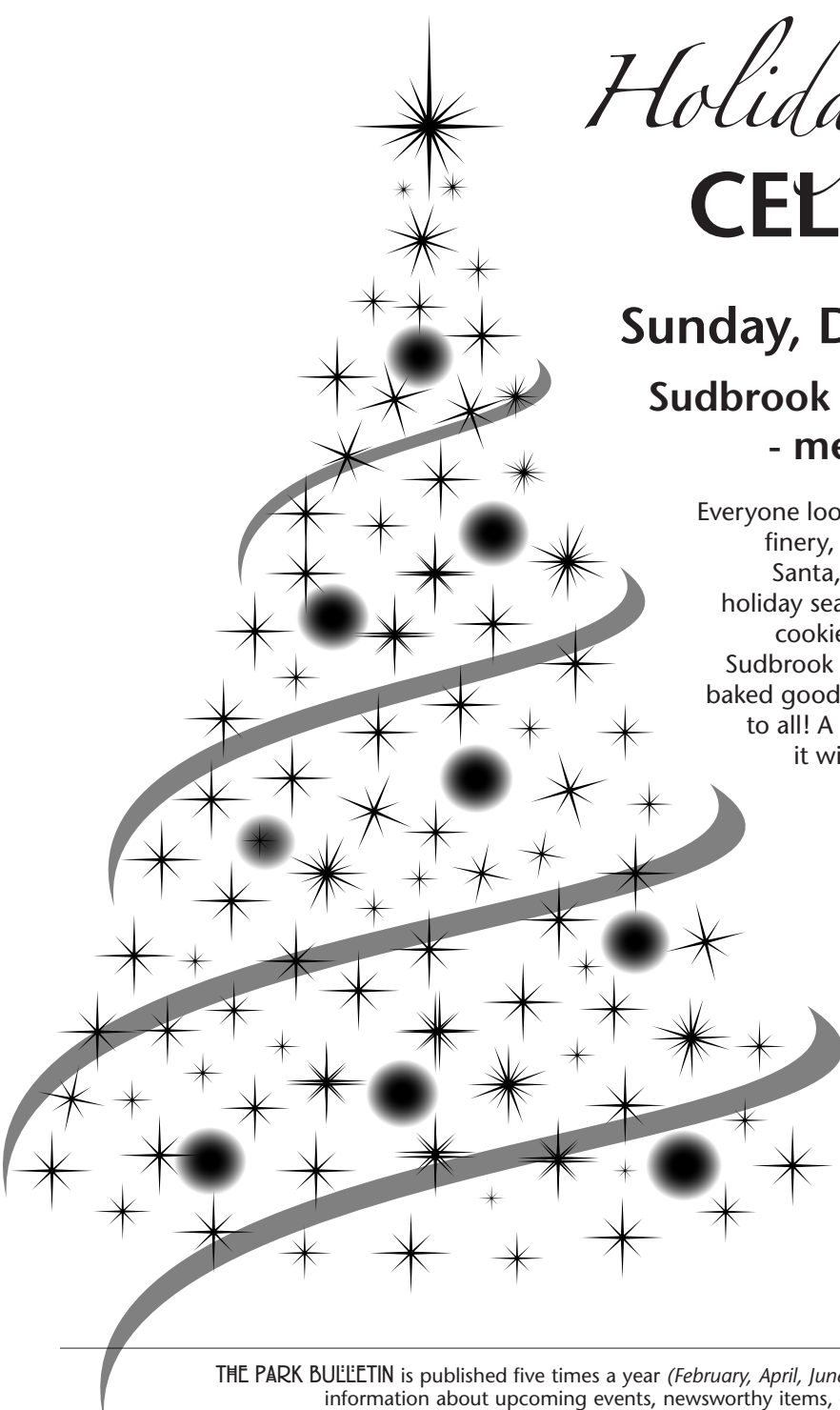


THE PARK BULLETIN

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Holiday Tree Lighting **CELEBRATION!**

Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Sudbrook Lane/Windsor Road Triangle
- meet at the giant spruce

