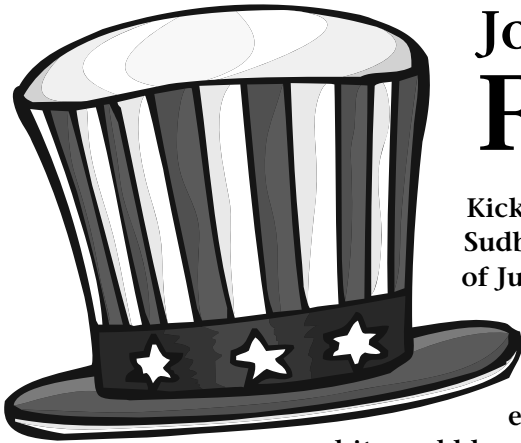


# THE PARK BULLETIN

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## Join the Parade on the Fourth of July!

Kick off your holiday with friends and neighbors in celebration of one of Sudbrook Park's oldest and most cherished traditions, our annual Fourth of July Parade. Uncle Sam will lead the parade starting from **Windsor/Kingston/Adana Rds triangle on Saturday, July 4th at 10 am.**

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bikes, strollers, wagons, etc. in several age categories (0-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12+). So get out the red, white and blue and fire up your imaginations! Refreshments will be served at the end of the parade in the Sudbrook Stream Valley Park. Come Join Us and Have a Great Fourth!

*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 "National Night Out" is August 4th

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 while showing support for our local Police, and for this community's crime prevention activities! This year NNO is on Tuesday, August 4th, and starts at **6:30 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 7:30 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](http://www.nationalnightout.org) and the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol (COP)*

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## UPCOMING ZONING SWEEP

The Zoning Committee will be requesting the Office of Zoning to do a community sweep within the next month. Violators will be notified and will have 30 days to comply with the law. **If you have a violation, please take care of it now;** fines can be steep. If you have questions about violations, contact Zoning Enforcement at 410.887.3391. We thank you for your help in keeping Sudbrook Park the beautiful residential community that it has been for more than a century!

A reminder that zoning regulations **prohibit** the following:

- **An Unlicensed Motor Vehicle** on a residential lot, not within a garage, which does not have a current and valid registration plate or plates and validation tab or tabs attached to and displayed in the vehicle for the then current registration period. (B.C.Z.R., 101)
- **An Inoperable Motor Vehicle** on a residential lot, not within a garage, that cannot be operated in its existing condition because the parts necessary for operation are removed, destroyed, damaged or deteriorated. Inoperable parts include but are not limited to tires, windshields, engines, drive trains, driver's seats, steering wheel/column, gas/brake pedals, etc. (B.C.Z.R., 101)  
*Untagged or inoperable cars parked on the street are subject to police ticketing.*
- **Commercial Vehicle Parking** on residential property. Any vehicle that is over 10,000 pounds GVW, or any vehicle, regardless of weight, which is (1) used for commercial purposes; (2) used "for hire"; or (3) has

advertising on it. One commercial vehicle, not exceeding 10,000 pounds, may be stored in a garage if the owner or operator of the vehicle resides on the residential lot. If not stored in a garage, the commercial vehicle, not exceeding 10,000 pounds,

- (a) shall be parked in a side or rear yard,
- (b) may not have any materials, products, freight or equipment visible,
- (c) shall not display any advertising other than lettering, figures or designs located on the driver's door or front seat passenger's door. (B.C.Z.R. 431)

- **Recreational Vehicle/Boat on Residential Lot:** Only one motorized recreational vehicle or boat is permitted to be parked on a residential lot with detached or semi-detached homes. Such a vehicle shall have a current license, may not be lived in or otherwise occupied and shall be mechanically ready to be moved at any time. If parked on a lot with a detached or semi-detached home, it must be parked 2 and 1/2 feet from rear or side property line and 8 feet to the rear of the front of the house. **A recreational boat, whether mounted on a trailer or stored on land with or without the use of supports, is subject to the same provisions.** (B.C.Z.R. 415A). The following shall be considered recreational vehicles: travel trailer, motor home, fifth-wheel trailer, truck camper, camping trailer, and boat. (B.C.Z.R. 101).
- **RV on Street:** A person may not park or store a recreational vehicle on any street in a residential zone. (Bill No. 84-06)

## 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 18** Richard Gruberg  
504 Upland Rd. (410.602.1107)
- Thu. July 16** Deana Karras  
507 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.5010)
- August** No meeting scheduled

