

# THE BLACKBOARD

BLACKRIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION • JULY/AUGUST 2013

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### Rent the BCA Clubhouse for your special event.

Reserve early. Dates fill up fast.  
Discounted rates for BCA members.

Call 412-241-9569 or e-mail  
[bcarentals@hotmail.com](mailto:bcarentals@hotmail.com) for  
rates and additional information.

## Get Involved!

### Become a board member.

Just attend the upcoming  
Strawberry Festival to become  
a member of the BCA Board.  
We need your help.

### Blackridge Civic Association Board of Directors

President - **Vacant** (interim Jen Suiters)

Vice President - **Vacant**

Treasurer - Ron Kotun

Secretary - Julia Ryman

Webmaster - Sarah Kuharik

Vice President Membership -  
Kristin Pesch

Vice President Buildings &  
Grounds - Peter Hughes

Vice President Ways & Means -  
Ceil Greber

Rentals - **Vacant** (interim Jen Suiters)

Newsletter - Tara Taylor

Historian - Cathy Taylor

### Members-At-Large:

CHURCHILL — Lee Borellis,  
Ceil Greber, Maria Taylor

PENN HILLS — Steve Jurman,  
Bill Miller, Stephen Pesch

WILKINSBURG — Stephanie  
McCarthy, Justin McCarthy,  
Marita Garrett



### Family Carnival

Sunday August 18, from 4-7 PM

It is fun for the whole family including games, food,  
face painting, prizes, and much more!



### Night at the Races Fundraiser

Saturday, September 7th — BCA Clubhouse

Doors open at 6:00 PM

- \$10 each for BCA Members in Advance. \$15 at the door.
- Buy 7 at one time and get the 8th free for a table. A table will be reserved for your "Party"
- Admission Includes Buffet Dinner, Soft Drinks & Beer (or BYOB)
- 10 Race Sponsorships Available for \$50 each. (includes 2 tickets, name in program, name announced at race time, advertising)
- Be an Owner! Buy a Horse for \$10 (10 available per race 9 races will be pre-sold — Name your horse and owner can win \$25.
- There will be 10 Races of Betting, Including Daily Double
- Raffles, Auctions, 50/50, Bev Paddles
- **For more information contact Dirk via email [dirk.page@ymail.com](mailto:dirk.page@ymail.com)**



### Garden Club PlumLine Nursery Field Trip

Tuesday, September 10th — Departure Time TBD



### Churchill Fire Station Open House

Saturday, September 14th — 12–3:00 PM

- Fire station and fire truck tours
- Accident rescue demonstration
- See the Jaws of Life in action
- Firefighting demonstrations
- Fire safety house
- Police/fire dog visit
- Free food and giveaways

At the Churchill Fire Station, 2298 William Penn Hwy  
[www.churchillfire.org](http://www.churchillfire.org)



### BCA Jubilee Celebration — Save the Date!

Friday, September 27th — Edgewood Country Club

See info on next page or visit the Blackridge web site.



### Doug Oster Presentation

Tuesday, October 1st — BCA Clubhouse — 7 PM

This charismatic, entertaining and popular local garden expert  
will give us a trip to England to see the Chelsea Flower Show and  
highlight his visits to some incredible English gardens. Don't miss  
this captivating speaker! Refreshments will be provided.



### Fall Fest

Saturday, October 12th

Fall fun for the whole family! Watch for additional information.

## Volunteer to be a Blackridge Block Captain!

The Blackridge Civic Association is seeking volunteers to serve as block captains. Block captains are needed to collect Directory information, pass out flyers to advertise upcoming community events, and gather ideas and opinions.

Not much of your time is required and it's a good opportunity to get out and talk with old neighbors and meet new ones!

If you'd like to help, please contact Ceil Greber by phone at 412-247-5828

## President's Message

### Welcome 2013 – 2014 Board Members

Welcome to the 2013 – 2014 Blackridge Civic Association Board Members (listed below). We have some returning directors and some new directors! It's great to see new people on the BCA board. If you have an interest in volunteering we still have open spots for President, Vice President and Rental Director. Please contact Jen Suiters at [jinyfaliny@verizon.net](mailto:jinyfaliny@verizon.net) if you have interest in joining the BCA board!

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### Tax Assessment Averted!

In case you have not heard.... We're proud to announce that with the help of our dedicated board, many volunteers and the support of Steve Jurman, we successfully fought and reduced our tax assessment appraisal from \$922,100 to \$232,900 (prior base was \$97,100)!

