

# THE PARK BULLETIN

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## Get Your Costume and Join the Fun at the Annual **Sudbrook Park Halloween Parade** Sunday, October 31, 2010, 3 pm

We want to see your scary, pretty, heroic, or wacky costumes as we celebrate Halloween with a Sudbrook Park tradition. The parade starts at the Kingston/Adana/Windsor triangle and marches to the playground where there will be prizes for the best costumes in each age category. Trick or treating around the neighborhood will follow the event.

Neighbors are reminded to avoid parking on the parade route along Adana, Carysbrook, Olmstead and McHenry Roads. Thanks for your help!

## 7 Ways to Storm-Proof Your Trees and Property

A tree is never in greater danger than during a storm. That can mean a threat from pounding rain and hail, from the fury of the wind, from the scorch of lightning or the weight of ice on branches and leaves. The key to a tree's survival is the care you give before the storm, keeping it healthy with proper space to grow.

Every tree will face at least one storm during its lifetime. Here are seven tips designed to help minimize the impact of storms on trees and property in your yard or in your forest:

1. Think about young trees growing up when planting. Trees will mature and grow tall so avoid planting near wires, too close to a building, or in shallow soils or on steep banks.
2. Brittle species should not be planted on sites where breakage is a problem. Brittle species include elm, willow, box elder, poplar and silver maple.
3. Where early ice storms are common, avoid planting species that hold their leaves late into fall.
4. During excavation around trees, avoid damaging or cutting roots.
5. Begin an annual pruning program when trees are young. Prune dead or weakened limbs and excessive branches from crowns.
6. For particularly valuable trees, hire a professional arborist to strengthen a tree by installing cabling or bracing on weak limbs and split crotches.
7. Keep the tree healthy by watering, fertilizing, and protecting the soil from compaction.

Thanks to Steve Nix, *About.com Guide* - [http://forestry.about.com/od/adverseweather/a/storm\\_proof.htm](http://forestry.about.com/od/adverseweather/a/storm_proof.htm)

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# Windows and Energy Efficiency

Since so many homes in our community date from 1889 into the 1940s, the question of “replacement windows” often comes up. Owners in the county historic district require Landmarks Preservation Commission approval to replace windows, but the larger question is whether replacement windows really are necessary or worthwhile.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, in its on-line **Preservation Magazine**, offers answers and solutions to many questions about energy efficiency and old windows. Below is an excerpt, but go to this site for full information and additional links: [www.preservation.org/issues/weatherization/windows](http://www.preservation.org/issues/weatherization/windows)

**W**indows are the most visible, yet commonly under-appreciated components of older and historic homes and buildings.

While being very beautiful, original historic windows also serve a great purpose – they impart a building’s inside-outside connection. They provide ventilation and light, and can function as emergency egress. Above all, they offer clues to a building’s history because they are integral aspects of architectural design.

However, despite all of these attributes, windows are an easy target and are all too often blamed for energy loss. Commonly, people jump to replace their historic windows because companies promise that their replacement windows will not only save them time and money, but that their products and services are the “green” thing to do. In fact, a thriving industry has grown around the perceived need to replace rather than restore.

Have you ever wondered why there are no replacement fireplaces? Fireplaces with ill-fitting or missing dampers leak more heat than windows do, but salesmen don’t leave flyers for new dampers in your mailbox, do they?

One reason why it is tempting for homeowners to replace their original historic windows is because they can immediately see a difference when a window is replaced. And, even though a project like sealing air leaks will ultimately save more energy than replacing windows, there is relatively low demand for air-sealing services. As Tom Kenny, manager of C&O Conservation, has said, “I provide something that is invisible.”

The following frequently asked questions are intended to not only inform and inspire, but to demonstrate how you can keep your old windows, achieve energy efficiency, and be “green” throughout the process.

- Why do my old windows matter?
- Should I believe the hype about new windows being better?
- Should I repair or replace my old windows?
- Will storm windows help?
- How do I find someone to repair my windows?
- Are there easy, low-cost ways to make my windows more energy efficient?

