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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.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BHCA Friends and Neighbors,
Hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season, and what a year 2021 has been! Although our Spring events had to be canceled due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, **Will Wood** and his intrepid **Pool Committee** were able to open our pool on-time this season. Many, many thanks for finding a way to open safely while our youngest community members were still unable to be vaccinated.

In May, the BHCA signed a charter agreement to sponsor the Braddock Cub Scout Pack 278. This furthers the core BHCA mission to “promote and encourage improvements to the educational, recreational, social and civic well-being of the community known as Braddock Heights” in our 1951 Articles of Incorporation. We have had a long-standing relationship with local scout troops - many of whom have completed service projects in our park and facilities.

Another long-standing relationship is with our Frederick Little League (www.frederickamerican.org) home team who uses the baseball field. Under leadership from **Rick Wilson**, the organization secured grant funding to improve the ball field conditions, and efforts are ongoing to raise money for additional improvements.

In October, we held a combined sports parade and fall picnic that was a resounding success. The weather cooperated, we had lots of kids in the parade, and the clown was a big hit as always. Many thanks to **Tom Dixon** and **Craig Campbell** who led the event, and the many who participated: **Karen Koltz, Claudia and John Terrill, Mike Cottrell, Jake Bal, Penny and Bill Jacocks, Ann and Ric Paxton, Harry Lashley** and **Will Wood**.

A fond farewell goes out to **Natasha Pavlovich** who has relocated out of our neighborhood and resigned as our Facilities Rental Coordinator. Thank-you very much for your service! As such, we are currently not renting our facilities until we can line up a new facilities coordinator (hint, hint).

We completed the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the black thanks to the very conservative tactics taken by our Facilities and Pool Committees and the generosity of our pool members who paid dues this year.

We held an *in-person* annual General Membership meeting at the community center this November. Thank-you to **Tom Dixon** for arranging pizza and refreshments. Our ballot was unanimously approved, and we welcome **Jake Bal** who is stepping into his first board position as our new Treasurer. **Jody Koogle** continues to serve in capacity as Vice

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President, and we thank **Mark Koltz** for his officer service as he steps into a director role. We also welcome Mike Pfarr as our latest recruit to the board, as well as new Pool Committee members **Tom Bidinger, Julia Remsberg, and Michele Thornton.**

In December, the BHCA and many community members joined the public input forum hosted by the Frederick County Department of Public Works to discuss the upcoming investment in the Braddock Heights sidewalks along Maryland Avenue, Schey Avenue, Jefferson Boulevard to Cherry Lane stop sign, and to many of our surprise, Potomac Avenue where there is currently only a sidewalk on the short stretch at the 5-way Maryland Ave intersection in front of the Happ house. Thank-you to **Carrie Heritage** and **Lara Westorp** for staying on top of our community interests in the intersecting topics of sides, speeding and parking as our sub-committee co-leads. We have an on-going effort to address speeding with DPW that requires a certain percentage of *affected* resident signatures. Expect more on this topic on 2022!

Speaking of volunteers, if you are enjoying this bi-monthly newsletter, let us all send a special shout-out to **Karen Sims** for her relentless efforts to herd the BHCA cats to collect articles, edit and publish our newsletters.

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, 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.** Email me at 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! We are an all-volunteer organization, and we would love to see a fresh batch of faces in 2022!

Caroline Milam,
President, BHCA

BHHS NEWS & INFORMATION

Happy 2022 from the BHHS. If you are interested in participating in the historical society, please contact Mark Koltz at markkoltz@gmail.com. In the meantime, please reach out and share all Braddock Heights memories or memorabilia for our archives.

**POOL NEWS**

Happy New Year Everyone! Well, we hoped 2021 would bring us a more stable situation and the end of the pandemic; although, that has been dashed by Delta and now the emergence of the Omicron variant, but at least we were able to have a safe respite with the pool. We will be working hard to ensure this is the case again. Registration is slated to open by mid-January with early bird registration, potentially a bit earlier. During early bird registration you get a \$50 discount and six guest passes, so don't miss the opportunity to save some money. You will be receiving email notifications regarding it in early January, please be on the lookout and reach out if you have any questions. The Board has kept the rates static for 2022 and we look forward to seeing many familiar and hopefully some new faces at the pool this summer. We are always in need of volunteer help. If you have the time and desire to work with us once a month, please contact me at pool@braddockheights.org. We hope everyone had a nice holiday season and remained safe and healthy throughout!

