

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Come Out for the Parade!

Join a Sudbrook Park tradition and come out for the annual Fourth of July Parade. Bikes, wagons, scooters and paraders on foot are welcome to take part. The parade steps off from the Windsor/Adana triangle at 10 am on Sunday, July 4th and concludes with treats at Sudbrook Stream Valley Park on McHenry Road. Neighbors are encouraged to contribute snacks and baked goods, which can be dropped off at the park before the parade. Come celebrate one of Sudbrook Park's oldest and most cherished traditions.



A Reminder: Please do not to park along the parade route from the Kingston/Adana/Windsor triangle via Adana to Carysbrook to Olmstead to McHenry. Thank you!

Sudbrook Park's "National Night Out" Tuesday, August 3rd

Sudbrook Park's National Night Out (NNO) is becoming a late summer favorite as many of our neighbors turn out for the live music and fun – all the while showing support for our local Police, and for this community's crime prevention activities! This year NNO is on Tuesday, August 3rd, and starts at **6:00 pm at the Sudbrook Lane/Cliveden Road Triangle**. There's food on the grill, drinks, and music, as well as your neighbors and local Police Officers to meet and greet. Come early, NNO "freebies" will also be given away! Starting at 7:00 pm a caravan of cars and police cruisers will drive around the neighborhood as a sign of the police-community partnership in fighting crime.

National Night Out was introduced in 1984 as an opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. NNO is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

Join the fun this year. Come out for Sudbrook Park's night against crime.

Thanks to www.nationalnightout.org and the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol (COP)

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Entranceway Update

Triangle Landscaping: This Spring, Baltimore County Department of Public Works (DPW), with assistance from the Dept. of Rec & Parks, did some aerating work on the poor soil in the main triangle and seeded some portions of the entranceway area where nothing has grown for two years. DPW also installed road reflectors to help guide cars through this area. Thanks to these efforts, grass finally is growing in some areas, while other areas remain rocky and bare. We hope DPW will add new soil and reseed these remaining areas.

If we ever hope to return the Entranceway to the majestic tree-lined beauty it had before the MTA constructed the Metro in the early 1980s, we also need to add additional landscaping. To do this, we need your help and contributions. ***If you would like to donate toward beautifying the entranceway triangles, including new trees, please send your donation, made out to Sudbrook Park, Inc., to Carolyn Hartloff, Treasurer, 503 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville MD 21208.*** When we have sufficient funds we will ask for volunteers to assist with the work. With your help, we can restore Olmsted's vision for our neighborhood's entranceway.

Walk Path: We are continuing to work with the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation to get an asphalt pedestrian walk path through the entranceway project area. We should know by early June whether the county will approve the project. However, because of severe funding shortages, our walk path may be placed on the "wait list" until funds becomes available. We had hoped to have the project installed by now but more realistically, it appears we will have to get in line for when funding resumes. We will keep you posted.

Dangerous Intersection and Accident at Greenwood/Cliveden & Sudbrook Lane: On the evening of April 8, 2010, a car that failed to stop before turning onto Sudbrook Lane from Greenwood/Cliveden Road, hit and threw a motorcyclist who had the right-of-way along Sudbrook Lane. The motorcyclist was injured and the intersection and bridge were closed for several hours.

We have brought the danger of this intersection to the attention of our County Councilman and DPW/Traffic Engineering, since cars frequently fail to stop or even to slow before proceeding onto Sudbrook Lane from this Cliveden Road spur. *Please use extra caution whether walking or driving through this area until the county takes action to increase safety for pedestrians and drivers at this problem intersection.*

Membership & the New PayPal Option

If you haven't paid your 2010 dues, you can now pay online via PayPal using a charge card, a PayPal account, or your personal account.

Your community association needs your support so please join today. Just visit www.sudbrookpark.org – go to the 'Community' link in the home page menu, then 'Association' and then click 'Join.'

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Board Meetings: Board meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month and are hosted by the neighbor listed. *You may want to check with the host to confirm that there has been no change in the meeting schedule or location.* All residents are welcome! Please come and bring a neighbor! Help continue our cherished traditions and create new ones!