## 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. Sept. 16** Carolyn Hartloff  
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)

**Thu. Oct. 21** Richard Gruberg  
504 Upland Rd. (410.602.1107)

**November TBA** **Board Elections and Annual Meeting** (tentatively Nov. 18th)

**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. Sept. 21** John Carter  
745 Howard Rd.

**Tue. Oct. 19** Darragh Brady  
500 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.6329)

**Tue. Nov. 16** host to be determined  
location to be determined

## Entranceway Triangles

Our main entranceway triangles continue to be plagued by problems stemming from the use of grossly inferior soil and failure to remove concrete crusher run by one of the county's subcontractors during installation of the entranceway project. This summer's early drought compounded the problems, so we now have, yet again, several dead trees, areas where nothing has grown for over 2 years, and other areas where only weeds have sprouted. We hope to address these issues at some point over the next year and will be asking for community volunteers to assist us.

Contributions toward triangle landscaping can be made to the Sudbrook Park association and these will be used to improve our entranceway, which is the first impression and gateway to our community.

## TRAFFIC CALMING THANK YOU

On July 30, Baltimore County Traffic Engineering installed four standard speed humps on Sudbrook Lane (*between Windsor and Milford Mill Roads*) and one on Sudbrook Road (*between Windsor and Adana Roads*). These speed humps have greatly lessened speeding on what had become dangerous roads in our community. While no solution is perfect, the addition of these traffic calming devices improves safety for our many walkers, joggers, cyclists and vehicles.

Our thanks again to **Councilman Kevin Kamenetz**, to **the Department of Public Works and Traffic Engineering**, to our **Roads/Traffic Committee** and to residents who helped us comply with requirements of the county's traffic calming program, especially **Deana Karras**, **Carolyn Hartloff**, **John** and **Debbie Klink**, and all those residents who signed the petition in favor of traffic calming. Improving safety and decreasing dangerous speeding on Sudbrook Lane/Road was a goal of our 1999 Community Plan. Now, after 11 years, we've finally realized it. Thanks to all those who continue to work to make our community roads safer.

***Looking for a Way to Showcase Sudbrook Park's History Inside Your Home?*** We have available a limited number of 19" x 25" copies of Frederick Law Olmsted's August 24, 1889 design for Sudbrook, printed in black ink on glossy white heavy weight paper, suitable for framing. These would make a very nice gift for someone who grew up or lived in Sudbrook Park, lives here now, or simply admires the beauty of Olmsted's design. The cost of each print is \$15 (plus 75¢ tax). Proceeds will go toward landscaping our triangles. Contact Melanie Anson at [melanieanson@comcast.net](mailto:melanieanson@comcast.net) or 410.486.6814.

## Nominations Sought for Sudbrook Park Board Officer Positions

Each year, the nominating committee must nominate at least one candidate for each board officer position – President, Vice President-Civic, Vice President-Social, Secretary, and Treasurer. (Look for the date, location and more election details in the November Park Bulletin.)

**Any member of the Sudbrook Park neighborhood association who wishes to run for any office must submit his or her name to the nominating committee by October 18.**

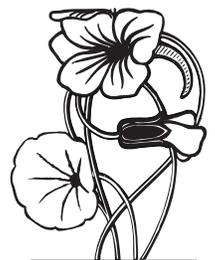
For a description of the duties of each officer position; or to submit your name in nomination, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Melanie Anson (410.486.6814), or Deana Karras (410.653.5010) as soon as possible.

## BULLETIN TIDBITS

**Triangle Thank You:** Sincere thanks to residents who have volunteered their time so generously to weed, spruce up and cut the grass on our Kingston/Adana/ Windsor triangle and also to **Carolyn Hartloff** and **Deana Karras** for planting our Upland triangle. We greatly appreciate your generosity and community spirit!

**If you receive *The Park Bulletin* via email,** be sure to keep your email address current on the Bulletin E-Mail list. If you change your email address, please send the updated info to [spbulletin@covad.net](mailto:spbulletin@covad.net), so you don't miss an issue!

**Don't Flush Medications Down the Drain.** Flushing prescription medications down the drain can harm rivers and streams. Dispose of medications in the trash instead of flushing them, except when specifically instructed otherwise by the label. Also, cooking oils are a MAJOR source of clogged sewer lines, particularly in older communities where the infrastructure is more fragile. Please don't put your cooking oils or grease down garbage disposals or drains.