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### Classes for Everyone @ Your Clubhouse:

This year's focus on increasing reoccurring rentals and programming is really paying off! There are activities for just about everyone and every age. A summary of what we offer, and the contact information for our classes is listed below and is also posted on our website on the rentals page:

- **Zumba** – Mondays (9:30 – 10:30 AM) <http://www.zumbajen.com>
- **Mary Pat School of Dance**– Mondays (4:00 PM – 8:00 PM during school year) [mposod@att.net](mailto:mposod@att.net)
- **Jazzercise** – Tuesdays & Thursdays (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM) [jazzmalia21@hotmail.com](mailto:jazzmalia21@hotmail.com)
- **Zumba-Zumba Sentao Sculpting** – Tuesdays (6:00 – 7:30 PM) <http://www.zumbajen.com>
- **Kids Play Group** – Wednesdays (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) [contact deb.denovich@gmail.com](mailto:deb.denovich@gmail.com)
- **Kids Zumbatomics** – Wednesdays in the summer (10:00 – 12:00 PM) <http://www.zumbajen.com>
- **Yoga** – Wednesdays thru July (6:30 PM to 7:30 PM) [dtrauth@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:dtrauth@falcon.bgsu.edu)
- **Aqua Zumba** (Pool Membership not required) – Saturdays (8:00 – 9:00 AM) [mfitness@comcast.net](mailto:mfitness@comcast.net)
- **Salsa Dancing** (Date Night) – July 26th & August 23rd (7:00 – 8:30 PM) [mfitness@comcast.net](mailto:mfitness@comcast.net)
- **Silver Sneakers** – Coming in August! [mfitness@comcast.net](mailto:mfitness@comcast.net)
- **Yoga** (Fall Session) – Coming August! [mfitness@comcast.net](mailto:mfitness@comcast.net)

We are looking to fill up the clubhouse with more reoccurring rentals which provide activates that support our community, so please contact the rental director at [bcarentals@hotmail.com](mailto:bcarentals@hotmail.com) if you have any rental ideas or leads!



## Save the Date!

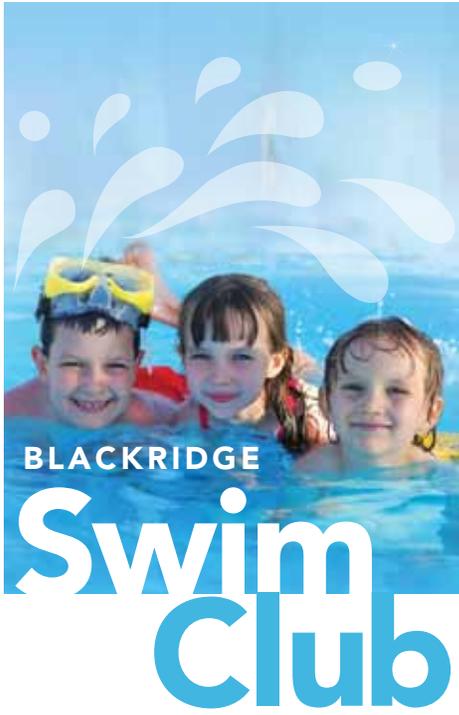
The BCA is planning a celebration of this remarkable milestone.

**An anniversary celebration is planned for Friday evening, September 27th at Edgewood Country Club.**

Mark your calendar and watch for more details to follow!

*Forward this save-the-date to former Blackridge residents that you think would enjoy this celebration.*

*Please provide us with their email/postal addresses by emailing to [ronkotun@verizon.net](mailto:ronkotun@verizon.net)*



## A Message from the Blackridge Swim Club

Cheers pool members and friends;

Many great things are happening this season. The Barracudas beat their team record at the first meet against Bel Aire. Great work swimmers! Thank you coaches, Maria Taylor and Andy Pricener, for making it all happen.

Aqua Zumba classes started in June and attendance continues to grow each week. Saturday classes now average six participants.

Our pool events continue to bring great people together. Our pool is a friendly, family oriented place and continues to thrive as such. Thanks to all our caring and friendly members for making good times and meeting new people so easy at the Blackridge Swim Club.

Membership has increased to 90 through June 13th. The memberships include: 21 new families, 10 second year families, 9 two-member families, 35 core families, 5 evening/weekend, 5 single, and 5 senior memberships. Membership continues to rise. Thank you members – new and returning.

And don't forget Night at the Races, September 7th. Come participate and help raise money for the BCA and the pool - and have a good time! Admission includes buffet dinner. Please email [dirk.page@gmail.com](mailto:dirk.page@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you. See you at the pool!

Board of Directors  
Blackridge Swim Club

Visit our web site!  
[www.blackridgeswimclub.org](http://www.blackridgeswimclub.org)



Blackridge Civic Association is now on Facebook! Stay up to date with all the latest happenings of Pittsburgh's best little neighborhood.

