

# THE PARK BULLETIN

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## Important Notice About the Homestead Property Tax Credit

You should have received your Maryland Property Tax Assessment notice in the mail. There is an application inside the assessment which you need to fill out in order to apply for the **Homestead Property Tax Credit**. The Homestead Credit limits the amount of assessment increase on which a homeowner will pay property taxes in that tax year on the one property actually used as the owner's principal residence.

While this credit was automatically given to you in the past, **this year you must apply for it or you will not be granted the Homestead Tax Credit, and your tax bill will go up accordingly.** Please be sure to look for this application with your assessment, fill it out, and file it with the Department of Assessments and Taxation.

You can file the application either of two ways. The first is by **mail** to: **Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 W. Preston Street, 8th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201.** You should mail it within 60 days of the notice date to insure timely processing of your application. The State, however, is encouraging the second way to file – **electronically** – by going to **[www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us)** and clicking on the Homestead Eligibility Application link. You have until April 1st to file electronically.

If you have further questions about the application call 410.767-2165, or visit [www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us), the Maryland Department of Assessments' website.



### February is *Love Your Neighborhood Month* in Sudbrook Park!

Show your love and support for our community by becoming a **2008 Sudbrook Park, Inc. Member**. For the price of a few cups of coffee, you can play a part in supporting all the beloved Sudbrook Park traditions AND have a role in creating new ones. You can help keep Sudbrook Park beautiful and safe. (*Please see the last page of this Bulletin for more information on what your dues can do!*)

Please fill out and send in the membership form at the end of this newsletter **by March 15th**. After that date we will come door-to-door to only those who have not sent in their dues and ask you to please become a member and support your neighborhood.

**As an added incentive this year, we are entering all 2008 SP members into a drawing to be held at the Flower & Bake Sale in May for a terrific \$200 prize package – four \$50 gift certificates (one each) to Mari Luna, Olive & Sesame, The Pikes, and Starbucks! (Watch the neighborhood message board on Sudbrook Lane for more details.)**

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## Sudbrook Park Inc. Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

*(Please keep for future reference)*

At our November 8, 2007 annual meeting, the following slate of officers was elected for the current year, 2008:

<b>Co-Presidents</b>	Jill Savage	410.486.6290	<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chairs</b>	
	Stephanie Tabrisky	410.415.7372	Bridges, Roads & Traffic	Melanie Anson	410.486.6814
<b>Vice President-Civic</b>	Larry Schuster	410.653.3545	Infrastructure/Utilities	Jenny Sataloff	410.484.3743
<b>Vice President-Social</b>	Kurt Hammond	410.653.9847	Landscaping	Larry Schuster	410.653.3545
<b>Secretary</b>	Deana Karras	410.653.5010	Citizens on Patrol/ Public Safety	Loretta Kerner	410.580.1493
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carolyn Hartloff	410.580.0183	Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee (SPLC)	Pearl	410.484.8438
<b>Board Members</b>			Sudbrook Stream Valley Park/Playground	Charlie Locke	410.580.0342
<b>At-large:</b>	Melanie Anson	410.486.6814	Newsletter	Ellen Spokes	410.486.1625
	Michael Brandjes	410.484.4157	Welcoming	Mary Gasperetti	410.653.7688
	Steven Doll	stevendoll@hotmail.com	Zoning	Stephanie Tabrisky	410.415.7372
	Richard Gruberg	410.602.1107		Ellen Spokes	410.486.1625
	Loretta Kerner	410.580.1493			
	Colleen Russell	410.602.2458			
	Ellen Spokes	410.486.1625			

If you want to join a committee or have questions, suggestions or comments related to a specific area, please contact the committee chair. If you have general suggestions, concerns or comments, or cannot attend a board meeting but want an issue addressed, please call one of the Officers or Board Members.

Residents are welcome to attend monthly Board meetings (*dates and locations are posted in our newsletter, The Park Bulletin*). It is strongly advised that you check first to make sure that there has been no change from the original posting, and so that the host house can arrange to accommodate additional guests.

### 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. *We suggest you 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. Feb. 21** Deana Karras  
507 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.5010)

**Thu. Mar. 20** Kurt Hammond  
710 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.9847)

**Thu. Apr. 17** Carolyn Hartloff  
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)

**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. Feb. 19** Melanie Anson  
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)

**Tue. Mar. 18** Darragh Brady  
500 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.6329)

**Tue. Apr. 22** Mary Ellen Coppola  
910 Adana Rd. (410.653.0742)

## A HUGE Thank You to Edna Mae Loane...

who is "retiring" at age 87 after more years than she can count as a Block Captain for Olmsted Road. Edna Mae has lived in Sudbrook Park since the early '50s. As for her many years of volunteering, she says it was the "least I can do for this good community."