# Baltimore County Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**Sunday, November 7, 2010 • 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Western Acceptance Facility (Halethorpe)**

*(End of Transway Road, off 4500 block Hollins Ferry Road - Beltway Exit 9)*

County residents may drop off unwanted household chemicals, paints, pesticides, mercury thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, re-chargeable batteries, ammunition, fireworks and automotive fluids. **No trash, and no commercial or institutional materials** will be accepted at this event.

**Household Hazardous Waste General Information:** Household hazardous waste (HHW) materials include paint thinner, car batteries, polishes, insecticides, mercury thermometers and glues. These materials are too dangerous to be simply poured down the drain or placed into a garbage can. Some, such as gasoline, thinners, lighter fluid or glues and adhesives can catch fire. Others, such as pool chemicals and bleaches, can react violently with other materials to explode or produce toxic gases. Many, such as lawn and garden or agricultural chemicals, can be toxic if inhaled or ingested, and can cause serious medical problems.

HHW is accepted at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility (ESL) in White Marsh April through November, Monday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

*For additional info contact DEPRM at 410.887.3745 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Or visit <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/hhwinformation.html> on the web.*

## Community Numbers to Know

**Fire, Police, and Ambulance Emergencies** .....911  
**Police Non-Emergencies** .....410.887.2222

**Police 4th Precinct Shift Commander** .....410.887.6772  
**Police Tips Hotline** ..410.887.6771

**Emergencies - Medical**  
**Poison Control**.....1.800.222.1222  
**Suicide Hotline**.....1.800.SUICIDE  
 .....(1.800.784.2433)

**Northwest Hospital** ..410.521.2200  
**Sinai Hospital**.....410-601-9000

**Emergencies - Utilities**  
**Power Outages**.....1.877-778-2222  
**Gas Leaks/Down Power Lines** .....410.685.0123

**Water** .....410.396.5352  
**Sewer** .....410.877.7415

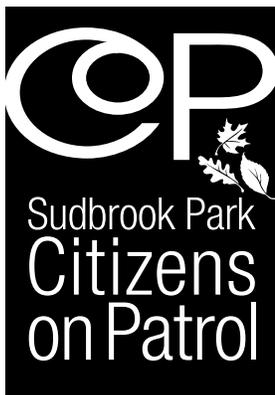
**County Agencies**  
**Animal Control** .....410.887.5961  
**Potholes (Bureau of Highways)** .....410.877.3560

**Residential Recycling** .....410.887.2000

**Traffic (Lights and Signs)** .....410.887.3554

**Zoning/Code Violations, Rats, High Grass/Weeds and Other Concerns (Code Enforcement Bureau)** ..... 410.887.8099

## FROM THE CITIZENS ON PATROL



### Now Available...

**the new COP logo, left, printed in bright blue on a white, preshrunk, 100% cotton T-shirt!**

Great for **walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, cyclists**, and anyone else who's out and about in the neighborhood – the price for these T-shirts is **just \$8.00** for adult sizes SM to X-L, and **\$10.00** for sizes XX-L and XXX-L.

Proceeds help the Sudbrook Park COP in its community crime prevention efforts. To see

or purchase a T-shirt, contact the COP at 410.484.8438.

### Please Consider Joining the Sudbrook Park COP

We need drivers to patrol our neighborhood. Doing a patrol is so easy and takes very little time; but, it does so much to help prevent crime in Sudbrook Park. Won't you help?

Contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438 today!



Watch for details of upcoming events in the next *Park Bulletin*

- **November:** Sudbrook Park Annual Meeting and Elections
- **December:** Christmas Tree Lighting - Sunday, December 5th

## Sudbrook Park Spruce Up Day(s)

A big *thank you* goes out to everyone who participated in both days of our community spruce up. Thanks for helping to maintain the appearance of our beautiful community!

