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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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If you would like to join the committee during this active time in preparation for the season or have any questions regarding the pool and/or membership, please contact me at [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org). We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and, in the meantime, please be on the lookout for important registration information.

-Will  
Braddock Heights Pool Committee Chair

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**B**HCA Friends and Neighbors,  
 Hard to believe another year of living with a global pandemic is coming to a close. And as vaccines became available and restrictions lifted, we were able to re-open our pool to full capacity and host our annual Sports Parade combined with Fall Picnic. Many thanks to **Will Wood**, **Pool Committee** chair and his committee volunteers for managing our uncertain financial situation and making the pool season a success! A special shout-out and congratulations to **Claudia Terrill** for her Pool Committee (and Easter Egg Hunt) contributions as she steps down and makes room for a new family member. **Doug Sims** again served as pool management company liaison. Thank-you to **Natasha Pavlovich** for on-going Community Center and Pavilion schedule coordination, and **Mike Cottrell** and **Craig Campbell** co-charing (and doing) Facilities Maintenance. Special thanks for **Karen Sims** who serves as Newsletter Editor and resident Cat Herder without whom you would not be reading this article!

**Tom Dixon** and **Craig Campbell** teamed up to organize and lead our long-postponed Fall Sports Parade and Picnic. Many local sports teams and our County Councilman Jerry Donald (driven by daughter Blair Donald who flew down from

Boston just to drive in our parade!) were among the marchers. These events do not happen without a full roster of volunteers: **Karen Koltz** "deep cleaned" our pavilion beforehand, **Claudia and John Terrill** painted portions of the pavilion; **Craig Campbell**, **Mike Cottrell**, **Karen Koltz** and **Jake Bal** setup the picnic, then **Craig** headed down the Boulevard to join **Bill Jacobs** to get the parade started, returning to join **Mike** as part of the famous BHCA Grill Duo; **Penny Jacobs**, **Harry Lashley**, **Karen Koltz** and **Ann Paxton** formed our Kitchen Team; and after all that **Craig**, **Mike**, **Karen**, **John**, **Mark Koltz**, **Will Wood** and **Ric Paxton** stayed to clean up. I am all the more grateful to the team because family matters kept me out of town this year and away from my usual kitchen duty.

We completed the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the black once again (*see budget article for more details*), and approved a budget for 2021-2022 that holds membership fees to this year's rates. Thank-you to **Mark Koltz** for serving as Vice President, **Jody Koogle** for serving as Treasurer and now Vice President, and welcome to **Jake Bal** as our new Treasurer. **Doug Sims** and I will continue our roles as Vice President and President through next year. Welcome to our new Board and Pool Committee members **Mike Pfarr**, **Tom Bidinger**, **Carrie Heritage**, **Julia Remsberg**, and **Michele Thornton**.

Our Sidewalks and Speeding Sub-committee co-chaired by **Carrie Heritage** and **Lara Westorp** has been busy trying to address long-standing challenges with the state of our sidewalks and speeding through the neighborhood. The County approved a multi-million dollar

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capital improvement project to bring Braddock Heights sidewalks up to ADA compliance per Maryland State regulations, and affected residents should have seen a survey from the county. We look forward to partnering with the county to continue to provide resident inputs with a Public Meeting as soon as December 2021. The project will take multiple years to go through the County planning, review, and execution process. On the speeding side, many of you have posted "Please Slow Down" signs; we have requested and received increased patrolling at times; and Lara continues to work legislation-based initiatives that would provide additional tools for speed management.

**Pool registration opens in January** – start checking then <https://braddockheights.org> or watch for an email if you joined last year. BHCA events will also be posted at <https://braddockheights.org> and our Facebook site [www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation), so keep an eye out for **spring clean-up** and other fun events!

The Board will continue to meet the **first Wednesday of each month 7:30-8:30pm**. Our meetings will continue to be all-virtual (Zoom), so email me at [president@bhca.org](mailto:president@bhca.org) if you would like to join or have an agenda item. Interested in helping on the Pool Committee? Email Will Wood at [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org)! We are an **all-volunteer** organization, and we would love to see a fresh batch of faces in 2021!

Caroline Milam,  
*President, BHCA*

**YEARLY BUDGET RECAP**

**W**ith the uncertainty of the pandemic's effects on pool membership, the board once again took a cautious approach on budget matters this past year. The board voted to defer approved capital improvement items where possible. The upcoming fiscal year's budget will

include several much-needed capital improvement projects as well as our usual outlays involving pool operations and park maintenance. Some major outlays include \$115K to our pool management company for pool operations, \$22K for property maintenance, \$20K for pool maintenance and repairs, \$1K for pumphouse loan paydown, and \$11K for electric/propane for pool and property. Copies of the full 2021/2022 budget are available by emailing [president@braddockheights.org](mailto:president@braddockheights.org).

It has been a pleasure serving as the BHCA Treasurer these past 2 years. Please welcome Jacob Bal in his first stint as Treasurer.

Jody Koogle  
*BHCA Treasurer*

**POOL NEWS**

**H**appy Fall Everyone!  
Now that the pool has been winterized, we move into the busy time of getting it ready to enjoy for the Summer of 2022. In the air of this time of change and giving thanks, we are thrilled to welcome several new pool committee members (Tom Bidinger, Carrie Heritage, Julia Remsburg, and Michele Thornton) and are very appreciative of their time and willingness to serve the members at our beloved pool. Furthermore, I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to those who have been serving on the committee with me (Claudia Terrell, Craig Campbell, Betsy Ehrlich, Mary Mills, Doug Sims, and Hillary Sizemore) for these past three years. Many have been serving for several years prior to my arrival as well. My gratitude also goes out to those who served on the committee in year's past. Lastly, I am grateful to the members who give us a reason to serve the community.

Thank you to those that filled out the survey. Once we get final numbers from this past season, all maintenance and any approved updates will begin in earnest. We have decided to keep the rates static for this season and look forward to Memorial Day weekend 2022! Typically, registration opens early mid-January for the early birds. *Continued on page 4*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY RUN OR WALK**

**T**welve years ago, Regina Clark started the Braddock Heights New Year's Day Run or Walk in memory of her nephew Vinny. He passed from childhood cancer. He was a loving, giving child. Each year she selects a local family or charity that is near and dear to our community to donate the "entrance fee" funds; which is donation only (any amount). This year she has selected The Umbrella Project, a non-profit organization providing grieving young adults 18-25 years old a supported hiking experience with their peers to help facilitate the healing process.

The run or walk starts at the Braddock Heights Community Center (4834 Schley Ave.) at 10:30 am. The route ranges from 1 mile to 8 miles, you choose. It runs along the ridge with great views and, if you like, it includes Teen Barnes Road.

It is a great way to start the New Year! Bring friends, family, and neighbors!

If comfortable bring the leftover cookies and goodies you want out if your house ☺, to share after the run.



**The Umbrella Project**

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Healthy Lifestyle  
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