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Membership Information

Ask your neighbors if they are members of the BHCA. If not, let them know for \$50 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 www.braddockheights.org.

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POOL NEWS

Happy New Year from the Pool Committee!
Registration is now underway, and following the first weekend, we are already 20% full. Early bird registration ends on January 31st, so if you want the \$50 discount and 6 free guest passes make sure you are registered and paid before the 31st. Those who are sending checks please ensure they are postmarked before January 31st to ensure early bird pricing. We look forward to continuing to update the pool deck furniture and expand on the successes of the two member parties in the summer. Additionally, we are always looking for new folks to join the committee to reflect the diversity of ideas of our pool members. If you are interested in joining and helping shape the path forward for the oldest continuously operating pool in Maryland, please join the Pool Committee for a meeting or better yet as a member. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Braddock Heights Community Center at 7:30pm. If you have additional questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us at pool@braddockheights.org.



*See you at the pool
this summer!*



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings! Your Board of Governors wish each of you a terrific 2020. Already the 2020 Swim Season is upon us as it is time to renew your membership. See the Pool Committee Report elsewhere in the newsletter. There is still much to do before the gates open and we are hopeful we'll have volunteers to help with some of the "clean-up" items necessary to provide a grand opening Memorial Day weekend. I want to report the Board's request for a grant to upgrade our playground was not approved by the County. We are not discouraged though and we will make another request when the County determines the amount of grant money to be distributed later this year. We have two Board members very familiar with the grant process so we are

encouraged by that. Thanks to our volunteers, the Community Center and Pavilion are now available to rent. As the leader of our Association, I can't emphasize enough the value of volunteers. All Board and committee members are volunteers; however, they can't do it all. We can always use extra volunteers on the Pool Committee, especially when it comes to planning and supporting seasonal events. We will be announcing spring clean-up dates, the annual spring parade and picnic, as well as pool clean-up dates – these events require volunteer support. Again, Happy New Year and we wish you the very best in 2020.

Doug Sims, *President, BHCA*

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (BHHS) NEWS AND INFORMATION

Soon after New Year's Day snow blanketed Braddock Heights and transformed the mountain back to simpler times. For a day we were reminded of the magical scene depicted in the postcard below. Longtime residents will recall how many locals and Washingtonians (including the Kennedy's) learned to ski on the small slope next to the Schley Inn (home of today's Braddock Inn). It was the first ski slope in Maryland and boasted a 300 foot vertical drop with trails as long as 1,200 feet. The "Ski Way" included "Strudel Run" and had a T-Bar, two rope tows, and snow making capability. Built in 1962, you can still see remains

of the equipment today. The pond (280,000 gallons when first built) behind the Inn was also dug as part of the ski slope construction. Skiers had to learn to stop quickly or they ended up in the pond! Ski Way operated until the early 1980's.

Happy 2020! If you are interested in participating in the historical society, please contact Mark Koltz at markkoltz@gmail.com. In the meantime, please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories (like skiing at Ski-Way) or memorabilia for our archives.

Braddock Colony in Winter, Braddock, Md.

