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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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Thanks to the enthusiastic support from the BHCA, the team will now swim year round! This will give a great opportunity for the swimmers to continue building their stroke skills and maintaining their stamina in the water. The team will swim at the Middletown High School indoor pool. You are not required to have been a member of the summer team, so sign your child up today! Spaces are limited. *Go Barracudas!*



BHCA Friends and Neighbors,

What a beautiful summer it has been up here in Braddock! As a pool member myself, I am struck at how amazingly well the pool has been managed this year (shout out to RSV Pools and RSV Manager **Jeff Hodos**). And how about the new food trucks arranged for pool members by a newer Pool Committee member **Julia Remsberg** - kudos for joining the Committee and making something delightful happen! (We did experience an unanticipated noise challenge which fortunately was easily solved with an extension cord!) Many thanks to **Will Wood** and the entire **Pool Committee** for a great season!

I want to recognize the Braddock Heights Barracudas Swim Team and BHST Board Leaders **Deana Snyder** and **Yanira Gordon** for working with the Board and Yard by Yard to find an effective solution to a safety concern during Tuesday park maintenance. It took a little getting used to, and we have been running smoothly all summer! **Congratulations Barracudas** for sending 17 swimmers to **All Stars** our first "real" post-COVID season!

In June, **Gabe Cottrell** completed his Eagle Scout project to rebuild the playground wooden bridge, supervising BHCA and scout volunteers. The new bridge looks fabulous, and we know it was a success because children were sighted having a grand time on the new bridge within hours of completion!



**THE NEW BRIDGE LOOKS FABULOUS!**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The pool season will be ending soon, but the fun in Braddock goes on! Thanks to first year Board member **Mike Pfarr**, we are bringing back the **BHCA Fall Picnic on Saturday, October 8th from 11am to 3pm**, with rain date Saturday, October 15. For the first time, we are conducting the **Annual BHCA General Membership meeting during Fall Picnic** to vote on Board and Pool Committee members and our 2023 BHCA Budget, so please do be sure to attend. All paid BHCA members can vote, and write-ins for open ballot slots are entirely welcome. Interested in helping out at the event? Contact Mike Pfarr at [mwp861108@gmail.com](mailto:mwp861108@gmail.com) or 410-491-1319. *Mark your calendars and be sure to bring a neighbor!*

I sometimes listen to a podcast that has a segment called "My Unsung Hero", and I would like to add a "My Unsung Hero" this newsletter for **Craig Campbell**. Craig has been on the board for decades, has served in officer positions and currently serves on the Maintenance Subcommittee. In recent seasons, Craig has taken a leadership role in pool facility maintenance. You can often find Craig on a lounge chair near the diving well during pool season. But you also always find Craig at every park cleanup day, every grill crew, and every BHCA affiliated event (e.g. Eagle Scout construction crew). Craig is a roll-up his sleeves and jump right in to help kind of a neighbor, and we are all very fortunate to have him as a friend and neighbor. **Thank-you, Craig!**

Interested in joining the fun as a board or committee member? The Board meets each 1st Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Community Center and the Pool Committee meets each 2nd Tuesday (location has been varying between Pavilion and Zoom meetings). Not all committees require meetings, and please reach out to me at [president@braddockheights.org](mailto:president@braddockheights.org) with your areas of interest.



## BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VILLAGE HOSTS FIRST FRONT YARD FRIDAY

The Braddock Heights Village hosted its first Front Yard Friday on July 8th from 5 to 7pm in Jan Ciarkowski's front yard on Jefferson Boulevard. The Braddock Heights Village team of Amy Jones, Jan Ciarkowski, and Caroline Qualey are exploring the potential to develop a community in which we can age in place with community support. The team held a meet and greet at the Braddock Heights park pavilion on May 4th to begin community discussion of the idea. Fifteen people attended the Front Yard Friday event in July, and Amy Jones provided a brief overview of the ageing in place and village to village concepts. Many people had ideas and suggestions for the community, and several people volunteered to assist with community development. The attendees were very enthusiastic and many met neighbors they had not known before. There are plans for another Front Yard Friday in September. If you have questions about this effort or would like to volunteer, please email: [BraddockHeightsVillage@gmail.com](mailto:BraddockHeightsVillage@gmail.com).

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

Our community is rich with history and so many special homes. The BHHS is hoping to capture and share the history of some of these amazing properties. Mike Pfarr provided a wonderful overview of the forgotten history of **Hays Cottage**. Hope you enjoy learning and reminiscing.

As you drive on Maryland Avenue, you'll pass Hays Street and the cottage known by many as Hays Cottage. This naming recognizes the cottage's longtime owner, Ms. Carlotta Hays and her family's contributions to Braddock history. Hays owned the cottage from 1931 until her death in 1987 and was a well-known Frederick County Public Schools teacher whose family first came to Braddock when she was a young woman in 1923. Some in the community still recall Hays or have heard the lore concerning her family's contribution to Braddock history via her mother's boarding house enterprise in the 1920s and 1930s and her continued residency in Braddock along with her sisters, Harriet Null and Genevieve Engle.

However, many fail to realize that the cottage was already 25 years old when Hays purchased the property in 1931. From its inception in 1906 until its sale to Hays in 1931, the house was well known and documented as Haller Cottage. As one of

the earlier cottages in Braddock, this summer home was constructed for Mr. Thomas H. Haller of Frederick City.