*Donna and Joe Perry of Sudbrook Lane announce the marriage of their daughter, Rachel Perry to Michael Crook on December 16, 2007 at Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Hebrew Congregation (Liberty Jewish Center).*

## Baltimore County Electronics Recycling Drop-Off Center

County residents can drop off their electronics for recycling at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility, in Cockeysville, Monday through Saturday, 7 am to 4 pm.

Accepted items include TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computer monitors, CPUs, mice, keyboards, cell phones, power supplies, laptops, scanners, computer cables and cords, stereos, answering machines, and other home electronics.  
**No appliances!**

This service is for home electronics only. No business or institutional materials will be accepted. Questions? Call 410.887.2000.

*Directions: From I-695 North, take I-83 North to Warren Road. Go one mile to Drop-Off Drive (there's a sign) and turn right into the Facility.*

## Use the Web to De-Clutter This Spring

Just in time for spring cleaning, use the web to help get rid of the clutter around your house while at the same time reducing paper and landfill waste. The best part – **it's FREE!**

### **CatalogChoice.org – [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org)**

"Clean out your mailbox" – Over 8 million tons of trees are consumed each year in the production of paper catalogs. This free service, sponsored by the Ecology Center, lets you decline paper catalogs you no longer wish to receive. Use it to reduce your mailbox clutter, while helping save natural resources.

This new website generally works the same way as the "Do Not Call" list for phone solicitations. Sign up, go through their catalog list – (*it's best, though not necessary, to have handy the catalog page with the name, address and customer number*) – and within 10 weeks you'll stop receiving unwanted catalogs in the mail. If you do continue to receive those catalogs, return the Catalog-Choice and report the infraction, they'll follow up with the merchant.

Sign up at [CatalogChoice.org](http://CatalogChoice.org). You'll spend less time sifting through unwanted mail, and make a huge, positive impact on our environment, by reducing the energy consumed, the carbon emissions, and the lost forests resulting from the current annual production and discarding of more than 19 billion paper catalogs!

### **Freecycle.org – <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecyclebaltimore/>**

"Where one person's trash is another's treasure!" – Freecycle is a free Yahoo Group with many sub-groups within major cities across the U.S. No matter what you have or what condition it's in, don't throw it out - offer it at Freecycle! No item is too big or too small, too old or too new, as long as it's free, legal and family-friendly. (*You cannot sell, trade or borrow in this group.*) You'd be surprised how many people want what you don't!

Join this moderated Yahoo Group to "freecycle" items you no longer want or can use to another Freecycle group member. Simply list your item, choose from several other members who respond to your listing, and leave your item curbside for that member to pickup! There's now even a new Freecycle group specific to our area: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OwingsMillsMd/>

## Never Lose Your Copy of THE PARK BULLETIN

Misplace your copy of the newsletter? Spill something on it? Did the dog eat it?

Never lose your copy again. With a PDF, the *Bulletin* could always be on your computer for easy reference.

**Sign-up to receive a PDF** copy of each issue of *The Park Bulletin* emailed directly to you, instead of receiving a paper copy at your door. Please email the *Bulletin* at [tpb@covad.net](mailto:tpb@covad.net) - subject line "Email TPB" - and give your name, email address and street address (*so we can stop paper delivery of the newsletter to your house*). **This is a great way to save Sudbrook Park money, paper, and a tree!**

*Note: No one except the newsletter designer will see the email address you provide; and, it will only be used for the purpose of sending you issues of The Park Bulletin. Please send just one email address per household.*

## The Halloween Parade Costume Contest Winners

*Ages 3 and under:*

1st: **Fistor Louden** (Prince)  
2nd: **William Kibel** (Nemo)  
3rd: **Harrison Harbin** (Toilet)  
HM: **Benjamin Rigel** (Peter Pan)

*Ages 4-7*

1st: **Haley Seiler** (Present)  
2nd: **Holden Williams** (Scarecrow)  
3rd: **Jerminie Abers** (Southern Belle in White Dress)  
HM: **Gabby Locke** (Backpack)

