



SWIM TEAM UPDATE: GO WHALES!

The Bennington Whales, our neighborhood swim team, proudly compete in the Germantown Gaithersburg Swim League, a small league of eight teams that emphasizes fun, sportsmanship, and community spirit while offering a competitive swim season.

This year's season ran from late May through most of July and was another great success!

For more information about the team—including coaches, parent reps, and volunteer opportunities—visit the [Bennington Whales homepage](#). We're always looking for volunteers to help keep the team thriving. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions at teambenningtonwhales@gmail.com.

STAY CONNECTED

Our [community listserv](#) and HOA [website](#) are the best ways to stay informed about events, updates, and announcements. Check in regularly so you don't miss out! Here are a few upcoming events for residents:

- Swim Team BBQ fundraiser: Friday 8/22, 6PM @ the pool
- Yoga at the Clubhouse: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30PM
- Water Aerobics at the Pool: Thursday 8/28, 7PM
- Neighborhood Clean-Up: 9/20/25, Location TBD
- August HOA Board Meeting: 8/26/2025 | 7PM | Clubhouse; A great opportunity to hear updates, ask questions, and stay involved in community decision-making.

HOA DUES AT WORK

As a Common Ownership Community (COC), our HOA dues play a vital role in supporting two key aspects of our neighborhood:

1. Maintenance and Improvements – This includes regular upkeep and enhancement of common areas and amenities such as the clubhouse, playgrounds, landscaping, and trash services.
2. Reserve Funding – A portion of dues is dedicated to the Reserves budget, which is set aside for major repairs and replacements—both current and future—to preserve the long-term value of our community assets.

Here are some of the projects completed so far this year:

- New mulch installed at playgrounds
- Tree care and maintenance
- Pool area improvements
- Retaining wall repairs
- Clubhouse upgrades: bathroom renovations including shower fixtures, heaters, and plumbing repairs; trash area fence repaired



LOVE READING?

We're adding Little Free Libraries in Bennington!

Little Free Libraries are community-run book exchange sites where you can take a book or share a book. Thanks in part to a grant we applied for and received, we can purchase the structures, and are looking for volunteers to help assemble, paint, and install them. If you have a few hours to help, or are interested in donating, contact Carla at BenningtonCommunity@outlook.com or 301-977-3376.