Thu. June 17 Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.5010)

Thu. July 20 Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)

August **No Meeting**

Sudbrook Park Landmark Committee (SPLC) Meetings: SPLC meetings start promptly at 7:30 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend, but we ask that you call the Chair, Charles Locke (410.580.0342) forty-eight hours in advance for issues to be presented to the committee. *We suggest you check with the host to confirm that there has been no change in the meeting schedule or location.*

Tue. June 22 Andrew Schaffer
716 Howard Rd. (410.602.0778)

Tue. July 20 Keith Weaver
604 Upland Rd. (410.486.3996)

Tue. Aug. 24 Steve Brown
701 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.3362)

Fence Requirements for Properties Inside and Outside the Sudbrook Park Historic District

- For any property within a Baltimore County Historic District, a permit is required to put up a new fence or take down an existing one.
- For any house regardless of whether it's in or out of the county historic district, a permit is required unless a fence meets certain height and setback requirements.
- There are specific rules for fences on corner lots.

Below is a brief summary of county fence regulations:

A permit is required for fences over forty-two inches high (*measured vertical to ground, even if the fence is placed on top of a wall*). If a fence is erected within an easement and is required to be removed, it would be at the owner's expense. An access easement cannot be fenced.

On a corner lot, no fence or other obstruction to vision is permitted higher than three feet within twenty-five feet of the corner of the two streets, fifteen feet of a street and alley, and ten feet of two alleys. A residential fence in a side or rear yard which adjoins a residential front yard cannot exceed forty-two inches if it is setback zero to ten feet, forty-eight inches if setback ten to twenty feet, sixty inches if setback twenty to thirty feet, and if setback over thirty feet, there is no height limit. Required pool fences and houses more than two hundred feet apart are exceptions.

No residential fence may exceed a maximum height of forty-two inches in the front yard and six feet in the side and rear yards at the property line. If there is a setback of two feet for every vertical foot over six feet, the maximum height may not exceed ten feet in the side and rear yards.

Additional information can be accessed by visiting or calling the Office of Zoning Review at 410.887.3391.

Welcome Our Newest
Little Residents
to Sudbrook Park!

A boy, Cameron
born January 25 to
Steve & Kimberly Doll

A boy, William Wesley,
born April 3 to
Jenna & Wes Mace

A girl, Mae Evelyn,
born April 18 to
Casey Jenner &
Paola Pacorini

a boy, Ethan Michael,
born April 29 to
the Holaday family.

Congratulations to
all the families!

REMEMBER – Sudbrook Park's Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day is Sunday, June 5th. Meet at the Sudbrook/Cliveden triangle at 1:00 pm. Bring your own work gloves; we'll provide trash bags.

Please help by donating a small amount of your time to spruce-up the neighborhood. Thanks!

BULLETIN TIDBITS

Thank You to Jim Carnes for his maintenance and updates on our website.

Back issues of *The Park Bulletin* are online at www.sudbrookpark.org. Click on "Events & News," and then "The Park Bulletin." **Have the *Bulletin*, sent directly to your desktop**, just email spbuletin@covad.net and give your name, email address and street address. *You'll help the community save money, paper and a tree!*

Welcome New Neighbors! If you notice moving trucks or know of new neighbors, please contact our Welcoming Committee Chairs, Elissa Hozore at 410.580.0342, or Stephen Shaul at 410.484.4064. If you are new to Sudbrook Park and have not yet been welcomed, please let Eliza or Stephen know. Thanks.

It's Illegal in Baltimore County for residents to dispose of most household electronics as trash. County residents can drop off their electronics for recycling at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeysville (*off of Warren Road, 1/4 mile west of York Rd. and 1/4 mile east of Beaver Dam Road*). The facility is open 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Saturday.



Thanks to These Volunteers for Help on Our Triangles:

At the Kingston, Windsor and Adana triangle... to **Ray Beard, Anne Savage** and **Dennis Meyers** for bagging leftover leaves, to **Ray** for seeding, and to **Dayton Alford** and **Michael Clingman** for working to pull out the Canadian thistle weeds and to **Ciprian Crainiceanu** for many instances of weeding, raking, etc. Also, to **Mike Savage, Dennis Myers** and **Ciprian Crainiceanu** and to new volunteers **Michael Early** and **Patrick Cusick** for mowing last season and again this season, we are extremely grateful.

