 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, 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 opinions, 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