*Ages 8-11*

1st: **Grace Elderkin** (Brown Mummy)  
2nd: **Geoffrey Palo** (Civil War Soldier)  
3rd: **Kyle Haag** (Davy Crockett)  
HM: **Nicole Mueller** (Dead Bride)

*Ages 12 and up*

1st: **Andrew Phillips** (Sonic Hedgehog)  
2nd: **Abbi McKinney and Kholiwe Vundla**  
(Fashion Disaster Twins)  
3rd: **Caitlin Drummond and Katie Porter** (Hobos)  
HM: **Ashley Garland** (Utz Girl)

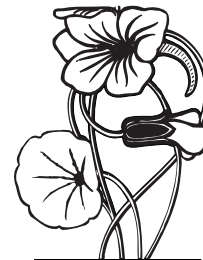
*Canines: (So sorry, we forgot to get the doggies names!)*

1st: Bee costume  
2nd: Bat costume  
3rd: Pumpkin costume

Thanks to all the costumed neighbors for a wonderful parade! See you next year!

*The Sudbrook Park Social Committee*

## BULLETIN TIDBITS



### Seeking New Block Captain

for delivery to 914-932 Olmsted Road (20 homes). Block Captains deliver *The Park Bulletin* to their neighbors 5 times a year and are occasionally asked to distribute a special flyer. Newsletters are dropped off at your home. If you would like to contribute to your neighborhood by filling this role, please call Deana or Chris Karras at 410.653.5010.

### It's Not Too Early to Think About Spring!

Volunteers are needed for the annual Sudbrook Park Flower & Bake Sale (*morning and afternoon shifts*) on Saturday, May 10th. If you can help, please call Kurt Hammond, 410.653.9847.

### Be Wary of Strangers Knocking on Your Door Looking for Work

(*e.g. shoveling your sidewalk*). As one of our local Police Officers very frankly put it, "You're asking for a home invasion." Rely instead on children or people you know from the neighborhood. A list of "Young Folks for Hire" can be found in the Sudbrook Park Directory of Members, or on the website – [www.sudbrookpark.org](http://www.sudbrookpark.org). And please check on your elderly neighbors to see if they need any help!

**Redesigned Website** – A lot of exiting progress has been made so far on the re-design of the SP website! The initial design looks great and we hope to have the new site up and running soon. Look for an update in the next *Park Bulletin*.



## Thank You to All Who Worked on the Holiday Tree Lighting

...to **Ray Beard**, who volunteered to take over management the Holiday Tree decorating and lighting. (*The tree was beautiful!*) ...to **Larry Schuster**, for helping Ray through his first year as manager, and for doing such a wonderful job managing the tree for so many previous seasons! ...to **Harold Barnett**, who help with the design and installation of the light automation as well as the electrical service repairs. He donated both his time and materials ...to **Sam Katzenberg** and to **Tad Stelman and Family** who helped Ray remove the leaves and rubbish from under the tree. Tad was also kind enough to allow the use of his utility bed truck, which was a great help ...to the **Darragh and Ed Brady**, who once again "hosted" baked goods and hot cider on their front porch ...and to the **Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department** for bringing Santa to light the tree!

Many thanks, also, to **Amy Reynolds** who managed the Holiday Tree Lighting Donation Drive this year ...to **All the Volunteers** who collected door-to-door for the Drive ...and to all those in the community who contributed.

*Thank you all very much for helping maintain one of Sudbrook Park's most cherished traditions!!*

# ANATOMY OF A BURGLARY

Do you hide your valuables in one of these popular hiding places?

Dresser drawer  Bedroom Closet  Freezer 

Guess what: Those are some of the first places a crook will look.