**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 23** Mary Ellen Coppola  
910 Adana Rd. (410.653.0742)
- Tue. July 21** host and location  
to be determined
- Tue. Aug. 25** host and location  
to be determined

## Alert to All Neighbors!

*A private curb painting company has been trying to drum-up business in our neighborhood, by distributing flyers designed to make you think that they came from the county or some other official source. These flyers state that home addresses are now being painted on the curbs in our neighborhood, and instruct residents on how to be included in this "service" – which would be then be provided by this company for a cost of \$20.*

*Be aware that painting addresses on county curbs is a VIOLATION of county code! The Baltimore County Department of Public Works has been informed about this company. Please pass this info along to your neighbors.*

## Two Important Community Reminders...

### Trash and Trash Cans:

Nobody relishes dealing with trash, but it's even less appealing when debris is scattered about on driveways, sidewalks and the street. **Please use trash cans with secure lids, and do not place your garbage out in plastic or paper bags** – not only does Baltimore County law require this, but crows and dogs easily invade plastic bags, making an unsightly mess. Worst of all, scattered garbage attracts rodents, and this is a problem no one wants! Please do your part and help maintain the beauty of our community.

### Baltimore County Landmarks Approval for Exterior Changes:

For those who live within the Sudbrook Park Historic District Area, **ALL exterior changes, additions and deletions must be approved – in advance – by the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC).**

The LPC makes the decision as to whether a proposed addition, reconstruction or deletion is appropriate, guided by rehabilitation standards developed by the Secretary of the Interior (*used all across the country*), and Baltimore County Historic Design Guidelines.

**Check before signing contracts, or initiating work.** The LPC can insist that projects be removed if they are initiated without required approvals, and the process can result in fines for persons who violate these laws. The Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee (SPLC) will be happy to provide information and assist you through this process. Call Charles Locke, SPLC Chair, at 410.580.0342, if you have questions or want additional information. The SPLC can also give you information about the State Historic Tax Credit and the new Baltimore County Historic Tax Credit.

## BULLETIN TIDBITS

### Very Many Thanks to...

**Deana Karras** for a decade of delivering *The Park Bulletin* to block captains.

Deana is now stepping down; we greatly appreciate her many years of community service.

**Mary Adams-Lackey** and **Patrick Lackey** have kindly agreed to take over delivering our community newsletter to block captains. We welcome them and their assistance.

...our volunteers for the Flower & Bake Sale: **Carolyn and Dean Hartloff, Deana Karras, Bob Clark, Stephen Shaul, Sandy Alexander** and **Kurt Hammond.**

...those who came out despite the downpour on May 3rd for Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day as originally planned: **Mark Plogman, Steven Doll, Carolyn Hartloff, Bob and Alex Caldwell,** and **Richard Gruberg**

...and those who came out for the re-scheduled Spruce-Up Day on May 17th: **Ellen and Steve Luckman, Carolyn and Dean Hartloff, Jeff, Isaac, Toby and Josh Spokes, Dixie Mullineaux,** and **Chris Hammond**

...the Dumpster Day helpers: **Kurt Hammond, Bob Caldwell** and **Dean Hartloff**

*Thank you for your time and support of our community!!*



*With Sympathy to Debbie Stephan on the loss of her aunt.*

### Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Membership Drawing!

The Clingmans on Adana Rd. were the lucky winners drawn from all SP Members at the Flower & Bake Sale. The Clingmans won \$200 in gift certificates to four local establishments: The Pikes, Pasticcio, Mari Luna and Starbucks. Congratulations and enjoy!



SUDBROOK PARK'S  
**ARTS**  
IN THE **PARK**

Arts in the Park, Sudbrook Park's annual music and art festival, is months away, but planning is starting now. **This year's festival is set for Sunday, October 11.**

Be part of one of the great events that make our neighborhood so special, by joining the committee to help plan and manage some interactive art-related activities that will enhance the festivities, and turn our Park into an Art Installation for the day! Helpers will also be needed the day of the event to help with on-site art projects, set-up and tear-down, etc.

Artists and performers are invited to display their creations and talents.... painters, potters, sculptors, dancers, magicians, jugglers, etc, etc, are welcome.

If you're an artist or performer who'd like to participate in Arts in the Park; or, if you can help in any way to make this wonderful Sudbrook Park annual festival a great success, please contact Kurt Hammond at hotguit@aol.com, or 410.653.9847.

