

# BRADDOCK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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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](http://www.braddockheights.org).

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### POOL NEWS

Welcome 2021! We have been ready for the New Year for quite some time and as it has brought a renewed spirit, the cold weather likely has many longing for the long hot days at the pool. Pool registration is in full swing and although there have been a few technical "snafus," that we are greatly sorry for, we have reached 50% capacity in a month of registration being open. This is a far faster pace than years past. We are closely following all things COVID to ensure we can deliver another safe and great season to our members. We are always looking for fresh ideas, so please contact us at [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org) if you would like to join the committee and play a part in the future of the pool. See you at the pool in a few months!

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*Braddock Heights Pool Committee Chair*



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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BHCA Friends and Neighbors,

It is hard to believe that we are closing in on a full year of this alternate reality called living with a global pandemic! The Board continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and we continue to be hopeful that this summer will bring a return to full capacity at our beloved community pool. However, in an abundance of caution we have decided to again cancel our annual Easter Egg Hunt, and postpone scheduling our Spring Sports Parade and Picnic. We hope that as vaccinations roll out, restrictions will be lifted, and we can return to safely gathering among the community.

We did pick a date for our Spring Clean-up: Saturday April 10 with a rain date of Saturday April 17, 8am to noon-ish. Contact our Board Facilities Co-chairs Mike Cottrell or Craig Campbell to let them know how many in your family can pitch in so they can plan accordingly how much we can accomplish. Or feel free to just show up at the park with yard tools in hand! Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided in the Pavilion for volunteers. We can expect to follow social distancing guidelines in the clean-up effort.

If you are interested in information about vaccinations in our county, please see the county website (<https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/614/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>), which includes a "pre-registration"

Vaccine Interest Form for those who are not yet in eligible categories (from page <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/8083/COVID-19-Vaccine-Resources-Information>, direct link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LTTGSAY4Q0id7GpAsbuHNwWNYN1Yz5tBp0XTFg0s7vVUMENLRVNLtkJJT1gyMkFaOTVLT0xSUTUwViQIQCN0PWcu>). In the meantime, please stay safe and join me in continuing to follow social distancing guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control - we are almost there!

Be sure to follow the Braddock Heights Swimming Pool Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation>), our website (<https://braddockheights.org>) and Post Office bulletin boards for updates on spring events and swimming pool membership availability and opening.

Email [president@braddockheights.org](mailto:president@braddockheights.org) if you would like to join any of the monthly board meetings or have an agenda topic to discuss. Volunteers welcome!

Stay safe and hope to see you on the Boulevard (from a distance)!

Caroline Milam  
President, BHCA

### BHHS NEWS AND INFORMATION

While our community is known for its rich resort history and historical homes, many successful businesses have operated here over the years. Today we are lucky to have a diverse group of businesses operating in the neighborhood. A few have been here since the early days of Braddock Heights. The Braddock Inn has had several incarnations and is the proud home of the BHHS archives. The Inn is open for curbside pickup. Beachley's Variety Store is another Braddock landmark and continues to be the neighborhood destination for convenience items and liquor. While they were not around in the heyday of Braddock Heights, other businesses like McQuarrie's Physical Therapy, Bombshell Salon & Boutique, InBloom Jewelry, My Red Bow, Braddock Motors, and Long & Foster are delivering top notch products and services to the community. Like all of us, they are challenged by the impact of COVID-19. Support your local proprietors!!

I recently came across a few old Braddock Heights matchbooks that included the Vindobona Hotel and Bob's Place. We know that the Vindobona is now a nursing home and rehabilitation facility. There was a gas station at the corner of Old Route 40 and Maryland Ave. (where Long & Foster is) in the 50's and early 60's, but I do not think it was also the home of Bob's Place. Who has insights on Bob's Place and where it was, when it operated, and who owned it (Bob I guess, LOL)? Stay safe, support your community businesses, local contractors, and artists. Please think of others during these extraordinary times. If you are interested in participating in the historical society, please contact Mark Koltz at [markkoltz@gmail.com](mailto:markkoltz@gmail.com). In the meantime, please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories or memorabilia for our archives.

