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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 quarterly 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring! My favorite time of the year. Mother Nature finally wakes up after a long slumber. Check out all the flowers and trees starting to push new growth.

The BHCA has been very busy and are happy to announce, the pool will have a new slide! Scheduled delivery is this fall. The parking situation on Schley Ave has been addressed- new parking places have been marked. Check it out!

Spring means more and more neighbors will be walking on Potomac Ave, Schley Ave, Jefferson Blvd and Maryland Ave. Please SLOW DOWN. Also keep an eye out for our kids playing, they can wander into the street after a fly ball or a missed catch.

Clean up day was a wash out the first planned weekend and we ended up having rain on the back-up day too; but.... It did not stop dedicated volunteers from doing a great job helping out the community. Thank you Craig, Misha, Bob, Daryl, Jan, and Karen K. for stepping up. What can I do to help??? Simple - volunteer!

The BHCA would love to have your help. Please feel free to reach out to one of us for more info.

If you have any questions or comments please reach me at president@braddockheights.org.

Mike Cottrell



BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VILLAGE ACTIVITIES UPDATE & CALENDAR

The Braddock Heights Village is ramping up activities. We now have a regular **COFFEE HOUR from 9-11 am on the second Tuesday of the month at the Braddock Heights Community Center.** Bring your own mug and join us for coffee and delicious baked goodies.

The Village holds a **HAPPY HOUR the fourth Friday of every month at the Community Center from 5-7 pm.** In February, Derek Stumph and his band entertained us with his band. March was a chili cook off. Future events include our own Betsy Ehrlich on April 28th with a talk on native plants at 6 pm (after we enjoy an hour of socializing). Due to the pool opening, there will not be a Happy Hour in May. Rueben Moss from the H & F Railway historical society will discuss the Braddock Trolley on June 23rd at 6 pm. On July 28th at 6 pm Officer Trevor Hajjar from the Frederick County Sheriff's department will discuss property and personnel safety. Please join us for any or all of these events.

The BH Village hosts these Happy Hour events for those interested in aging in place in Braddock Heights, but they are open to the whole Braddock Heights community. The Happy Hours are BYOB, and please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Plastic cups, paper plates and napkins will be provided. If you have any questions about these events, please email us at BraddockHeightsVillage@gmail.com.

JOIN US
FOR HAPPY HOUR



SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Happy Spring! Our 2023 pool season is coming soon! Registration is well underway and to date we are at 75% capacity! If you plan on joining the pool this year but have not got around to it yet, now is the time!

As we start thinking about the warm temperatures and our beautiful pool, please remember to check to make sure all members have their picture IDs in your MemberSplash account. Also please be sure to review the rules and policies before the season starts. You can find links to this information, operating days and times, lap lane sign up directions, food truck dates, unexpected closings, Summer Splash party and so much more by visiting our website, braddockheights.org/pool OR visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/BraddockHeightsCommunityAssociation.

Here are some dates to know:
Food Truck Dates:
Memorial Day - Rock & Rollin Roasters
June 3rd - Traditional Authentic Mexican
June 17th - Cajun Kitchen
July 4th - Stokers BBQ
July 9th - Trippy Tacos
July 15th - Coco's Grill
August 20th - Diego's World
Not a pool member? Stop by and buy some food at the food trucks and see the fun happening inside the pool...maybe you will want to think about joining next year!?!

Spring Pool Clean-Up: May 6 at 9am
Come help the volunteers get the pool nice and clean for opening day and earn 5 FREE guest passes for helping out. We want to sweep winter leaves and debris out of the area, freshen up the restrooms, pres-

sure wash tables and cement area around the slide, etc. (Rain date is May 13 and we will post on our sites if we need to move the date due to weather)

Summer Splash Pool Party: Saturday, August 5 from noon till 3pm. Bring a dish to share. We will provide chicken, drinks, games for the children and music to get us in the party mood!

Spring has sprung and pool time is on the horizon! Let the sun shine and the warm weather fun begin!

Michele Thornton and the Pool Committee

FREDERICK AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE

*"Where Childhood Dreams...
Become Lifetime Memories."*

Our motto was inspired by a speech given by Marguerite "Weetzie" Colliflower the wife of the founding coach in the league (1954) John Richard "Dick" Colliflower (both pictured here). Our former first lady of F.A.L.L. spoke these words during our 50th Anniversary celebration. She also emphasized these are the years you spend the most time together as a family and the kids should always come first! I have had many conversations with her family and other F.A.L.L. alumni in our community. The experiences from their little league days stay with them for many years. As a league, we strive to win but we also strive to create these important positive memories and even more, so we keep our mission close to our hearts, so our young players grow up to be good people.



The framework to reach that goal is critical. So, we train and practice the double-goal coach philosophy, as the term implies, has two goals. Winning comes first. But the second — and more important — goal is instilling lessons of teamwork, perseverance, sports-

manship, empathy, work ethic and other critical life skills through what happens on the baseball field.

Frederick American Little League is growing, and our board of directors worked hard in the fall of 2022 and early 2023 to revise our manager and coach selection process to find leaders and train them to practice and demonstrate the 2-goal philosophy as well as the 3 pillars of Little League Baseball:

**Character Courage
Loyalty**



Our mission and philosophy begin with our adult volunteers. We want our coaches and players to compete and win but not at all costs. Instead, we know with the right training those wins will come but we also want our children to win in school, with their families and friends within the league, and outside the league. Finally, as they become adults and move through life into their future careers, the lessons from their little league years will prove valuable in the workplace competing for promotions and being a team player in their jobs.

I have always said that regardless of what the score board displays, what my players in Frederick American display is excellent sportsmanship. How will we know when this happens?

Recently a parent of an opponent in our district took the time to send me an email and I honestly cannot recall if we won or lost. But the words of that parent will stay with me for a lifetime. It reinforces that the leaders in F.A.L.L. are moving in the right direction:

Hey there! It was great to meet you guys today!

I just wanted to take a moment and let you know how impressed we were with your team's sportsmanship. We heard their Brunswick cheer, and when I was heading back to my car one of your players reached out to shake my hand and thanked me for coming to your field. Y'all are doing things right!