The list of participants includes:

SATURDAY JUNE 5

### **The Barfield family**

*Cleaned up bridge area  
and Greenwood Road, S-curve*

### **Carolyn & Dean Hartloff**

*Cleaned up bridge area  
and Greenwood Road, S-curve*

### **Deana Karras**

*Cleaned up bridge area  
and Greenwood Road, S-curve*

### **Mark Plogman**

*Cleaned up bridge area and  
hailed trash and debris from  
Greenwood Road, S-curve*

SUNDAY JUNE 6

### **Rebecca Palo**

*Cleaned up on Howard,  
Upland, and Cliveden Roads*

### **Richard Gruberg**

*Dug up clay, replaced soil, and  
reseeded the Sudbrook triangle*

### **Bob Caldwell**

*Picked up trash and  
reseeded the Sudbrook triangle*

**DUE TO LIMITED FUNDS,  
there will be *no*  
Arts in the Park for 2010.**

**The Board will consider  
holding the event in the  
future contingent upon  
community interest and the  
availability of resources.**

Barry and Cathy Smiler Present a Sudbrook Park Houseconcert



## Mike Agranoff

Saturday, October 23, 8-10 pm • 505 Sudbrook Ln

Mike Agranoff is one of a kind. He is a discerning collector of songs and recitations and a master at arranging them, with a keen ear for the best of the best. He plays superb fingerstyle guitar in idioms ranging from ancient harp tunes to obscure Tin-Pan-Alley compositions. His concertina arrangements of music by anyone from Bach to the Berrymans are haunting, complex, and exciting, but are above all compellingly musical.

A performance might include an old ballad of heart-stopping emotional impact, a Scott Joplin piano rag, a riveting recitation in the style of Robert Service, and some of the most horrible puns and parodies in the English speaking world. He makes us laugh, cry and think, all the while entertaining us in a wonderful evening of music.

*Mike Agranoff is a wordsmith and raconteur, and that makes for a terrific live performance. The last time he played, he was competing with a concert upstairs and a flood downstairs – and he still wowed us. (Postcrypt Coffeehouse, New York City)*

*Mike is a whirlwind; he bounced us from traditional ballads to recitations to parodies to Joplin to a Bach violin concerto played on a concertina. This will be an evening we won't soon forget. (Folk Music Society of Huntington, Huntington, NY)*

For more information on Bob Zentz, visit his website – [www.bobzentz.com](http://www.bobzentz.com)

We will have a maximum of 25 people in this intimate unamplified setting so **advance reservations are strongly suggested** – 410.753-2351; [bsmiler@bardon.com](mailto:bsmiler@bardon.com).



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### **Make Your Home More Energy Efficient**

- Caulk and place weather-stripping on windows and doors that leak air.
- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Set the thermostat comfortably low in the winter and consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Turn the hot water heater down to warm or low, never more than 120° F.
- Change air/furnace filters monthly. Dirty filters block airflow, increase energy bills, shorten equipment life and worst of all, compromise the safety of your home. Change them every month.

*Thanks to Energy Essentials, the newsletter of Washington Gas*



Children and adults alike, enjoying the fun at this year's Fourth of July Parade.



## Another Great Fourth of July in Sudbrook Park

Many thanks to the volunteers who made our Fourth of July Parade a fun and festive event. Thanks to **Karen Kuebler, Sam Katzenberg, Liz Katzenberg, Seth Kibel**, and our kind neighbors who brought along baked goods for making sure we had music and treats. We also appreciate the support of the **Pikesville County Volunteer Fire Department** and the **Baltimore County Police Department**. A special thanks as well to **Uncle Sam**, who handed out tasty chocolate "tax refunds" along the route.

## National Night Out

The festivities at this year's NNO on August 3rd, ended a little early due to the sudden rain so we especially thank all who turned out in support of the citizen-police crime prevention partnership in Sudbrook Park!

And thanks to all our volunteers at this year's NNO. *(Our apologies to anyone we overlooked.)*

**Mitch, Judy, Sam and Maddie Dahne • Debbie • David Flitt and Mary Gasperetti • Pearl Seal • Jeff and Toby Spokes • Carol Uhler-Ford**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU ...to **Gary and Loretta Kerner** who supplied the tables, grill, drink tubs, trash cans and just about everything else we needed ...to **Michael Brandjes** who once again provided the electricity ...to the Sudbrook Stompers (**Gary and Loretta Kerner, John DiMartino, Greg Mack**) for all the great music and song! ...to the Precinct 4 Police Dept. – **Ofc. Ketterman, Ofc. Blaine (aka McGruff the Crime Dog), Ofc. Matthews (aka McGruff's handler), Ofc. Condon, Capt. Zaryk, Precinct Commander, and Sgt. Warehime** ...and to **Vicki Almond** and her family for stopping by to say hello.