## Pikesville Chamber of Commerce Residential Utilities Co-op

This spring, the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce began its new Residential Utilities Cooperative. The Chamber **REQUIRES** that individual participants belong to a member organization (*such as Sudbrook Park, Inc.*) before activating a contract for gas and/or electric utility co-op rates.

Sudbrook Park, Inc. is excited by this new opportunity to help stimulate competition for utility rates. Purchasing cooperatives leverage the increased purchasing power of the group over that of the individual.

The Chamber already successfully operates a commercial co-op to reduce energy costs for the business community. Now the Chamber has created a utilities co-op for residential homeowners. The Chamber is partnering with CQI associates, an energy broker, to pool the buying power of homeowners to negotiate a better price for electricity and/or gas from energy suppliers approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Greater reduced rates are more likely to occur if the homeowners sign up while current rates are relatively low. Traditionally, utility rates rise during the summer months. Sudbrook Park, Inc. members now have the opportunity to act soon before the rates increase further.

Answers to frequently asked questions may be found on the Chamber's website at [www.pikesvillechamber.org](http://www.pikesvillechamber.org). Information is available and includes estimated savings, how to apply, the rolling enrollment, and BGE's continued delivery, billing, and service. Residential annual enrollment costs for individuals will be \$37.50 for electric and \$30.00 for gas. These fees are refundable only if your credit does not check out. It may take several weeks or more before you agree to a contract bid. The contract is binding for one year.

Feel free to call the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce with any other questions at 410-484-2337. Sudbrook Park, Inc. is a member, but not part of the Chamber administration. But, if we can be of service, please contact our Utilities Committee at [www.sudbrookpark.org](http://www.sudbrookpark.org).

*Jenny Sataloff, Utilities Committee*

## Donation of Historical Archives

Sudbrook Park, Inc. will be donating its extensive historical archives, including old photos, newspaper clippings, newsletters and other items, to Baltimore Heritage for its "Baltimore Neighborhoods History Project."

Baltimore Heritage has established a portfolio at the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library to permanently archive this information.

Once donated, the materials will be scanned and available online to the public in an electronic file; original source materials will be preserved in the Special Collections at the University's library.

If you have old photos or news articles about your home or the neighborhood that you would like included, please contact Melanie Anson at [history@sudbrookpark.org](mailto:history@sudbrookpark.org) or 410-486-6814.



### Stay Informed

- Read *The Park Bulletin*
- Add your email address to our community email list at [sudbrook@gmail.com](mailto:sudbrook@gmail.com).
- Visit our website, [www.sudbrookpark.org](http://www.sudbrookpark.org)

## Why I Love Sudbrook Park

*When I awoke [that] damp and rainy [March 29th] morning, I wondered whether or not I should bother going down to the Park to plant wildflower seeds, as I had planned, because I figured no one else would show due to this lousy weather.*

*But I decided I should go just in case... So I drove to Dunkin Donuts to pick up coffee and donuts, as I had promised there would be refreshments for our dedicated volunteers, and then proceeded to the Park.*

*Upon my arrival, there was **Dixie Mullineaux**, suited up with a rain slicker and boots ready for work, and **Sandy Alexander with her four-year old son, Will**, dressed in his adorable frog raincoat and matching boots! And **my own son, Joshua**, ready and eager to earn community service hours and play in the mud!!*

*As we trekked out to the wildflower field to come up with our plan of attack, we were joined by **Ed Brady, Kathy and Dave Pugh, their sweet three-year old daughter, Missie, and Dixie's partner, Jayson.***

*Together, on this cloudy, misty morning, we raked through the muck to expose as much of the ground as possible to make it conducive to seeding. Then we spread the seed, much to the children's delight.*

*We were then joined by **my husband, Jeff and son, Toby** just in time to scatter the brush we had raked earlier, back on top of the newly spread seed, to help ensure its germination.*

*As we worked, we were stopped by a lovely woman who lives in Silver Creek, the adjacent neighborhood. She was thrilled to see our efforts and asked to be placed on our e-mail list so she could help next time. **(Welcome Grainne Daly!)***

*What a great morning! I am so glad I decided to trek down to the park [that] morning. Thank you to our dedicated crew of volunteers!*

*Come and admire our hard work as, hopefully, our wildflower field grows in the coming months!*

Ellen Spokes



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*This is a great way to save us money, paper, and a tree!*

## Baltimore County Police Caution Elderly About Recent Theft Scam

County Police are cautioning the public about suspicious calls to residents asking for money. Police say that prospective thieves are using a variety of methods to deceive senior citizens. Recently a group of thieves has been contacting senior citizens by phone. They use the name of a relative such as a son, daughter, or nephew of the victim and state that the relative needs money.

