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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

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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 Caroline at 240-409-3189, or 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.

Lisa Tosh
Volunteer Pool Committee Chairperson
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The summer is almost over. Thank you all for another great pool season. Make sure to read the articles in this newsletter on the Summer Splash (08/27), Fall Picnic (09/30), and Fall Cleanup (10/21) ... we hope to see you there. We have had several new families move into Braddock Heights the last year. Please welcome them and spread the word about the BHCA and BHHS.

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to Lisa Tosh for her amazing support to the BHCA and pool committee for the last 19 years!! Lisa is stepping down from her duties to pursue a career in teaching. We wish her well and know she will make a great teacher. Caroline Milam will take over as the new Pool Committee Chairperson. We are indeed in good hands. Don't forget to register early for 2018 membership ... we were

full very early this year.

Big improvements are coming to the Braddock Heights Baseball field. We plan to start major projects during the late fall. Make sure to come by the field to root on the Frederick American Little League teams over the next few months. They will be back out there in the spring as well. As always, please watch out for traffic around the park and pool. In addition, please observe the 25 mph speed limit throughout the community and watch out for our kids.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at president@braddockheights.org.

Mark Koltz, *President*

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

Interest in the Braddock Heights Historical Society has diminished quite a bit the last few years. We are hoping our community can continue to celebrate and remember the wonderful history of Braddock Heights Park, the trolley, and the special homes that adorn our neighborhood. 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 these items 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.

A great example of a local community embracing its past can be found in Myersville and Wolfsville

(see old picture below). The Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society was formed in 2015 and has had several great events attracting hundreds of people. Check out their web site at <http://myersville-wolfsville.weebly.com>. Their next event on the history of the stills in the hills of Frederick County will be held on October 27th at the Myersville Fire House. Several Braddock Heights residents are sure to attend.



FALL PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The BHCA will hold its annual fall picnic on Saturday, September 30. The picnic will run from 12:00 noon until 3:00pm at the BHCA Pavilion. The association will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and paper place settings. Please *bring a dish to share*, and enjoy an afternoon in the park with your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you then!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! ... FALL CLEAN UP DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

The annual Fall Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 8:30am to 11:30am, at the BHCA Park. Please wear work clothes and bring yard tools, as there is plenty of weeding, raking and general clean-up that needs to be done. Coffee, orange juice and doughnuts will be provided. Rain date, if needed, will be the following Saturday, 10/28. Come out and enjoy a fun, hands-on community project!

FROM THE SWIM TEAM

BARRACUDAS WIN! BARRACUDAS WIN!

What an exciting 2017 season of 1st for the swim team!

We had an undefeated season and won the Championship Meet! We will be moving up a Division next year! Our dream team of coaches; Head Coach Holly Brown, Assistant Head Coach Robby Tucker, along with Assistant Coaches; Raegan Corcoran, Reilly Caldwell, Kayla Burgess, and Lizzie Brown, led the largest Barracudas team ever to these terrific accomplishments. To cap it off, another record breaker, we had 30 swimmers qualifying for the All-Star meet! Weather threatened our picnic plans,

but swim team Mom and Youth Pastor, Beth Hutton at MUMC came to the rescue and let us host our picnic in the social hall. Awards and prizes were handed out while we celebrated with lots of good food and friends. I would be remiss without thanking the 2017 Parent Board, Christy Kehlbeck, Jennifer Schmiel, Julie Nicholson, Sara Wornom, Juli Virts, Jim West, Yanira Gordon, Maya Pilkington, Stephanie Phillips, Mark Hodor, Jennifer Hartinger, Patti Koliass, Michelle Baird, and Guy Pilkington. Thanks for the countless hours dedicated to making this team so much fun for the kids. Speaking of volunteers....the FSSL is all volunteer run and without ALL the help from the parents and guardians of our swimmers we couldn't be as successful as we are, in and out of the water. Thank you to everyone! Super special thank you goes out to Kevin Corcoran who, after well over 15 years, has concluded his time with the Barracudas. We say a heartfelt thank you and wish good luck to the entire Corcoran family.

That's a wrap of 2017 season! See you in May 2018!

Braddock Heights Barracudas, a team above all, above all a team!

Pam Wilson
BHST 2017 Parent Board President

SWIMMING POOL NEWS

“**Summer Splash**” - 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” spinning tunes once again and tons of fun. If you are available to volunteer for the event, in any way, please contact Doug Sims: 301-606-3326.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

After over a decade of chairing the Pool Committee, effective this month, I have decided to step down and take a leave of absence from the Pool Committee, so I can focus on my change of career to become an elementary teacher. After two years of full-time work and school, I am excited to begin my full-time internship this fall in the Frederick County Public Schools at the end of this month. I also will be taking a leave of absence from the BHCA board of directors, where I have been a contributing member since 1998, when we first moved

to the Braddock Heights area. I feel the need to focus fully on getting settled on my new path.

Please Welcome **CAROLINE MILAM** as your new volunteer Pool Committee Chairperson!! Caroline has been a Pool Committee member since 2011, when she launched our first electronic application. Currently, she is still in charge of the e-application as well as membership. She and her family live in Braddock Heights and Caroline has been a BHCA board member since 2015.

I want to thank **RIC PAXTON** for his decade-long service to the Pool Committee! He has also decided to leave the Pool Committee due to his job and job-related duties. He has served on the BHCA board for many years, prior to the Pool Committee, and we are grateful for his years of valuable input and service. It was Ric who encouraged me to join the BHCA board within a month of us moving to the area. Many happy and productive times!

Want to help? Since both Ric and I are leaving the Pool Committee, we have **two openings!** We are looking for folks who are interested in volunteering their opinions, time and talent as members 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 Caroline 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. The Pool Committee meets the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is on September 21st.

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 enjoyed some extra time at the pool with family and friends until 8:30pm

(Thursdays through Sundays), from when school was out on Thursday, 6/15/16, through Sunday, 7/30/17. We intend to offer the same extended hours next pool season!

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).

End of Season Pool Closing – As usual, the pool will close at 8:00pm on Labor Day, September 4, 2017.

2018 Membership – Remember, we reached our maximum pool membership for 2017, back in April. Please be ready to renew your membership beginning January 2nd. All returning pool members should receive an email reminder.

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.

Improvements – For the 2018 season, we intend to invest in a couple more “powder-coated” tables that come with a 20-year guarantee. Each year, we invest in new sets of filters and cartridges to keep the pool as clean as possible. We also will continue our annual purchase of more new lounge chairs and large cloth umbrellas. We intend to replace the guard stand, at the sliding board end of the pool, 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—we offer FREE Wi-Fi at the pool, and plan to upgrade the router for better reception at the far end of 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