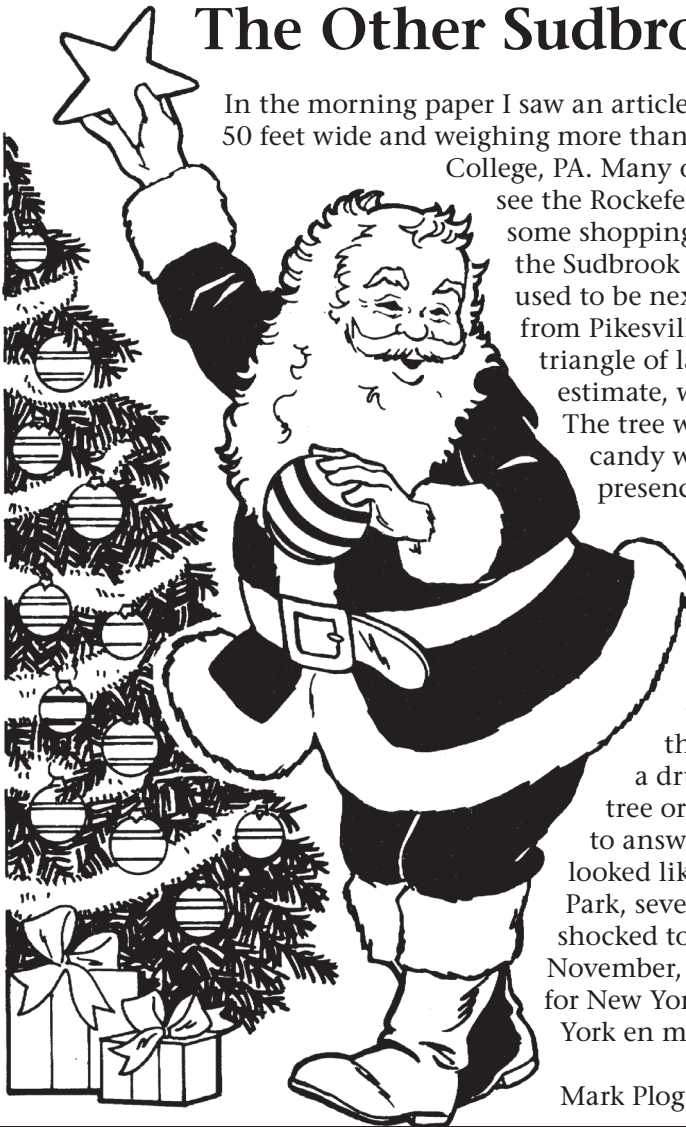
Everyone looks forward to the night the tree lights up in colorful finery, radiating joy to the world. Join the countdown with Santa, escorted on a fire truck, as he officially kicks off the holiday season. Neighbors are invited to stay for refreshments, cookies and hot cider, served on the Brady's porch at 500 Sudbrook Lane (thank you Ed and Darragh!). Contributions of baked goods and sweets are much appreciated. Happy holidays to all! A reminder that the streets remain open to traffic and it will be dark, so please take care. Bring a flashlight and use caution crossing Sudbrook Lane.

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The Other Sudbrook Park Christmas Tree



In the morning paper I saw an article that the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree - 75 feet tall, 50 feet wide and weighing more than 12 tons - was removed from a homeowner's yard in State College, PA. Many of us have taken a Christmas season bus trip to New York to see the Rockefeller tree, watch the ice skaters, see the Rockettes or do some shopping. The Rockefeller tree, a Norway spruce, reminds me of the Sudbrook Park tree, also a Norway Spruce if I'm not mistaken, which used to be next to the railroad bridge on Sudbrook Lane. If you're coming from Pikesville and cross the bridge, the tree used to be in the minuscule triangle of land that is on the left after you cross the bridge. The tree, I estimate, was 60 to 80 feet tall, majestic in its height and appearance. The tree was hung with lights, Santa arrived on a fire truck and hard candy was given to the children. Lending a little color was its presence right next to the railroad tracks. Its message, if it had one, was "Welcome to Sudbrook Park". Given some imagination you could conjure your father's basement train garden, with a train tooting by occasionally. Back then, the sixties, more trains would come by and it wasn't unusual for the train engineer, who could clearly see the tree looming above the tracks, to sound his whistle. When the tree came down I don't remember. My best hunch is it fell in the 80's, the victim of the newly-built subway, high winds or a drunk driver. I wonder if that tree was the first Sudbrook Park tree or did it have a predecessor? Someone older than me will have to answer that question. For those who wonder what it might have looked like, we still have a number of Norway spruces in Sudbrook Park, several of them on Cliveden Rd. Perhaps in the future we'll be shocked to see a tree crew show up in Sudbrook Park in early November, fell one of our trees and put it on a flatbed truck destined for New York. If that happens, we'll hire a fleet of buses, head to New York en masse and celebrate our contribution to Christmas cheer.

