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😊😊😊 PLAYGROUP 😊😊😊
Did you know Blackridge has its own playgroup? They meet Wednesdays at 10:30 AM at the BCA clubhouse. Show up or contact Gretchen Morris with any questions 412-243-7713 or gncmorris@comcast.net

BLACKRIDGE SWIM TEAM - 2006


Sunday, July 23, 2006 ended our team year for the Blackridge Swim Club, with our annual banquet. Thanks to our banquet ladies we had a great dinner & fun island theme decorations. Bob Randolph provided a wonderful slide show, followed by a swim party. Our swim team was in a rebuilding year with 42 swimmers. Thank you Jean Peterson for your love & support not to mention your skills with teaching children to swim! Our super coaches, Mary Aleprete & Matthew May, led our team to championships with many events making it to the finals. We said Goodbye to three seniors, Carrie McCann, Scott Turner, & Becca Rothenberger. We were very blessed with many new volunteers & a renewed sense of TEAM SPIRIT! Over the last two years, our team broke 6 club records some of them standing since 1997! See you next year for more fun!

CLEAN UP & CLOSE THE POOL

Our work dates for the end of year pool closing are Saturday, September 16 from 9 AM - 12 PM & final clean up on Saturday, November 18 from 9 AM - 12 PM. Please come - many hands make light work!



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THE BLACKBOARD
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2006

- ★ **B52 CLUB WINNERS!** ★
- *** Week #13 ***
BCA (unsold ticket)
 - *** Week #14 ***
Rosemary Queer
Forest Drive
 - *** Week #15 ***
Russ Williams
Williamsburg Place
 - *** Week #16 ***
David & Linda Bauer
Yorktown Place
 - *** Week #17 ***
Naomi Henderson
 - *** Week #18 ***
BCA (unsold ticket)
 - *** Week #19 ***
Cathy Goehring
 - *** Week #20 ***
Susan Maskarinec
 - *** Week #21 ***
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- There are still tickets available! Contact Michelle Greenawalt @ 412-731-6518 for more details!**

PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS by Bill Miller, BCA President

Paving has been on my mind for the past eight months as the parking lot at the BCA has continued to deteriorate to the point of potholes as large as the kiddie pool. I've heard them all - from needing a step ladder to get out of them if someone fell in to an account of a car actually being swallowed up by one (one is true, the other an exaggeration). For the record, paving the lot is our number one priority. We have gotten several bids on getting it done, from band-aid to full replacement. Paying for it, however, is more complicated than one would think. At the end of last year the BCA held a very successful major fundraiser - the B52 Club. We managed to raise over \$7,000 in profit, enough to get some parking lot repair work done immediately, but are reluctant to get it done because of cash flow concerns. Cash flow concerns created by the BCA continuing to support the operations of the pool. The BCA supports the pool through payment of the pool resurfacing loan, insurance, taxes, water, sewage & some operating expenses still owed to us from 2005. The board knows the pool has every good intention to pay us; only over the next five years as the pool rebuilds membership. We can't wait for five years - we are paying the expenses now & the BCA is entitled to reimbursement. (The board was recently told that 75 members have joined this year, many at a discounted rate. Doing the math, I can tell that the BCA will never be paid for 2006.) I also know the pool chooses to not pay the BCA even when funds are currently available. In January we decided to bill the pool monthly for expenses as the BCA incurred them. We have not had a payment since April despite collecting pool membership dues & the pool currently having cash in their account. Citing other (valid) expenses, the pool board chooses to not recognize BCA expenses. Bottom line: The pool has every good intention (although not the inclination) to pay the BCA. This is not right to me. The lack of repayment is the root cause of the cash flow problems for the BCA, which leads to the non-pavement of the parking lot. There were talks about merging the two organizations - I'm all for it & I think the time has come. The BCA may come off as the bad guy, but the current situation can't continue. The BCA can't continue to bail out the BSC to its own detriment. All I can remember is where the road leads that is paved with good intentions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

B52 POOL PARTY!
Friday, August 4, 7 - 10 PM @ Blackridge Swim Club

Please join us for our summer event & cookout to thank those who participated in the B52 fundraiser! B52 Club Members will be admitted free to the event, their guests pay \$5.00 (children under 12 free). Beer & set-ups will be provided as well as picnic food (burgers, dogs n'at). Thanks for being a part of the B52 Club - your involvement means a lot to Blackridge & the work of the Blackridge Civic Association.