## TIMING

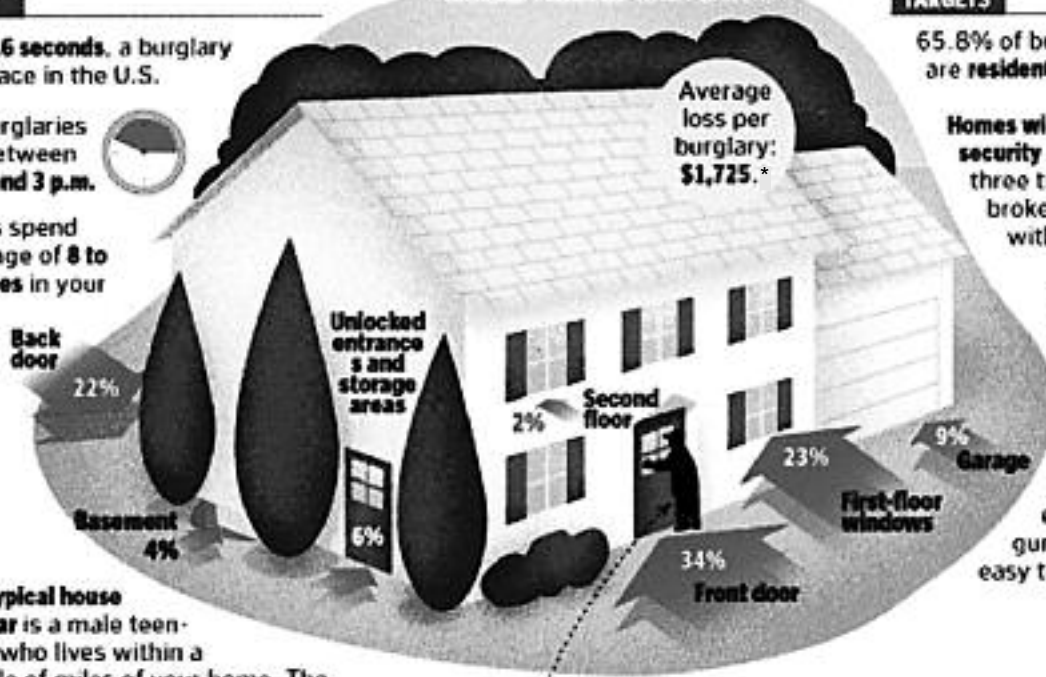
Every 14.6 seconds, a burglary takes place in the U.S.

Most burglaries occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Burglars spend an average of 8 to 12 minutes in your home.



## WHERE THIEVES GAIN ENTRY



Average loss per burglary: \$1,725.\*

## TARGETS


65.8% of burglaries are residential.



Homes without security systems are about three times as likely to be broken into than homes with security systems.

First stop: Usually the master bedroom because most people keep their valuables there.

Favorite items: Cash, jewelry, electronic equipment, silver, guns and other items easy to sell.

 The typical house burglar is a male teenager who lives within a couple of miles of your home. The chance of being victimized by a professional thief is low.

\* 2005 Statistics

## PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Burglars search for homes that appear to be unoccupied. A car in the driveway, motion-sensitive exterior lights, interior lights, radios and TVs on timers all give the impression that someone is in the home. Stop newspaper and mail delivery, and have neighbors watch your home.

Burglars want to spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into a home. Measures that raise this time – deadbolt locks, bars on windows, pins in sash windows – might change a burglar's mind.

Don't give burglars any help. Clear shrubs and trees around your home. Don't give burglars a place to hide. Secure tool sheds and ladders. Some thieves will steal tools around your property and use them to break windows and doors.

SOURCES: Bureau of Justice Statistics; FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program; Dr. Simon Hakim, Temple University.  
GRAPHIC: Brenna Maloney and Laura Stanton - The Washington Post. From The Washington Post, Home Section, Thursday 7/5/2007

PLEASE JOIN  
THE SUDBROOK PARK  
CITIZENS ON PATROL

**Please attend the next COP meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 7:30 pm at the home of Loretta Kerner, 717 Cliveden Road.**

Help prevent crime in Sudbrook Park! We encourage residents who walk for pleasure or exercise, joggers, cyclists, dog-walkers, and drivers, to join the COP. All you need 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

# Sudbrook Park

## 2008 Sudbrook Park Inc. Membership

### Membership Dues and Registration

- Individual or household: \$25                       Senior: \$15

*This year we are offering new levels of membership. (We keep careful records and will not contact you for dues until it's time to renew.)*

- Individual or household two years: \$50       Senior two years: \$30       Lifetime: \$500

Additional contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Thank you!

Please make checks payable to **Sudbrook Park, Inc.** and mail to:  
Carolyn Hartloff, Treasurer, 503 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208

### Member Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email address \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Activities

*Please indicate any activity you may be interested in helping*

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower & Bake Sale (May) | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for Events   | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens on Patrol               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Distribution  | <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Parade          | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Tree Donation Collection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth of July Parade    | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Clean-Up Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster Day                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts in the Park         | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Neighbors          |



**Sudbrook Park** is an extraordinary place to live with a bright future, thanks to our community members. Witness our **new bridge** 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 new 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. Stay tuned for the new **Sudbrook Park website**, financed in part by membership dues! As a member you support **The Park Bulletin**, our newsletter, and the **COP (Citizens on Patrol)**.

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