Haller was one of the founders of the Braddock community whose involvement included the Braddock Building and Development Company and the Frederick-Middletown Railway, for which he served as Treasurer. A well-to-do Frederick businessman profiled in Williams and McKinsey's *History of Frederick County Maryland* in 1910, Haller saw leadership and ownership in Frederick's Union Manufacturing Company, Citizens' National Bank, Economy Silo and Tank Company, as well as his Central Dry Goods Store residing at 17-19 North Market Street in Frederick City. The newly constructed Haller Cottage was pictured in Wood's *Beautiful Braddock: Sketch of Braddock Heights* in 1907 and was captioned as the "cottage of the Treasurer of Frederick Interurban Railway Company on Maryland Avenue."

Braddock summers continued at Haller Cottage for the next 25 years. A *Frederick News Post* article from 7 May 1915 highlighted the opening of Haller Cottage for the season by Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Newman, citing that "Mrs. Thomas H. Haller and daughter, Miss Ruth Haller, will go to Braddock for the summer later in the season." The last Haller Cottage summer was commemorated in 1930, as the *Frederick News Post* alerted that "Mr. William G. Zimmerman and family who occupied Haller Cottage at Braddock Heights during the summer, have returned to Frederick" on 3 October 1930. By the next spring, the cottage finally changed hands as the property was sold by Haller to Hays and recorded by the deed dated 2 March 1931.

By this time, Braddock was changing as the country faced the Great Depression. Hotel Braddock, which sat next to the Haller property, had burned down in the summer of 1929, and was never rebuilt as the business had previously begun to decline. The community entered a period where the summer cottages of prominent Frederick, Washington, and Baltimore businessmen and officials were transformed into boarding houses. It was at this time that an aging Haller determined to also part with his summer cottage in Braddock.

While Hays' impact on the Braddock community shines bright through the naming of Hays Street, the legacy of Haller as a founding father of Braddock Heights is not to be forgotten. Next time you pass Hays Street and Hays Cottage, tell your family or friends that Hays Cottage was originally known as Haller Cottage and was named for Mr. Thomas H. Haller, a Braddock Heights founder and prominent Frederick businessman.

If you are interested in participating in the historical society, please contact Mark Koltz at [markkoltz@gmail.com](mailto:markkoltz@gmail.com). If you have historical information on a Braddock Height home or property, we would love to include it in a future newsletter. Please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories or memorabilia for our archives.

## POOL NEWS

As we wind down the 2022 pool season, we are grateful to all the volunteers, the guards, and the members for making the pool the magnificent place it has been for over 90 years. A lot of changes were made this year that, in my eyes, added definite value to the pool experience and I trust everyone had a similar sentiment. I hope many of you were able to join us at the rekindling of our Summer Splash pool party. Many thanks to Ava Gordon and Doug Sims for emceeing the event and Claudai Terrill for leading the charge. It was nice to see good old fashioned, no screen fun being had by all the kids.

As school comes into session, the pool will begin opening on weekdays at 12pm. The pool will close for the season at 8pm Labor Day. To end the season right, the Roasthouse Pub food truck will be onsite at noon Monday, September 5th. Many thanks to Julia Rensburg for her tireless work on selecting and scheduling the food trucks this summer. We hope everyone was able to enjoy them on at least one occasion. Many thanks again to Jody Koogler for his many years donating his time to the vending machines and additional thanks are in order for Michelle Thornton for securing a new vending operator to keep the machines stocked with the goodies the patrons enjoy. I would also like to thank long time pool/board member Craig Campbell for his dedication to ensuring the pool facilities are in good working order.

However, the biggest thanks go to Jeff Hodos and the rest of the guards. They worked tirelessly to ensure we, the membership, had a safe and wonderful summer. I have never gotten so

many unsolicited compliments and that is truly a testament to their commitment to the Braddock Pool. We certainly hope to see many, if not all, of their faces in the chairs next summer. Please let them know how grateful you are of their service this summer.

As the committee begins its off-season work we would be thrilled if you or someone you know would have the desire and time serving on the pool committee. Please contact me at [pool@braddockheights.org](mailto:pool@braddockheights.org) if you are interested or just want to get more information. Looking forward to a wondrous Fall, a snowy Winter, and a warm Spring to shuttle us into the 2023 pool season.

-Will  
Braddock Heights Pool Committee Chair



## BARRACUDA NEWS

The Braddock Heights Barracudas successfully completed its first full season since 2019. The team consisted of 139 swimmers from ages 5-18. Many of the swimmers were new to competitive swim due to the long hiatus but learned quickly under the fantastic coaching by Holly Brown and her wonderful staff. The team also hosted three home meets where we saw great swims and enjoyed music by DJ John and offerings from a variety of food trucks.

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## BSA TROOP 278

Braddock Height's BSA Troop 278 has experienced great growth is past year. Nine news boys joined the troop! Braddock residents will notice more cars and activity at Camp Baker on Thursday nights and the occasional weekends.

In the spring the troop advanced another Scout to the rank of Eagle. Dylan Turner built the new gaga ball pit at MUMC for his project, in addition to the years of work he spent learning leadership and life skills. Troop 278 is proud of his accomplishment!

A group of eight members of Troop 278 traveled to Colorado and New Mexico June 26-July 12 to hike at the Philmont Scout Ranch. It was a challenging and exhilarating trip for all involved. The group hiked over 100 miles and summited two mountains, Mt. Philips, and the Tooth of Time.

Remember, they'll be coming to your homes the first two Saturdays in November for the annual Scouting for Food supporting the Middletown Food Bank. The first Saturday they deliver information, the second Saturday of November they will pick up food.

