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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BHCA Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this article, I am awaiting the final call on whether we can go forward with our annual Parade and Picnic. My fingers are crossed that as you read this article, you will have joined us for this event and that a fun time would have been had by all!

Pool Memberships are still available! If you have not renewed in recent years, I hope you will reconsider – would love to see you poolside!

A special thanks to **Craig Campbell** for organizing another successful Park Clean-up Day April 2! In addition to our usual leaf raking, trimming, and gardening, we painted the pavilion picnic tables – check out our painting crew below!



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was another success thanks to **Jody Koogle** and his high school volunteers complete with a special appearance from Mr. Bunny himself!

We installed a new retaining wall on the ramp into the pool built with needed drainage and reinforcement to last. Finishing touches are expected to complete before pool opening.

Another Eagle Scout project is underway. **Gabe Cottrell** presented the Board with project options in March, and the Board selected to rebuild the playground wooden bridge with BHCA funding and volunteers.

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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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Welcome back to **Mary Koster** who has returned to the BHCA as our volunteer social media guru. Mary keeps our website and Facebook posts up-to-date, and does an amazing job with graphics!

Interested in joining the fun as a board or committee member? The Board meets each 1st Wednesday at 7:30 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 with your areas of interest.

Caroline Milam,
President, BHCA

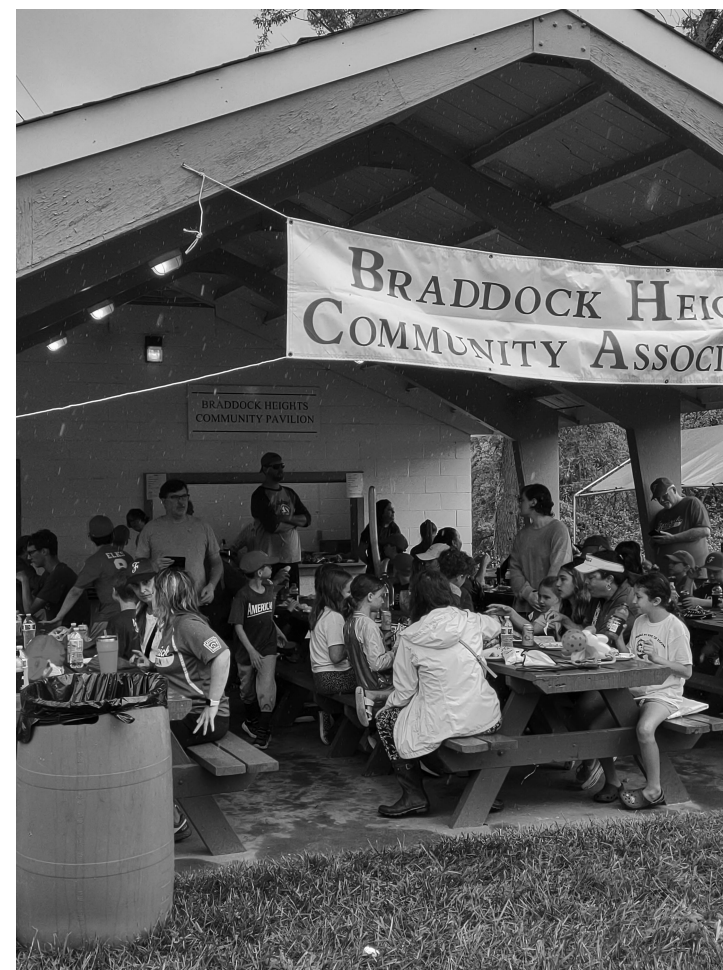
BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VILLAGE AN AGING IN PLACE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Amy Jones, Jan Ciarkowski, and Caroline Qualey are exploring the idea of an aging in place village in Braddock Heights. For those unfamiliar, google aging in place villages or go to the *Village to Village* homepage at <https://www.vtvnetwork.org/>. We have developed a survey and had our first meet and greet at the community pavilion. Initial results support development of social programs. If you are interested in learning more about this concept, please email us at BraddockHeightsVillage@gmail.com.



AARP VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARATION A SUCCESS

Thanks to the BHCA Board of Governors, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers were able to provide assistance to almost 200 senior citizens in and around the Braddock Heights area. The Community Center is a perfect venue for this type of operation. Much like the Tax-Aide program, BHCA programs are made possible through the dedication of volunteers. We are hopeful the facility will be available next year. We rely on volunteers. If there are those interested in volunteering for this program, please call 301-830-5288 and leave a message.



The Spring Picnic was a success!



POOL NEWS

It is almost here! Pool season begins in a few weeks and we have several announcements we would like to make for the summer of 2022.

The pool will be operating in a pre-pandemic format; however, reservations are granted priority for the lap lanes and will be enforced as necessary; yet reservations for the pool will not be required on any days. Additionally, Senior Swim will still be the first hour, but reduced to Mondays and Wednesdays.

One very exciting announcement is that we have made arrangements with several Food Trucks to be at the pool this summer. Many thanks to the hard work of Julia Remsberg in securing the below vendors on the associated dates:

Diego's Grill May 30

Coco's Grill June 4th

Cajun Kitchen June 25th

Stroker's BBQ July 4th

Arepaqueen July 23rd

Roasthouse Pub September 6

****Please be on the lookout on Facebook and our website for times as well as any weather or other related changes to the schedule.****

In addition to the food trucks, we are excited to welcome a new snack and drink vendor for the upcoming pool season. You will see many different types of products and they may change periodically. Expect to see price adjustments

from previous years. Please note that vending machines will be filled several times per week, but not every day. It should be expected that some items may sell out faster than others. Please plan your pool visits with this in mind. A BIG THANK YOU to Board member Jody Koogler for years of dedicated service volunteering to operate the vending machines and to Michelle Thornton for her hard work in securing a new vendor.

The pool committee also worked diligently to ensure this summer is as good as ever performing various maintenance items and replacing the plexiglass dividers at the bay pool. Furthermore, Jody and Craig Campbell made major repairs on the pool liner at the deep end and baby pool due to damage caused by the late season freeze while the pool was drained.

I would also like to send a special thank you from the Pool Committee to Pool Clean Up Day volunteers Jon Merone and his son James for their many contributions that day. Because of the hard work of all the volunteers (Board, Committee, and Community) working together in the off season, we all can continue to love and enjoy our special community pool in its 9th decade of operation. If you would like to volunteer on the Pool Committee, please contact us at pool@braddockheights.org. We are always grateful for new feedback and assistance.

Please remember that you **MUST** have a photo associated with each member on your account! Memberships are not active until this is done.

Lastly, we want to welcome the new pool manager Jeff Hodos. Under his leadership we are confident that the guards, members, and guests for the pool will be in great hands.

See You at the Pool!

-Will

Braddock Heights Pool Committee Chair