CONCERT IN THE PARK
Sunday, August 13, 4 - 8 PM @ Blackridge Park

Get out your dancing shoes! The concert will feature jazz legend Harold Betters from 4-6 & Blackridge's very own celebrities Cadillac Mac from 6:30-8. There will be a food booth open at the pool. Ad space is available in the programs - contact Ashlee Esplen at 412-241-6367 or abesplen@juno.com with anything from business to happy birthdays to congratulations. Also contact Gretchen Morris at 412-243-7713 or gncmorris@comcast.net to help with organizing, setup, etc. Donations for the event are strongly encouraged.

Support American Workers with Wines Made in America
Blackridge American Wine Tasting
Saturday, September 9, 5:00 PM - ? @ Blackridge Park

September's theme is American Wines (beer is also welcome). Everyone can share the wine, beer & food that the residents of the community bring, & enjoy a short presentation about the theme wine. Just bring a wine glass, food for grilling &/or appetizer to share, a picnic basket (plates, utensils, etc.) & 1-2 bottle(s) of the theme wine. The picnic is open to all, but you must be 21 years old to participate in the wine tasting. What better way to meet your neighbors & learn more about wine (& more importantly drink it)? If interested in attending, please contact Ashlee or Burris Esplen: abesplen@juno.com or 412-241-6367. RSVP is recommended, but not required. Accepting donations for the BCA.

FALLFEST
Saturday, October 14, 4 PM @ Blackridge Park

Can you believe it's already time to start thinking about fall? Well mark your calendars for this year's FallFest!! There will be pumpkin carving, food & games. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. We need lots of help with this event so please contact Gretchen Morris for volunteer information: 412-243-7713 or gncmorris@comcast.net

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Judy Diorio, Blackridge Garden Club

One of the qualities we strive for in our ornamental gardens is a succession of bloom. Achieving spring & early summer color is a pretty easy task, but late summer bloomers are rarer in our area. At this time of year, I recommend that we evaluate our gardens with an eye towards filling in empty spots & adding hot weather interest. Many nurseries have sales at this time of year, & with proper treatment, perennials planted in late summer will thrive.

Here are a few suggestions for fuss-free perennials which provide late summer/early fall color:

- *Anemone japonica*, or windflower, grows well in sun or partial shade & bloom well into fall
- Asters, especially *A. frikartii* cultivars, can be worked into most landscapes
- *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Longwood Blue,' a beautiful, shrubby plant—cut back to ground each winter
- *Clethra alnifolia*, or summersweet clethra, has very fragrant flowers & comes in numerous cultivars
- *Echinacea purpurea*, or purple coneflower, is a lovely native, which tends to self sow & attracts birds
- Fall-blooming clematis, such as *C. paniculata*, a white-blossomed vine
- Garden phlox, or *P. paniculata* hybrids, are susceptible to mildew, but are good for the back of the border & come in lots of colors to coordinate with your palette
- *Hibiscus*, or rose-of-Sharon, is a plant that I hesitate to mention, as you may be battling the innumerable naturalized seedlings of the common garden variety, but there are many cultivars available, & they do faithfully provide late summer flowers year after year.
- *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Endless Summer,' as well as 'Penny Mac,' 'Oak Hill,' 'Decatur Blue,' & 'David Ramsey' bloom all season long.
- *Physostegia virginica* or obedient plant—pretty lavender flowers, but it is in the mint family & will spread
- *Rudbeckia* cultivars, or black-eyed Susans, are native plants, & very dependable, especially the newer types

BLACKRIDGE SWIM CLUB

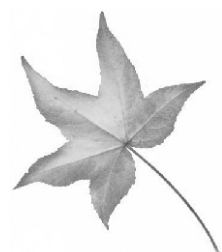
Your neighborhood pool is alive & well, thanks to our wonderful volunteers! Many improvements have been made to the club, including a new roof on the bathhouse, a new fixture in the ladies room, & a new fountain. Lots of painting, cleaning & repairing has also been completed! On the technical side we now communicate by email & have the swim club website up & running! Look for updates @ <http://www.blackridge-bca.org/swim/main-blackridge-swim-club.htm>

On the membership side we currently have 79 members & are still accepting memberships - August is a great month to relax at the pool! We offered a new membership this year for \$150.00 & 24 members have joined at this great price!

