



BRADDOCK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BHCA Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Spring – according to the crocuses I see along the Boulevard! We are looking forward to renewed community activities in 2022. Thanks to falling COVID rates and Jody Koogle for organizing our new crew of student volunteers, our annual Easter Egg Hunt is back (*see BHCA Spring Events article for details*).

Kudos to the Pool Committee and our members for the highest rate of pool registration to date! We have already registered 75 percent of our annual capacity. Not too early to nudge your friends and neighbors to go ahead and reserve their spot!

Calling all volunteers! Join us for Spring Clean-up Day Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to noon (rain date: April 9) to get the park and pavilion in top condition for the Easter Egg Hunt and park visitors. “Many hands make light work.” Please contact Mike Cottrell (240-490-7757) if you know you are coming so he can plan our project list. Forget to RSVP? Join us anyway, yard tools in hand. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be provided in the Pavilion for volunteers.

Gentle reminder to keep dogs on leash and off the ballpark, and, please, always scoop the poop!

Any members of your family on a sports team or community group? Invite them to march in our Annual Spring Parade and Picnic (*see BHCA Spring Events article for details*). Parade participants gather at Vindabona Nursing Home 10-10:30am for 11am start. Email president@braddockheights.org to get connected with the parade organizer.

Caroline Milam, *President, BHCA*

SCHEDULE SET FOR BHCA SPRING EVENTS

The BHCA is planning three events to usher in the spring season.

The annual **CLEAN-UP DAY** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to Noon** (rain date: April 9).

Friends and neighbors meet at the park on Clean-up Day and spend the morning sprucing up the park, playground, and pavilion areas in preparation for the outdoor season. Activities will include general pick up, raking, landscaping, and painting. Volunteers are asked to bring tools such as wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, and gloves. Come down to the park, meet some new people, and enjoy the end-product!

Our traditional **EASTER EGG HUNT** is planned for **Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. – Noon**. Kids of all ages are welcome, and the eggs will contain all kinds of goodies! This will be a rain-or-shine event.



The **SPRING PARADE & PICNIC** will be held on **Saturday May 7** (rain date: May 14). The parade will feature Frederick American Little League baseball teams and the Braddock Heights Barracudas swim team. The procession will start at Vindabona Nursing Home at 11 a.m. and travel up Jefferson Boulevard to the BHCA Park. Then, starting at Noon, picnic-style food will be available at the park pavilion. In addition, there will be live music by local band ‘Ragged Company’ and a clown for the kids.

AARP TAX-AIDE FOUNDATION APPRECIATES BHCA SUPPORT



AARP Tax-Aide Foundation provides free tax preparation for more than seniors. While its primary focus is seniors, the service

is open to all ages and most income brackets. During the past two years, BHCA has allowed the local district use of the Community Center to provide this service to not only the Braddock Heights community but to clients in Washington County

and far reaches of Frederick County. Through 15 April, this site will provide services to nearly 200 clients – many who will be visiting Braddock Heights for the first time. The Frederick District Coordinator appreciates this support and is proud to let others see what a great community Braddock Heights is. Thank you BHCA Board of Directors.

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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.

Send dues to: P.O. Box 243,

Join the BHCA Today!

Membership information below.

POOL NEWS

Spring is in the air! Registration is 75% full, so if you want to join, please do so quickly to ensure the best rate (rates increase May 1st) and your spot at the pool this summer. We have a number of new internal programs we will be instilling this summer to increase member and guest safety as well as communication with the guards. In addition, we will be bringing back the pool parties. We are in the discussions on what improvements can be made to the pool and if you would like to join that discussion, please let me know and I will send you a meeting invitation. The pool will soon begin its transformation from winterization to being ready for opening. Lastly, please familiarize yourself with the pool policies regarding households and ensure that your pictures are uploaded to your account, as there will be a penalty for not doing so. The pictures are our form of ID and are important for managing guest usage. You can reach us at the pool committee by email at pool@braddockheights.org if you have any questions or comments. Only two and half more months until opening!

-Will, Braddock Heights Pool Committee Chair



FOOD TRUCKS ARE A'COMING....

This summer, to add to the fun at the pool, we are hosting a selection of local food trucks throughout the summer. Specifics, with the different trucks, dates and times will follow.

Now we will get to enjoy the pool, support local businesses and taste some amazingly delicious food, all at the same time!