

THE PARK BULLETIN

The Community Newsletter for Sudbrook Park, Pikesville, Maryland • www.SudbrookPark.org

April, 2017

Flower & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13
9 am to 1 pm (rain or shine)
Sudbrook Lane / Cliveden Road triangle

Hanging baskets, annuals for sun or shade, yummy homemade edibles! Find the perfect gift for Mom right in the neighborhood. Pick up a copy of Olmstead's Sudbrook and a beautiful Sudbrook Park mug. Meet the neighbors!

All proceeds support community improvements and programs.

Donations of baked goods are most welcome. Contact Michelle LaPerriere at laperrierem@gmail.com or drop off your goodies at the sale. Volunteers at the sale are needed. Contact Craig Falk at craigmfalk@gmail.com. See you there!



Nominating Committee:

Each June we elect officers for the following 12 months. The nominating committee must submit at least one candidate name for each board officer position:

President, Vice President-Civic, Vice President-Social, Secretary and Treasurer.

Any member of the Sudbrook Park Community Association may submit his or her name for one of these offices by April 15, 2017.

If you are interested in submitting your name in nomination, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Carolyn Hartloff (410-580-0183), Roy Lappalainen (410-653-6087) Linda Rundell (765-730-9942)

If you are interested in serving on the Board or attending a monthly meeting, please let us know.

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Dumpster Day

When: **Saturday, April 29, 8:30 to noon**

Where: **Westover and Greenwood Roads**

Dumpsters provided by the County to help in your spring cleaning! Typically one dumpster is for metal, one for non-recyclable yard waste, and two for general trash. Items that are typically put out on recycling days - i.e leaves, grass, small branches, paper, bottles - should not be brought to the dumpsters which go to landfill.

Not allowed: paint, flammable materials, chemicals, drums and tanks, large stumps, asphalt, blacktop and concrete.

Will have a small, separate trailer with limited capacity for televisions, computers, printers, monitors. Dumpster Day is held rain or shine. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Mark Plogman at mjplogman@verizon.net.

Community Annual Meeting

Save the date! Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Come meet your neighbors, your Board, and share a glass of wine (or two)! We will have a short presentation by BlueWater Baltimore on the fantastic plans for tree planting in the playground/park this fall, how you can help, and more. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter and our website.

Sudbrook Stream Valley Park

Great news for the park/ playground! Working with BlueWater Baltimore, a committee of neighbors has just received approval on a plan to add over 175 new trees in both the formal grassy areas and the non-mown areas of Sudbrook's playground and park. This will provide much needed summer shade in the area and around benches and help restore forest. There is even a planned pawpaw patch near the creek, how great is that? Come to the Community Annual Meeting on June 10 to learn details of tree species, planting layout, and how you can help. Many thanks to Jessica Skillman for jump starting this project.

Calling All Members!

If you haven't yet contributed dues for 2017 Sudbrook Park Membership now is the time! You can join through sudbrookpark.org or fill out the form included in this newsletter. Your membership enables our great neighborhood events, our newsletter, tree plantings.

Help The Honeybee! Spare Your Dandelions!

You may have heard of Colony Collapse Disorder, a condition that has been killing off literally thousands of hives of honeybees over the past few years. Honeybees are responsible for pollinating many of the plants that provide us with food, and they are in big trouble.

The bees have had a very tough year, with a very cold spring. They need a lot of pollen and nectar at this time of the year, and depend on early blooming flowers, such as our humble dandelion.

Please consider the following to help the honeybees:

- ✿ Leave the dandelions in your lawn!
- ✿ Avoid the use of pesticides; as many have been linked to the death of honeybees.
- ✿ Plant things that are beneficial to honeybees.

A huge thank you to Dean Hartloff and Stuart Abarbanelle for propping up our sagging community message board in the entryway triangle!

Pikesville Memories

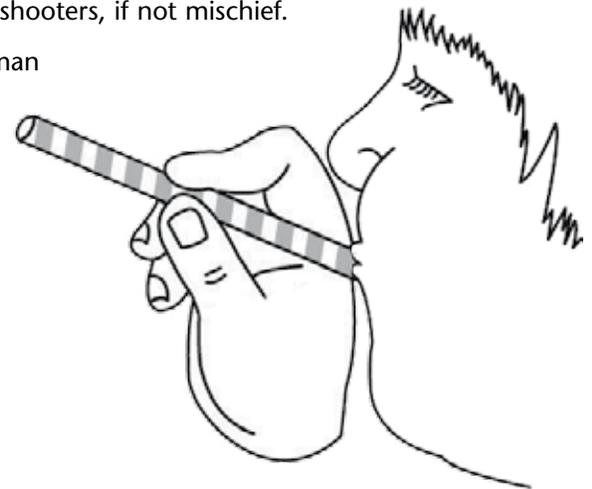
In this space a year or so ago I recalled the time when Arabbers (horse drawn wagons) plied the streets of Sudbrook Park. While the Arabbers certainly fascinated a youngster, there were also a number of retail businesses in Pikesville that did a brisk business. Most of the businesses I remember stretched from Colonial Village to Old Court Road.

