

**BLACKRIDGE AWARDED ROOF & HVAC GRANT!**

We are excited to announce that Blackridge was recently awarded a grant to be used towards a new roof and new Heating and Cooling units. The BCA was the recipient of this grant due to our newly legal status of a 501c3 non-profit!

A team is currently working on the next steps which include attending a training seminar on proper protocol for the grant administration, completing the environmental study, developing the required specification and developing the required sealed bid package.

Your membership in Blackridge positions the BCA for these types of grants and helps pay our operating costs such as utilities and insurance. Please join the BCA today to show your support!



**THANK YOU BLACKRIDGE AMBASSADORS!**

Thank you to our 2019 Block Captain Ambassadors! If you got this Blackboard it's thanks to their hard work. If you see a "Vacant" position, we'd love you to volunteer; and if you signed up in the past as a volunteer and we somehow missed you, please accept our apologies we'd still love your help, just email [jinnyfaliny@gmail.com](mailto:jinnyfaliny@gmail.com) and we'll sign you up!

- Arlington – Joe DeStefano
- Atkinson – Joe DeStefano
- Black Forest – Peter Hughes, Wanda Hughes
- Blackridge – Denny Bossick, Penny Bossick, Nancy Delpresto
- Collins – Will Marrow
- Country Club – Laura Schoch
- Creekedge – Barb Liberati
- Forest – Diane Law
- Georgetown – Jennifer Suiters
- Graham – Vacant
- Hollywood – Judi Diorio, Shelly Grotzinger
- Jamestown – Joe DeStefano, Lee Borrellis
- McNary – Vacant
- Meadow – Beverly Garrett
- Old Gate – Denny Bossick, Penny Bossick
- Orlando – Becca Aqra, Pat Dawson, Kristin Pesch
- Osage – Vacant
- Sebring – Vacant
- William Penn Highway – Ashlee Esplen
- Williamsburg – Ceil Greber, Dan Duerring, Peter Hughes, Wanda Hughes
- Yorktown – Jeanette Trauth

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL BLAST:**

To subscribe to weekly electronic bulletin, just go to [www.blackridge-bca.org](http://www.blackridge-bca.org) and use the form to "Sign up for our newsletter & stay updated." You'll get notifications about events and happenings in Blackridge and around the East End.

**2019 BOARD MEMBERS:**

Our current board members are listed below, please note we have several vacancies so if you interested in volunteering please email Jen Suiters at [jinnyfaliny@gmail.com](mailto:jinnyfaliny@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at 412.241.9569.

- President – Dirk Page
- Vice President – Jen Suiters
- Treasurer – MJ Shaw
- Secretary – Tim Debor
- Vice President Membership – Kristin Brown
- Vice President Buildings & Grounds – Pastor James
- Vice President Ways & Means – Ceil Greber
- Rental Director – Vacant
- Media / Communications Manager – Mary Rose Debor
- Webmaster – Damon Mahon
- Churchill at Large – Lee Borrellis, Maria Taylor, 1 Vacancy
- Penn Hills at Large – 3 Vacancies
- Wilkinsburg at Large – Kristin Brown, Denny Bossick, 1 Vacancy

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**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

**Annual memberships for 2020 are due!** Please make sure to join the BCA, the Blackridge Civic Association preserves Blackridge as "A Great Place to Live." Joining is easy, just complete your membership form send your membership check addressed to Blackridge Civic Association Memberships, PO Box 10684, Pittsburgh PA, 15235, or join online at: [blackridge-bca.org/join-us/](http://blackridge-bca.org/join-us/).

**MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDAR FOR THESE BCA EVENTS:**

- **New Years Wake Up Party** – January 1st
- **Beef and Beer** – April 4th
- **Strawberry Festival** – May 17th
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale** – June 13th
- **4th of July Bike Parade** – July 4th
- **Fall Fest** – October 3rd
- **Kid's Christmas Party** – December 5th

**2020 BOARD MEETINGS:**

- **January 15th** – 7 to 9 PM
- **March 11th** – 7 to 9 PM
- **May 17th (Strawberry Festival)** – 3:30 – 4:30 PM
- **September 16th** – 7 to 9 PM
- **November 18th** – 7 to 9 PM

**THE BCA OFFERS DANCE FITNESS CLASSES**

Contact instructor Tara Taylor at [tarataylor914@comcast.net](mailto:tarataylor914@comcast.net) with questions or show up on the night of the class to sign up. First class is free, and punch cards are offered. **Zumba is Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM**, and **Hip-Hop Cardio Toning is on Mondays 6:30–7:15 PM**. Everyone welcome! Check out the class facebook page for more information. [www.facebook.com/TaraTaylorZumba](https://www.facebook.com/TaraTaylorZumba)

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- What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.
- Just select The BLACKRIDGE Civic Association, Pittsburgh, PA and the BCA will receive a donation of 0.05% from Amazon on each purchase!





# BLACKRIDGE SWIM CLUB NEWS — SUMMER 2019

Summer 2019 at the pool was a great one! We enjoyed spending lazy days hanging by the pool, grillin’ dogs, watching kids have fun, and soaking up the sunshine. The holiday picnics packed the pool with swimmers and friends. The “backyard” vibe made it feel like we were all at home.

This season was successful because of the kindness and generosity of its members. Thanks to many helping hands, the pool opened on time, needed pool updates were made, new sponsor signs were donated, and the pool’s lawn was well maintained all summer long. Special thanks to Frank Coppola and his grandson for mowing and trimming every week on hot summer days.