At the Upland/Sudbrook triangle... a huge thanks to **Carolyn and Dean Hartloff** who removed the dead tree and to **Carolyn** who worked tirelessly for several days to prepare the soil for new plantings, which she and **Deana Karras** hope to install soon.

Thanks also to **Mark Plogman** for removing tree debris from the Upland and the Cliveden triangles and to **Michael Sotir** for replacing signs on the Cliveden triangle.

To all of the above, and others who have helped, our deepest appreciation for your contribution toward improving our community.

Phoney Alarm System Sales Pitches

Baltimore County Police are warning residents that there are some unethical people fraudulently selling home alarm systems. Summer is the time when these security people hit the streets representing many well known alarm companies. Not all salespeople misrepresent the alarm companies, but consumers need to know what to do when anyone knocks on their front door selling a product.

- **Ask to see the representative's alarm technician license issued by the Maryland State Police.**
- **Nothing is "free." There's an old saying "if it sounds too good to be true, then it usually is." If the salesman tells you this is a limited time only sale, then there is something fishy going on. Get quotes from other alarm companies before you decide.**

If you suspect that you or someone you know has been victimized by this type of fraud, call the Maryland Dept. of State Police - Licensing Division at 410.653.4500, and dial 5, then 0.

You may also contact the Maryland Attorney General - Consumer Protection Division at 410.528.8662.

Thanks to Baltimore County Police. Get police news/alerts by email. Sign up online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe/policenews.

HE THAT PLANTS TREES LOVES
OTHERS BESIDE HIMSELF.

DR. THOMAS FULLER, FROM GNOMOLOGIA, 1732

Flower and Bake Sale

Sudbrook Park residents enjoyed another successful Flower and Bake Sale on May 8. Lots of people bought lovely flowers to brighten up their homes and tasty treats to enjoy.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the sale this year. The funds raised go a long way toward supporting the activities that make Sudbrook Park such a nice place to live. Thanks also to our volunteers, including Dean and Carolyn Hartloff, Bob Clark, Deana Karras and Kurt Hammond.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Vacation Checklist

The Baltimore County Police remind residents to make a checklist before going on summer vacation.

- Lock all windows and doors. Don't forget the basement.
- Secure all outdoor furniture and grills, or better yet, place them in a garage, shed or basement.
- Lock sheds and garages.
- Set light timers both inside and out. The sun goes down around 8 pm so why not set the timer for 7:30 pm. And if the weather looks a little iffy, set the timer for an earlier time.
- Have a neighbor take in your mail and newspaper. Newspapers littering the front yard are a sure way to tell the world you are away.
- Leave contact info with a neighbor or relative so you can be reached in case of emergency.

Crime typically increases in the warm weather months. So now more than ever – consider joining the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol.

For more info or to join, contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438.

2010 Sudbrook Park Utilities Update

Sudbrook Park will not renew its membership with the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce Energy Co-op because **CQI Associates**, the energy broker who worked with the co-op last year, will now deal directly with individual homeowners. If interested, double check details and rates with Melissa Anderson at their website: <http://www.cqiassociates.com>

BGE: <http://www.bge.com/vcmfiles/BGE/Files/Rates%20and%20Tariffs/April30Posting.pdf>

BGE officially posted its rates, for the next 12 months, beginning in June 2010 on its website above. BGE's rates for residential accounts will average 10.6¢ per kilowatt hour for the next 12 months. The summer rate is 11.3¢ and the non-summer rate is 9.5¢. Most household with air conditioning will benefit by switching to an alternate supplier as soon as possible to secure a fixed price below BGE's rates. Below are the most popular options available today.

Dominion: <http://www.dom.com/products/energy-offers/residential-customers.jsp>

Dominion Energy is offering 9.9¢ through December 2010. This is the lowest current offer, but Dominion will allow you to terminate the supply contract at any time without a fee. If BGE or any other supplier offers a lower rate, you can switch without a fee. BGE's non-summer rate is 9.5¢ for October 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011, so you could take Dominion's 9.9¢ for the summer and switch back to BGE for the 9.5¢ utility price.

Washington Gas Energy Services (WGES): <http://www.wges.com/index.php?msg=nozip>

WGES offers an assortment of products which include a higher priced wind powered option. Its standard offers are 9.8¢ for 12 months and 9.7¢ for 24 months. They do have a termination fee if you cancel early.