The Swim Club will be having a Labor Day Party starting at 4 PM on Monday, September, 4, 2006. We will have a sign up sheet at the pool. Bring a side dish & for \$10.00 we will provide hamburgers & hot dogs.

Thank you for another great year!

BSC Board



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EATING THE PROGRAM

Herbs will be on the agenda as well as on the menu at the BCA clubhouse when the Garden Club kicks off its 2006-2007 year on September 12. The meeting starts at 11 AM.

Cooking with, preserving & eating herbs will be on the program. Sample treats will be passed around as part of the demonstration & lunch presented by Lil Huguley, Shelley Grotzinger, Adrienne O'Toole & Shirley Rapport.

The meal itself will feature a menu of herb influenced entrees including grilled turkey breast with orange & rosemary accompanied by orzo with parmesan & basil.

At 11:30 demonstrations of the preparation of herb based hors d'oeuvres will precede the serving of lunch. Members will snack on such goodies as pita herb toasts, an herbed cream cheese that remarkably imitates France's boursin & a super mushroom pate will be included along with an herb flavored beverage.

After lunch the program will continue with instruction on how & where to grow herbs & tips on preservation. Members & guests will be able to try out some traditional beauty treatments & will be treated with advice on old-time remedies that have come down over the years. (There will be no practice of medicine without a license - just a little folk history!)

The Garden Club welcomes any Blackridge resident interested in learning more about the group to attend the meeting. There is no commitment, just a chance to see what goes on & to meet some neighbors. Reservations are necessary, however, to have enough to eat! Contact any Garden Club member including those mentioned above or call Louise White at 412-371-6950 if you'd like to attend.

An evening meeting is also scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 at the BCA. A variety of presentations will be offered to the entire Blackridge community. This program is still in the planning stage but hopefully will include advice on the division of perennials & fall planting of bulbs & perennials with plants for sale, a tasting of Pennsylvania wines, construction of flies for fly fishing, plus more to be added.

2006 BCA MEMBERS

Thanks to All Who Have Renewed Their Membership (As Of July 25th):