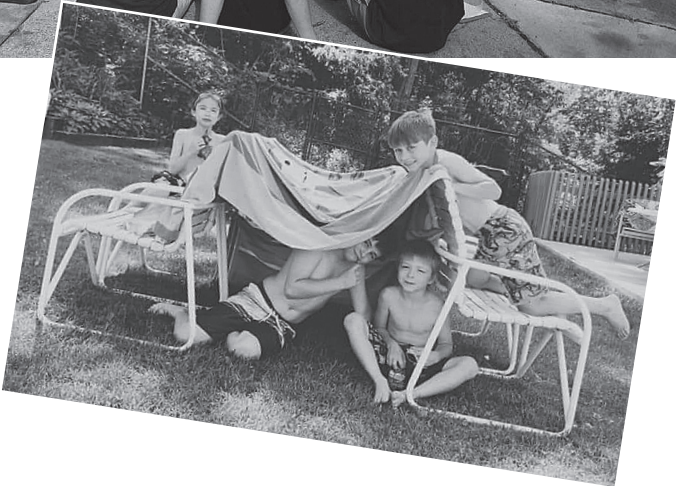
The pool’s operations went without incident this summer thanks to the pool manager, Clare Duffus, and pool operator, Maria Taylor and company. Clare helped manage the day-to-day business with ease. The pool operator is an asset behind the scenes, keeping the water clean and clear all summer long.

The Blackridge Barracudas swam in Division II this season. The three new coaches, Bea Duffus (Head Coach), Pearse Walsh, and Glenn Hanna proved their devotion and eagerness to work hard. They broke five records, one of the records hadn’t been broken since 1996. Many of the swimmers broke their own personal records.

“This season was a big season of transition and without the help and cooperation of all the parents, the season would not have run as smoothly as it did! From being a swimmer at Blackridge for 13 years and now coaching, it is apparent that this team flourishes under positivity. Being a smaller team, winning is not at the forefront of our minds, we truly strive to do our best, have fun, and build friendships that literally last a lifetime!” – Coach Bea Duffus.

The pool’s events offered a little something for everyone. Favorite events included Teen Night, Tiki (adult) Night, and Beach Blanket Bingo for the little ones. Family Movie Night was a favorite featuring family friendly flicks, and Hot Dog it’s Sundae was a lot fun, too! We still have the Fall Flea Market and the Spaghetti Dinner to look forward to! The Blackridge Swim Club is a rare and exceptional place. What makes it so special is its members. We have a safe summer haven because of the help of members and the time we spend doing it together. Our swim club thrives on this and it strengthens our community and the relationships within.

So, cheers to all those who helped at the pool and made it the wonderful community it is! Thank you fellow board members for all your commitment and putting the pool in your hearts for the summer. Congrats to a great summer! Erin Sass, BSC President  
[President@blackridgeswimclub.org](mailto:President@blackridgeswimclub.org)



BLACKRIDGE  
GARDEN CLUB  
CULTIVATING COMMUNITY  
FOR 80 YEARS

## 2019-2020 PROGRAM

For Updates: [www.blackridgegardenclub.com](http://www.blackridgegardenclub.com)

### TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2019: BGC 80th Birthday Luncheon

This celebration, in honor of our “Cultivating Community for 80 Years,” will begin at 11:00 am at Longue Vue Club in Verona, PA. We’ll be providing more details about our BD party soon. If you have any favorite BGC mementos or photos you’d like us to display, please contact Judy Diorio or Nancy Del Presto.

### THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2019: Christmas Tree Trimming

This annual service project will begin at 11:30 am at Eastridge Library, where BGC members will decorate a Christmas tree with ornaments handcrafted by our volunteers. Please contact Nancy Del Presto if you would like to help. (P.S. This date is our actual birthday, as we were organized on 5 December 1939!)

### WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2020: Pruning, Best Practices & Protecting Our Trees

Be at the BCA at 7:00 pm for this interactive program, starting with Jason Rihn, arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts in Irwin, who will speak about proper pruning of our trees and shrubs. (Spoiler alert: February is an excellent time to prune.) Jason will be followed by Ken Balkey, chairman of Churchill Borough’s Tree Committee, who will discuss the loss of so many mature trees in our increasingly wet climate, and the disastrous consequences of that for residents and our environment. Ken, along with reps from other local tree committees, will take questions from the audience on ordinances from our local municipalities, intended to protect our trees and our residents.

### FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2020: Bloomin’ Corner Raffle

Check your mailboxes in February for our annual benefit raffle mailer! The funds raised by the raffle support our signature Blackridge corners as well as the Blackridge Civic Association and the Blackridge Swim Club.



### SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2020: EJ’s Army Spring Clean-up (Rain Date: 2 May 2020)

Meet at the BCA at 8:30 am to volunteer for this semi-annual service project picking up litter around the BCA grounds and the adjacent roadside. Environmental chair EJ Foster reminds us to wear appropriate work shoes and to dress for the weather. Orange cones, heavy work gloves, safety vests, and plastic garbage bags will be provided. Please call EJ at 412-241-5955 to let her know if you can help, so we can have a headcount for coffee and pastries. Thank you!

### MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2020: Feathered Friends of Our New Greenway

At 7:00 pm at the BCA, a representative from the educational committee of the Allegheny Land Trust will familiarize us with bird species living in the former CVCC property.

### JUNE 2020: End of Year Luncheon

We’ll celebrate at Longue Vue Club in Verona, PA. Details will be forthcoming