Constellation Energy: <https://www.myselfserve.com/cas/Constellation-Electric/Content/SignupRes.aspx>

Constellation is offering 9.7¢ for 12 months and 9.6¢ for 24 months. They do have a termination fee if you cancel early.

With any of these offers, the supplier will be responsible for the generation portion of your utility bill. BGE will still include its charges for the distribution and will be responsible for any service related activities. It's just a financial decision.

If you are interested in any of these offers, visit the supplier's link provided and **check details** – the above information was retrieved in mid May and rates may have changed.

You will have to enter in your zip code and utility, select the price offering, and enter in your account information. Have a copy of your BGE bill for the account number.

Jenny Sataloff, Utilities Committee

Food Safety in a Power Outage

In the event of a power outage, keep in mind these important food safety tips from the National Safety Council.

If the power is out for less than two hours, then the food in your refrigerator and freezer will be safe to consume. While the power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

If power is out for longer than two hours, remember:

- A freezer that is half full will hold food safely for 24 hours
- Pack milk, other dairy products, meats, fish, eggs, gravy and spoilable leftovers into a cooler surrounded by ice.
- Use a digital thermometer to check the temperature of your food right before you cook or eat it. Throw away any food that has a temperature of more than 40°F.

Thanks to In the News, the newsletter of Nationwide Insurance



Sidewalk Repairs

Many of our sidewalks are in terrible condition – especially after this very rough winter! **Sidewalks are the homeowner's responsibility.** Baltimore County offers a program allowing homeowners to request the necessary repairs be made by the Bureau of Highways. The costs incurred will be placed on the property tax bill, spread evenly over a 5 year period, interest free. Call Baltimore County Highways at 410.887.3932 for more information and an application. Having the County do the repair assures that it will be done to their specifications.

Sudbrook Park

Sudbrook Park Inc. Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2010 Membership

Membership Dues and Registration

Individual or Household: \$25

Senior: \$15

Additional contribution:

Triangle Landscaping \$ _____ Holiday Tree \$ _____ Arts in the Park \$ _____

Other (please specify) \$ _____ for _____

Please make checks payable to Sudbrook Park, Inc. and mail to: Carolyn Hartloff, Treasurer, 503 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208 **NOTE:** PayPal Option for dues now available on our website: www.sudbrookpark.org

Member(s) Information *You may include all members of your household. Please print clearly!*

Last name* _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

** To include another household individual with a different surname at the same address, please include them here:*

Last name _____ First name _____

Email address _____

Volunteer Activities

Please indicate any and all activities you may be interested in helping

Flower & Bake Sale

Refreshments for Events

Welcoming New Neighbors

Newsletter Distribution

Halloween Parade

Holiday Tree Donation Collection

Fourth of July Parade

Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day

Dumpster Day

Arts in the Park

Membership

udbrook Park is an extraordinary place to live with a bright future, thanks to our community members. Witness our **new bridge, entranceway** and the beautiful **Sudbrook Stream Valley Park!** Member dues play a significant role in keeping our community the lively and lovely neighborhood it is.

Your dues make well-loved Sudbrook Park traditions possible – like the annual **Fourth of July** and **Halloween Parades**, and **Holiday Tree Lighting** – as well as help support exciting events like **Arts in the Park**. Contributions are used to keep the area beautiful and work towards enhancing the neighborhood through tree plantings, and triangle restoration and maintenance. As a member your dues support **The Park Bulletin**, our newsletter, and Sudbrook Park's website.

Our strength as a neighborhood is due to the advocacy and support of resident members and volunteers. Thank you!

At long last . . . **TRAFFIC CALMING** is coming to **SUDBROOK LANE & ROAD**

With special thanks to Councilman Kevin Kamenetz, whose support was crucial, we want to let you know that Sudbrook Lane (between the bridge and Milford Mill Rd.) and the 600 block of Sudbrook Road have qualified for and will be getting standard 22-foot speed humps (like those on Church Lane).

A history of accidents involving speed at the intersection of Sudbrook Lane, Sudbrook Road and Windsor Road dates back at least to the early 1980s, when the community association began efforts to get the county to address speeding and improve safety at this intersection. Despite many meetings, a petition and letters, the county's response was minimal and the problems continued.