The thieves go on to say the money is needed to fix a vehicle, to retrieve a car that has been towed, or for bail. On two occasions the thief stated he is a police officer and tells the victim that their relative needs money.

**Police recommend not responding to anyone asking for money.** If you are suspicious of someone who contacts you asking for money, **hang up and call 911 immediately.** Be sure to provide the police with any information such as phone numbers, addresses, or names, that might help catch these thieves.

*Get immediate Baltimore County Police news and alerts, such as this one, via email by subscribing online at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe/policenews](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Subscribe/policenews).*

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

**Summer's here. Crime typically increases in the warm weather months. Now more than ever – please join the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol.**

***Doing a Patrol is easy; and yet it does so much to prevent crime in our area.***

All it takes is a cell phone, and as little or as much time as you can afford to give on a regular basis – *even just once a month!* For more info, contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438.

If you plan to be away on vacation, let the COP know to keep an extra eye out for anything unusual around your home while you're away. Contact Loretta at 410.580.1493 or [the.kerners@comcast.net](mailto:the.kerners@comcast.net).



The COP meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of every other month (*January, March, May, July, September, and November*) at 7:30 pm at the Kerners, 717 Cliveden Rd. **The next COP meeting will be Thursday, July 23th. ALL Sudbrook Park residents are welcome!**

## Entranceway Update

**Soil Problem:** The inferior quality of the fill-dirt the county's contractor used in new triangle and road areas of the entranceway project, combined with the contractor's failure to remove a deep subsurface of temporarily installed crusher-run, have resulted in extensive areas where absolutely nothing has grown – no grass, weeds or trees.

We brought these problems to the county's attention during and after construction of the project, but the county simply re-seeded on the same poor soil and never took sufficient remedial measures. This spring, despite ample rain, these areas still are completely barren and more than half of the trees planted by Office of Community Conservation have died.

We again asked the Department of Public Works to correct, or have its contractor correct, this unacceptable situation. DPW told us that they would remove some of the bad soil, bring in good soil and seed again. We have asked that this be done quickly to take advantage of the milder weather and rain. So far, DPW has not let us know when they will do this work. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the work will be completed. Neither our community association nor the Office of Community Conservation will plant any more trees until the crusher run is removed and the soil is improved.

**Landscaping:** Once the soil and crusher-run problems have been corrected, we need to do extensive landscaping in the entranceway area to improve it. We ask that anyone interested in contributing to beautifying the entranceway send your contribution to our Treasurer, Carolyn Hartloff, 503 Sudbrook Lane, 21208, and mark it for the entranceway. Any and all contributions toward this important goal will be welcome and greatly appreciated.

**Walk Path:** For pedestrian safety, we have also asked the county to install an asphalt walk path along a section of Sudbrook Lane and two triangles in the entranceway. We are currently working with the county to develop this project, but as this goes to press, do not know if or when the path will be installed. We are hopeful it will be. Until then, please use extreme care when walking or cycling along Sudbrook Lane and through the entranceway area. Thank you.

## Howard/Upland Project

The Howard/Upland Project, which will include milling, edge treatment on the uncurbed side and re-curb where there is a curb, along with improvements to the intersection of Howard, Upland and Woodside, is presently on "hold" because of a lack of county funds due to the economic recession. We will let you know when funding is available and planning for the project resumes.

*Bridge, Roads & Traffic Committee, and the Landscaping Committee*

## SUDBROOK'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

*This year marks the 120th anniversary of our community's design by Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. A great way to honor our designer's legacy would be to plant one or more hardwood trees on your property (replenishing our tree canopy) and to support the restoration of the entranceway to its original beauty. As you participate in our July 4th parade and festivities, you are honoring one of many long-standing traditions that have made our community a special place to live.*

*We would like to put together a list of residents/families who have lived in Sudbrook for 20 years or more – email [history@sudbrookpark.org](mailto:history@sudbrookpark.org) with your name and the number of years you and/or your family have lived in Sudbrook Park (or call 410.486.6814 and leave this information). Thank you.*

*Melanie Anson, Historian*

### Did you know?

- Well-landscaped yards with mature, healthy trees and attractive shrubbery can contribute as much as 10 to 50 per cent to a home's real estate value.
- Houses with trees and attractive landscaping almost always sell more quickly and at higher prices.

Protect and increase your investment. Please think twice before you fell a healthy tree. While our community loses the aesthetic value, you may be losing cold hard cash!