Paul & Claudia Agnew, Francis & Muriel Alim, Mary & Ken Antol, Kara & Spencer Baker, Susie Barbour & Rich Dugan, David & Linda Bauer, Harry & Mary Bechman, Mary Lou Benedetti, Jo & David Benn, Rob Biertempfel & Denise Grabner, Tony & Darlene Bigos, Marcy Birchard, Kathleen & David Bissonette, Winifred Bobula, Tom & Lee Borellis, W. Dennis & Penny Bossick, Andrew & Francine Bovard, Nina Bridenbaugh, Wilbur & Mary Bruinsma, Dan & Kendra Bumblauskas, Gaye Burkett, Betty Carlson, Bob & Barb Caughey, Erin & Jeffrey Cella, Todd Chrissis & Shannon Holleran, Bob & Carol Chufo, Michael Ciavarella & Dorthea Stevens, John & Pamela Clark, Bill Clark, Eric Cofield, Rick & Marcia Conley, John & Kate Connolly, Helen Copetas, Dan & Robyn Crawley, Chuck & Carol Danley, Margie Darbut, Adele David, Vanessa Davis, Ed & Cindy Delehanty, Peter & Nancy Delpresto, Joe & Helen Destefano, Bruce & Teodora Dietrich, Don Dillon & Maureen Madden, Marlene Dolecki & MaryBeth Dolecki, Nina & Alex Dow, Sally & Richard Drago, Charlie & Debi Drummond, Troy & Mary Megan Edwards, Peter & Elaine Ellis, Burris & Ashlee Esplen, Doris & Burris Esplen, Madeline Eyster, Joe & Sue Fish, Patti & Robert Fisher & Kathy Schenkel, Kathy Flood, Les Fossick & Jeffrey Audrey, Ed & E. J. Foster, Audrey Franzetta, Paul & Emilie Freese, Mark Friedman & Ray Yeo, Dona Fundis, Jay Gamze, Albert & Arlene Gardill, Debra & Robert Gates, Joseph & Jodi Geyer, Bonnie Gillis & Randolph Peters, Jennifer Gold & Sherry Kring, Erik & Kris Graybill, Ceil Greber & Gerri Hays, Michelle Greenwalt & Evan Rowles, SuzAnne Gregg, Michael & Patricia Grieco, Alvin Griffin, Eric & Shelly Grotzinger, Lieselotte Grundmann, Rose & Tom Guerrieri, Bruce & Joyce Hapke, Eileen Hardy, Bill & Judy Hasselmann, Susan Hersh & Cathy Gazzo, Marjorie Hershberger, Marie Hickam, Kevin & Anna Holloway, Neal & Lil Huguley, Frank & Anne Hussman, Eric & Heather Itle, Theodora Jaffurs, Paul & Patti Johnson, Betsy Juhas & Harry Tuminello, David & Dalanee Kennon, Pamela Kimmel, Mary Lou Kinkella, Roselyn Kline, Marshall Klotz, Richard & Dorothy Koon, Ronald & Jody Kotun, Peter & Colleen Kullen, Bob & Cara Laroche, Kathleen Larson & Ron Vulgris, Jim & Jan Lavine, Elizabeth & Jeffrey Lawrence, Paul & Lynn Leblanc, Gary & Barb Liberati, Jeff & Laura Liebmann, Michael & Linda Lorenz, Pat & Jerry Lowry, Chris & Ailish Luedde, Draga Luksic, Heather Lum & Jeffrey Havrilla, Damon Mahon & Sarah Kuharik, Hugh & Linda Manoli, Bill & Mary Anne Marchl, Joseph & Gaynell Markowski, John & Deborah Marmol, Jeremy Martinson & Janette Lamb, Lynn Martire & Dan Morrow, Elsie Mavrovic, J. Robert & Marion D. Maxwell, Gladys & Marvin May, Helen May, Chuck & Elaine McBride, John & Kathleen McCann, Kathleen McClure & Kathy Straccia, Kathleen McClure, Jim & Edith McElfish, Jim & Carnel McFarland, Anne & Robert Messner, Pamela Meyer, Candice & John Mihalik, Bill Miller & Gary Pete, Christine & Mark Miller, Gretchen Milton, Joel & Beth Minnigh, Joseph & Elizabeth Modaffari, Chris & Gretchen Morris, Anne Morton, John & Sheila Mozer, Dick & Denise Myers, Linda Myers, Eileen & Norraset Nareedokmai, Maxine Niehoff, Lewis Niel, Earl Novendstern & Maria Piantanida, Carl & Shari Ogburn, Ken & Connie Olmstead, Susan & James Omslaer, Edward & Adrienne O'Toole, Margaret Parsons, Gail & Jerry Pazak, Joseph & Maria Pagnato, Krista Perez & James Townsend, Jean Peterson, George & Deborah Pike, Alex & Dolores Powell, John & Helen Powers, Charles & Michele Puzanchera, Glenn & Rosemary Queer, Bob & Jenny Randolph, Dan & Karen Risher, Carl & Cindy Rothenberger, Peter & Terri Rubash, Philip & Dawn Salerno, Judy & Tony Schryer, Ruth & Gregg Shanahan, James & Ellen Shanley, Anne Sickler, Dan & Ronni Slain, Jason & Emily Smith, Stephanie Snyder, Glenn & Lorraine Speece, Eric Steadle & Nancy Miller, John & Barb Stember, Carolyn & Alwc Stewart, Susan Stitt, Michael Stoehr & Linda Loar, Chip Suggs & Kathy Powers, William & Jennifer Suiters, Steve & Jennifer Swenson, Ken Tarasi, Tara Taylor & Gary Franko, Robin & Amy Teets, Julia Toner, Joseph & Judy Toth-Diorio, Jeanette Trauth & Steve Jurman, James Trusilo, Tom & Darlene Turner, James Turusilo, Bob & Liz Ure, Sam & Elaine Viggiano, Mary Louise & L. Edward Walter, Hugh & Lois Watson, Helene Weinrigh, Louise White, Rebecca Whittlinger, Margaret Wickerham, Alan Wille, Russell & Julie Williams, Gerry & Reg Wilson, Bill & Laurie Winslow, Philip Winters & Kim Martin, Sherry Wright, Daniel & Erika Zajdel, Julia Zangrando, Anthony & Barbara Zeleznik, Theodore & Noreen Zupka