One such business was in the L shaped Pikesville Shopping Center at the corner of McHenry Avenue and Reisterstown Road. I refer to what we called the Five-and-Dime, though it may have had another name. The Five-and-Dime occupied a space at the juncture where the two legs of the L met. I think every town or community had a Five-and-Dime back then - offering everything from fabrics, buttons, toys, records, etc. When I entered the store I typically went to the toy section. I bought my first pea shooter there. For those who don't remember pea shooters, they were an oversized straw through which you spat out peas. A boy with a good set of lungs could expel a score or more peas, usually at another boy. It was a satisfying sound to hear the rat-a-tat-tat of a mouth full of peas striking something metallic like a car. I had a friend who tended toward delinquency. One day we were riding our bikes on Sudbrook Lane when a UPS truck came at us from the other direction. My friend, without tipping me off, shot what seemed like hundreds of peas at the truck as it passed. Because it was summer the truck had an open door and the driver, no doubt, was struck by any number of peas. To our shock the driver slammed on the brakes and made a pretty quick turnaround to catch us. My friend, living just up the street, hustled up the driveway to his house with me in hot pursuit. We fled to a grove of bushes, wondering if the driver had seen the driveway up which we had fled. Alas, he had. Soon his truck came up the driveway and he banged on the back door of the house. My friend's mother came to the door, spoke briefly with the driver and bellowed "Gerard!" My friend had to emerge sheepishly from the bushes to face the music. As I recall the driver was unhurt but I can't say the same thing for Gerard when his father got home.



At the Five-and-Dime there was a woman who followed boys around the store to prevent shoplifting. I can still picture her in my head: middle aged, given a little to the heavy side, dark-eyed. She made no effort to be sly about watching you. If you went to the toy section she followed, keeping a respectful distance but those dark eyes never wandered from what our hands were doing. I was not inclined to shoplift (not for fear of the woman but my father at home) and never saw her catch anyone in the act, though I certainly knew boys who were adept at it. In addition to the regular fare, every spring, before Easter, the management would sell colored chicks - yellow, pink, green - which sat in an enclosure near the entrance. A heat lamp hung over the enclosure. Of course all the children would gather in front of the chicks, though I never knew anyone who actually bought one. I don't know of any stores that sell Easter chicks anymore, probably scared off by the threat of a PETA boycott. I think I was introduced to the methods stores take to reduce shoplifting when I went to the Five-and-Dime to buy BB's for my BB gun. My mother, unlike Ralphie's in 'A Christmas Story', didn't warn me that "You'll put someone's eye out!" Anyway, the clerk gave me a good going-over before she reached under the counter to retrieve and sell me the BB's. When the Five-and-Dime closed, I can't remember, probably in the early or mid '70s, by then I was in high school and had left behind BB guns and pea shooters, if not mischief.

By Mark Plogman



Welcome Our New Sudbrook Park Neighbors

Do you know people moving into Sudbrook Park? Please let us know their name and address so that we can welcome them to our neighborhood. Community events, useful community phone numbers, websites of interest, county agencies, membership to the association and history of the Park are information of interest to new residents. Please contact board member Linda Rundell at 765-730-9942 who is now leading the Welcoming Committee for Sudbrook Park.



It's The By-Law In Sudbrook Park

As required by Article V Section 3 of the By-Laws of Sudbrook Park, Inc. The Board of Directors is providing notice of proposed changes to the By-Laws to be voted on at the next meeting of the Board. Most of the proposed changes allow for the use of electronic communications, previously not an option in our by-laws.

Article II Section 2 – Notice of Annual, General and Special Meeting The Corporation shall provide notice of its annual meeting and any general meetings in its newsletter that precedes the meeting and/or by electronic communication. Such notice shall be given not less than five (5) days prior to such meeting. The corporation shall provide notice of any special meetings in the same manner, except than when special matters arise and time is of the essence, electronic notification at least three (3) days prior to such meeting shall suffice.

Article II Section 3 - Quorum A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors and any members in attendance.

Article III Section 5 – Meeting of the Board of Directors Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be scheduled by the Board and their dates shall be listed in advance in the newsletter and/or by electronic communication. Any resident of Sudbrook Park may attend any regular meeting of the Board. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President(s) at any time, or shall be called by the President(s) upon the request of three (3) Directors. The request shall be in writing or by electronic communication. The President(s) shall give reasonable advance notice of special meetings to all Directors, either in writing, in person, or by electronic notification.

Article III Section 9 – Electronic Meetings Any meeting among directors may be conducted by means of electronic communication through which all of the directors may participate, if: (1) The same notice is given of the meeting as required by these Bylaws; (2) The number of directors participating in the meeting is sufficient to constitute a quorum at the meeting; and (3) All directors, physically present and remotely participating in the meeting can communicate with each other on a substantially simultaneous basis. Participating in a meeting by these means constitutes presence in person in the meeting.