## Water Fitness Classes come to Blackridge Swim Club !

1st 5-week session starts week of June 17th

Tuesdays 8-9am

Aqua Fitness

Saturdays 10:00-11:00am

Aqua Zumba®

\*When you take Aqua classes bathing suit and towel is required.

\*The water provides an atmosphere of safe resistance for aerobic/strength conditioning. This class is perfect for the fit, pregnant, mature adults and/or joint-sensitive individual. You need not be a swimmer to participate. All moves are in the shallow end.

\*Aqua Zumba is a safe, effective and challenging water-based workout set to international dance rhythms that integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy with traditional aqua fitness. Splashing, stretching, twisting, even laughter is often heard during an Aqua Zumba class. It blends a safe, challenging, water-based workout that's cardio-conditioning, body-toning, and most of all, exhilarating!



pre-registration is required. Register at pool or  
**Contact: Marianne King • [mkfitness@comcast.net](mailto:mkfitness@comcast.net)**  
or 724-695-2239 to register  
prices and details • <http://www.blackridge-bca.org> and  
[www.mkfitness4life.com](http://www.mkfitness4life.com)



# Join the BCA Playgroup!

## Meet other neighbors and let your little ones romp.

The BCA is a great open space for play and riding toys, especially on rainy or cold days. If you have infants, toddlers, or preschoolers at home, consider joining the Playgroup. It's an excellent opportunity for babies and toddlers to practice their budding social skills while you meet other parents for adult conversation. Moms, dads, and caregivers of all kinds are welcome to attend. **With the warmer weather, as long as it's not actively raining, we will be at the playground from 10-12. Rainy or chilly days we'll be in the building business as usual.**

Check the BCA Playgroup website for updates [www.blackridge-bca.org/playgroup/bcaplaygroup.html](http://www.blackridge-bca.org/playgroup/bcaplaygroup.html)

Questions? Contact Deb at [deb.denovich@gmail.com](mailto:deb.denovich@gmail.com)



## Join the Blackridge Civic Association

**W**ith more than 600 households, Blackridge is a great place to live and play... and with your membership and support, we can work together to make it even better! Please join or renew your membership today!

Since 1946 the Blackridge Civic Association has made an impact on our neighborhood and we need your help to continue the tradition.

Your yearly membership in the Blackridge Civic Association is used to strengthen the Blackridge community and support activities, events, and initiatives throughout the year, including the Beef & Beer Newcomers Party, Neighborhood Yard Sale, BCA Newsletter – The Blackboard, BCA Website, Concert in the Park, Family Carnival, Fourth of July Parade, Fall Festival, Light Up Night, Strawberry Festival, and more.

Please feel free to make a contribution greater than the suggested amount. You will help the BCA to achieve that much more!

Dues are not tax deductible. Membership year runs January 1 to December 31, but you can join at any time.

### 2013 BCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Annual Household Membership – \$45
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- Annual Senior Household Membership – \$30  
(Dues payable in a calendar year January 1 – December 31)
- 
- I am a renewing member
- Please include me in the Blackridge Directory
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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation to BCA Building Fund

**Please return this form with payment to BCA Membership, P.O. Box 10684, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 or join online with Pay Pal using Visa or MasterCard at [www.blackridge-bca.org](http://www.blackridge-bca.org).**

Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ unlisted

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Advertise Your Business in the Blackboard

### Affordable Rates!

- 1/2 page – 7.5" W x 6.5" H (or equivalent).....\$60
- 1/4 page – 3.75"W x 4.75"H (or equivalent).....\$40
- 1/8 page – 3.75"W x 2.5" H (or equivalent).....\$30
- Classified – (up to 25 words).....\$15

Please submit your ad in jpeg, tiff or pdf format to [tarataylor914@comcast.net](mailto:tarataylor914@comcast.net)

**PAID ADVERTISEMENTS DO NOT IMPLY BCA ENDORSEMENT**

# Mary Pat's School of Dance

## Non-Competition Dance Classes for All Ages!

Creative Tots Programs Thru Adult Jazz & Tap



**Now Accepting Enrollment for the  
2013-2014 Dance School Year.**

**Location:** Blackridge Civic Association Clubhouse

**Contact:** Mary Pat Kushner Petrarca for more  
information and Registration

**Call us: 412.596.9539**

**Or email: [mpsod@att.net](mailto:mpsod@att.net)**

**Check us out on the web: [www.mpsod.com](http://www.mpsod.com)**

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West Steuben St  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**7:00-8:00 AM, M – F**  
The Oval at Schenley Park  
1 Overlook Dr  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

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