	Jan-06 (Actual)	Feb-06 (Actual)	Mar-06 (Actual)	Apr-06 (Actual)	May-06 (Actual)	Jun-06 (Act/For)	Jul-06 (For)	7-month (Act/For)	Full Year Budget
Blackridge Civic Association - 2006 Revenue & Expense Trend									
REVENUE									
Membership Dues-BCA		1,725	1,400	40	1,060	-	1,800	6,025	\$ 8,400
Donations		595	495	-	290		1,190	2,570	3,000
Rental Revenue	1,931	835	2,745	2,885	3,027	2,862	1,000	15,284	34,800
Rental Refunds					(150)		(340)	(490)	-
Ad. Rev. - Pubs/programs		100	60	-	95		115	370	-
Misc. Rev./yard sale									300
Total Revenue	\$ 1,931	\$ 3,255	\$ 4,700	\$ 2,925	\$ 4,322	\$ 2,862	\$ 3,765	\$ 23,759	\$ 46,500
Pool Reimbursement	1,500	\$ -	\$ 562	\$ 708	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,770	\$ 6,122
EXPENSES									
Grounds Maintenance	240	550	160	-	-	-	340	\$ 1,290	\$ 6,850
Facilities Maintenance	528	726	402	1,050	1,190	954	1,100	5,950	12,000
Trash pick-up	286	288	290	294	294	270	270	1,992	-
Taxes			10		838			848	3,244
Insurance	1,604	758	758	758	758	758	758	6,152	9,044
Telephone	80	71	54	56	54	55	95	465	1,140
Electricity	295	212	212	212	212	275	275	1,691	see Utilities
Gas	1,012	815	810	419	450	450	450	4,406	see Utilities
Water/Sewage	255	186	206	133	150	150	150	1,230	see Utilities
Memo: Utilities	1,562	1,213	1,228	763	812	875	875	7,327	13,500
Total Occupancy	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,606	\$ 2,902	\$ 2,921	\$ 3,946	\$ 2,912	\$ 3,438	\$ 24,024	\$ 44,638
Facility Repairs			324		81	919			
Publication Expenses		\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135	-
Supplies			16		75		160	251	-
Box Rental/Postage				16		59	16	91	-
Advertising/Public Relations	63	63	63					189	-
Mr. John					142	89	122	353	-
Miscellaneous/Betters		69				110		179	-
General Expenses	\$ 63	\$ 207	\$ 79	\$ 76	\$ 217	\$ 258	\$ 298	\$ 1,198	\$ -

2006 BLACKRIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Your support of the BCA is critical to the community. Membership dues help provide the means to maintain the Clubhouse building & grounds, pay taxes & utilities, & keep the park & the pool open. Membership & donations also ensure our ability to sponsor programs & other fun events.

BCA Membership Dues 2006 (01/01/2006 to 12/31/2006) Annual Renewal/New Member Form

Dues support programming, Park & Playground maintenance, Clubhouse upkeep, taxes, etc.

Names of Adult members: _____ Address: _____

Children's Names: _____ Phone: _____

Membership type: ___ Family (\$40) ___ Senior (\$25)* Included is an additional contribution for the BCA Capital Fund \$ _____

* if all family members are over age 60

Please send a check made payable to the Blackridge Civic Assoc. to: Ronni Slain 1523 Williamsburg Pl. Pgh, PA 15235