In 1996-97, residents responding to our community survey listed speeding on Sudbrook Lane as a major safety and community problem. The Roads/Traffic Committee tracked speeds along Sudbrook Lane and extensively studied and incorporated into our Community Plan suggestions for traffic calming, even though, at that time, Baltimore County used no traffic calming.

The community association worked to make residents more speed-conscious through a "Drive 25" mph campaign, including newsletter information, signs and bumper stickers. We also requested speed enforcement from the police, but ticketing was effective only when an officer was present. In 2003, when Baltimore County finally adopted a traffic calming program, Sudbrook Lane could not qualify because the county's program excluded "collector" roads, a label attached to Sudbrook Lane in the 1970s when there were plans to widen it and when a major expressway and buses were proposed to run through our community.

Last fall, following the death of a pedestrian walking along Sudbrook Lane less than a half mile from our bridge, the Roads/Traffic Committee began an intensive effort to get the county to improve safety and address rampant speeding within Sudbrook Park. Our letters and emails documented increasing accidents on Sudbrook Lane (from 1 every two years 1983-89 to over 2 a year 1999-2008), our high pedestrian usage, a lack of sidewalks and our narrow, historic Olmsted roads. In December 2009, Traffic Engineering did a 47-hour speed analysis on Sudbrook Lane that confirmed excessive and outrageous speeds: **More than 71% of cars were exceeding the speed limit, 60% going over 40 mph, with 16 cars driving at speeds between 50 and 74 mph.**

A serious personal injury accident on April 8, 2010 on Sudbrook Lane near Howard Rd. further brought home the danger of speeding in our community. Recently, the Department of Public Works reclassified Sudbrook Lane as a local road, and proposed installing 4 speed humps on Sudbrook Lane and 1 on Sudbrook Road to calm traffic if 75% of residents on these streets supported these measures. It is clear the residents along Sudbrook Lane/Road want speed humps installed on their streets. As we go to press and are still collecting signatures, 87% of homes along Sudbrook Lane/Road (90% if you don't count unoccupied homes) have signed the petition requesting speed humps, giving us well above the 75% required by the county.

Speed humps should end the excessively high speeds on our 25 mph roads, thus improving safety for pedestrians and other drivers along Sudbrook Lane & Road.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES IN SUDBROOK PARK

A 1940s Sudbrook Park Newsletter item extolled the virtues of the community's trees and noted that most residents appreciate and take care of their trees because they treasure their beauty and understand their value. As residents have often said: "Sudbrook Park wouldn't be Sudbrook Park without its trees."

Trees remain one of our community's most significant resources – Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.'s design included a plentiful array of trees along the roadway and at least two trees in front of each house. Over the years, we have lost many trees to storms, public works projects, disease and normal aging.

If you have lost a tree or your property lacks trees, we urge you to replace or plant a new tree. At least once a year, usually in the Spring, we obtain hard wood trees for interested residents at reasonable prices so that the neighborhood's long-tradition of tree planting and maintenance will continue. **Thanks to all who participate and plant trees!**

Thanks also to Ed Brady of our Landscaping Committee who heads this effort and purchased trees this year for residents as part of our Tree Replenishment Program. If you missed out, consider participating next year, or plant a tree this fall. Trees not only are beautiful, they greatly improve property values and lower air conditioning costs.

Help keep Sudbrook true to Olmsted's vision. Take good care of your trees and plant new ones to replenish and revitalize our aging tree canopy. Please also consider making a donation for trees and landscaping for our entranceway triangles, which still are a far cry from Olmsted's vision and from the way they looked prior to the MTA's Metro project. With your help, we can one day return the Entranceway/Bridge area to its prior beauty.

THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENTS: Chautauqua with "Frederick Law Olmsted"

Friday, July 9, 2010 @ 7:00pm at The Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville, MD

"Frederick Law Olmsted"* will be speaking at this event. Music begins at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30. Chautauqua programs are free and open to the public. For info go to <http://www.mdhc.org/programs/chautauqua/>

*Gerry Wright portrays Frederick Law Olmsted, who created a sense of place in America's communities and parks through his strongly held belief in the importance of democracy.

Thanks to Amy Williams for this information.