Article IV Section 2 – Nominating Committee The Board of Directors shall, at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting, appoint a nominating committee of not less than three (3) members of the Corporation to nominate at least one (1) candidate for each position of Officer. The notice of solicitation for candidates shall be published in the newsletter following the formation of the committee and/or by electronic communications. Any member may run for any office, provided that such member has submitted his or her name to the nominating committee not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting at which the election is to be held. The nominating committee shall announce the nominations in the newsletter and/or by electronic communication prior to the annual meeting of the membership.

Article V Section 3 – Amendments to By-Laws The By-Laws of the Corporation may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors eligible to vote, provided that such notice of the proposed amendment is given to the membership in the newsletter preceding the vote and/or by electronic communications not less than five (5) days before the scheduled vote.

Article V Section 6 – Electronic Communications As used in these Bylaws, "electronic communication" means communication via electronic equipment, conference telephone, video conference, the Internet, social media or such other means approved by the Board of Directors that satisfies the requirements of this paragraph.



President's Note

Spring is here! I know it is a little hard to tell these days- our poor hellebores and daffodils perk up and look lovely one day and then the next they are all frozen and bent over begging the question of what is going on?

We have a busy couple of months coming up in Sudbrook Park- Dumpster Day in April, Flower and Bake Sale in May right in time for Mother's Day and then the annual meeting in June. This year we decided to try something new and are holding the meeting at Deana Karras's house. We have arranged for Darin Crew from BlueWater Baltimore to come and talk about what his organization does and their wonderful tree program. We also hope to have some musical entertainment and refreshments - as charming as the tiny chairs are at Bedford Elementary I am sure most of you would rather hang out on the porch of one of the most magnificent houses in the park.

Thanks to Jessica Skillman, Deana Karras, Carolyn Hartloff, Deane Rundell, Ed Brady and other members of the Sudbrook Landscape committee we are benefiting greatly from BlueWater Baltimore's tree program - getting approximately 175 trees (which we will help to plant in the fall) for the stream valley park and playground. We'll put out a call for volunteers to help with this effort. These trees will benefit us in terms of shade and cleaning the air, soaking up CO2 as well as benefiting the Chesapeake Bay by filtering water before it goes into its tributaries.

Michelle Garcia and Cory Pfarr neighbors on Carysbrook took the initiative to put a grant proposal together to Lifebridge for one of their "Helping Communities" grants and they were successful! Starting this spring with an event at the park to introduce everyone to the program the idea is for neighbors to lend a helping hand to those who could use some help with their yard maintenance. More information to come-

I imagine the water main replacement project has just about driven a lot of you crazy, but the good news is we have NEW water lines and shouldn't experience the kind of water main breaks we have in the past. We will get the roads repaired- it may take a lot of hard work to push the County to allot the funds for this work but there are a bunch of us working on this effort. If you would like to add your support please come to the next convenient board meeting or send a message to president@sudbrookpark.org.

Please consider becoming a member of the association. Your dues of \$25 help to cover our costs for all the parades (and their insurance) landscape maintenance of our triangles, holiday tree expenditures, newsletter, and donations to various organizations like Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department and Friends of Maryland's Olmstead Parks and Landscape to name a few.

Thanks to all of you who do what you do to make Sudbrook Park the wonderful neighborhood it is!

Darragh Brady
President

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. Apr. 20 Darragh Brady 500 Sudbrook Lane
(410) 653-6329

Thu. May 18 Carolyn Hartloff 503 Sudbrook Lane
(410) 580-0183

Thu. June 10 Annual Meeting 507 Sudbrook Lane
All are welcome!

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.*

Tues. Apr. 14 Peter King 711 Cliveden Road
(410) 602-2796

Tues. May 19 Mark Majestic 607 Sudbrook Road
(410) 653-6329

Tues. June 13 Andrew Schaffer 716 Howard Road
(410) 602-0778



Community Association 2017 membership drive

Sudbrook Park Inc. January 1 - December 31, 2017 Membership Membership Dues and Registration

Individual or household: \$25

Senior (65+): \$20

Year you moved to Sudbrook Park _____

Check here if you do **not** want your name listed when we publish a member list in the newsletter:

Additional contribution: Triangle Landscaping: \$ _____ Holiday Tree: \$ _____

Other (please specify) \$ for _____

Payment options:

Use the **PayPal link on our website**, www.sudbrookpark.org; **or send a check** made out to "Sudbrook Park, inc." to Izzy Patoka - Treasurer, 709 Cliveden Road izzydens@gmail.com

Member(s) Information (please print clearly)

Last Name*(s) _____

Address _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

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

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email address _____

Volunteer Opportunities

All of the Sudbrook Park traditions, from the Fourth of July and Halloween parades to the Flower & Bake Sale and the Holiday Tree Lighting, are made possible by your donations, and the efforts of volunteers.

To volunteer, please check one of the boxes below:

Refreshments for Bake Sale or Events

Welcoming New Neighbors

Dumpster Day

July 4th or Halloween Parades

Newsletter Distribution

Holiday Tree Lighting

Help keep Sudbrook Park a great place to live