Will
Braddock Heights Pool Committee Chair

BRADDOCK BOY SCOUT TROOP 278

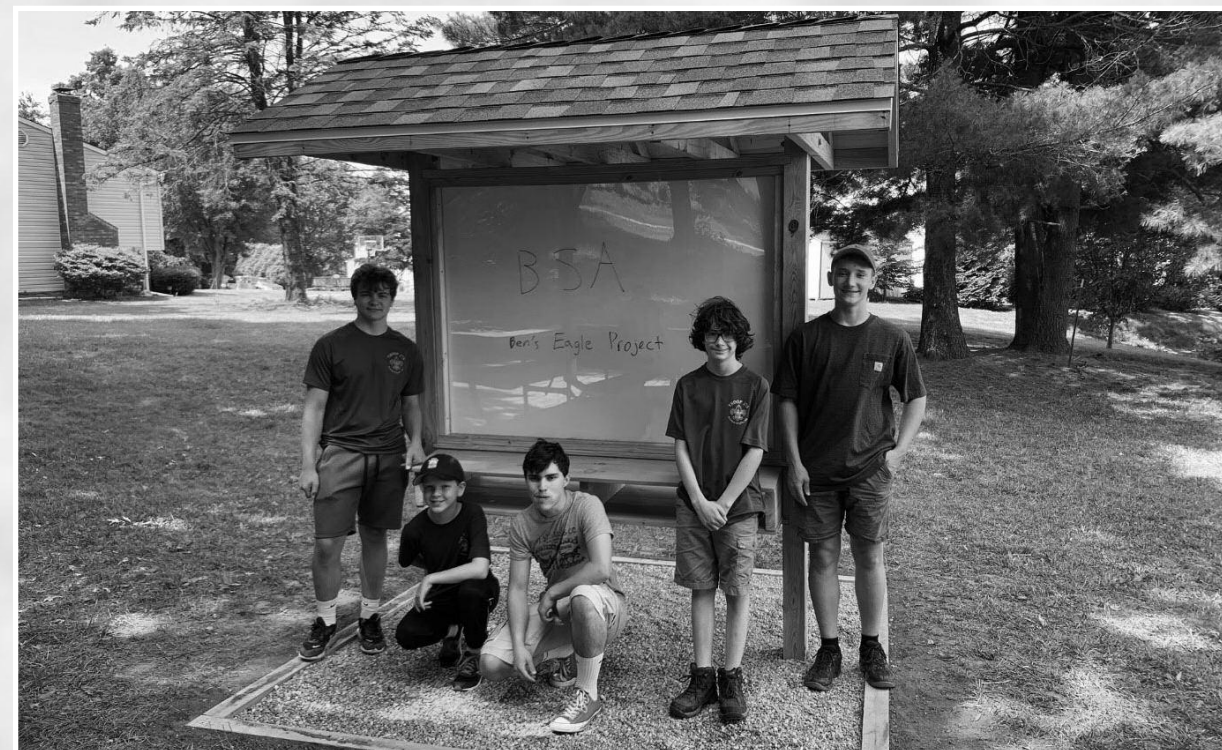
Boy Scout Troop 278 meets on Thursday nights at Camp Baker. Officially the troop has been registered with the Boy Scouts of America since 1973 but has been in existence since 1955. Camp Holmes D. Baker was donated by the Baker family of Frederick to the Youth of Frederick County. Troop 278 canvases Braddock Heights every November to collect donations for Scouting For Food, benefiting the Middletown Food Bank. Thanks to Braddock residents, these Scouts, as well as others in the Middletown Valley, collected roughly 1,300 pounds of food this year. Once a month the boys help pack food backpacks for needy children in the community through Middletown United Methodist Church (MUMC), their sponsor.

Two Eagle Scout projects were completed this year. Each young man led useful projects at

MUMC. There is now a gaga pit and an education center near the church pavilion on their property. Training leaders and community service are important parts of Scouting.

The boys also participate in various outdoor activities usually with an emphasis on skills that help them advance ranks and encourage leadership. The first half of the New Year will focus on hiking as many of the boys and leaders will be preparing for a ten-day hike in New Mexico in late June. They do monthly campouts, go on bike rides, and attend a week-long summer camp. Twice a year the troop cleans up Camp Baker to keep the property from becoming overgrown.

For more information, check out their Facebook page, BSA Troop 278 Braddock Heights, MD.



Ben Turner (far left), resident of Braddock Heights and member of BSA Troop 278 stands with his Education Center Eagle Scout project and fellow Scout members who helped him complete it.