Mark Plogman

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. Nov. 16 Mark Plogman 603 Upland
(410) 484-0341

No December meeting

Thu. Jan. 19 Deana Karras, 507 Sudbrook Lane,
cdkarras@gmail.com

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. Nov 15 Denise Watkins, 709 Cliveden Rd,
cdenisewatkins@gmail.com

Tues. Dec. 5 Mark Majestic, 607 Sudbrook Road,
(803) 549-0596

Give at home

Our tree lighting is one of Sudbrook Park's most cherished traditions - and the costliest, with the costs for hanging and removing the lights and for the electrical bill. Please consider making a donation to the tree fund as a holiday gift to your neighborhood. Any amount is appreciated and will help support this annual event.

There will be a box for contributions at the event on Brady's porch, or they can be dropped off or mailed to Izzy Patoka, Treasurer, at 709 Cliveden Road. Thanks in advance for supporting this treasured event.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU

To our wonderful Social VP, Craig Falk, and his team (Karen Keebler, Liz Reese, Sandy Alexander) for organizing the Halloween Parade. Despite the threat of a downpour, and well, maybe a little drizzle, everyone came out in style! Looking good Sudbrook! It is very reassuring to know how many superheroes live here, too.



2018 Membership Year

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, so January launches a new membership year. Sure, everyone hates the annual plea for donations, but it is what keeps us going and able to sponsor our time-honored annual events like the Halloween and July 4 parades, and the tree lighting. It allows us to sponsor things like the tree plantings in the neighborhood and to lend support to local initiatives like Soccer Shots. So please consider a contribution this year to Sudbrook Park (more information and form at the back of this newsletter). Thank you!!!

Halloween

Despite all of the rain, residents of Sudbrook Park came out in full force to continue the long-standing tradition of a neighborhood Halloween parade and costume contest on Sunday, October 29. More than 100 children in costumes joined the parade from the Windsor/Adana triangle to the park, led by the Baltimore County Police Department and an engine from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company. The children competed by age group to be named the scariest, prettiest, most creative, funniest or overall great costume, and then went trick or treating, all during the rain.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

230 new trees for Sudbrook Park!!

Wow! If you haven't been to the park/playground lately take a stroll on a nice winter's day to see the beautiful new trees planted throughout the park. On October 21, in conjunction with Blue Water Baltimore, about 50 volunteers, many from Sudbrook, planted, mulched, staked and deer-fenced 185 trees. Included in the plantings of predominantly oaks, poplars and maples are an alley of pawpaws along the stream bank and a grove of bald cypresses in the swampy meadow. This is a wonderful investment in the health of our native community, and in our future.

A second planting of trees was done on 11/12 for neighbors who ordered them through Sudbrook Park's tree planting initiative, also in conjunction with Blue Water Baltimore, through which select trees could be obtained and planted for a mere \$25. There are now 42 lovely new young trees in yards throughout the neighborhood.

Many thanks to all who made this possible, the volunteers who helped plant, those ordering trees, the wonderful people at Blue Water Baltimore, and all those who contributed the membership fees which helped subsidize this project.



Sudbrook Park

Community Association 2018 membership drive

Sudbrook Park Inc. January 1 - December 31, 2018 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