

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Imagine Sudbrook Park without...

the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Arts in the Park, or the Halloween and Fourth of July Parades, ...without the beautifully maintained triangles we use as community spaces ...without the Stream Valley Park and its playground, disc golf course, and nature paths!

By becoming a member of our community association, Sudbrook Park, Inc., you help make possible all this and so many more of the things we love about our neighborhood. Member dues play a *significant* role in keeping Sudbrook Park the lively and lovely neighborhood it is. Our community website, financed in large part by member dues, is an important tool for communication and promotion. As a member, you enable publication of this newsletter and assist the association's numerous community and civic activities on residents' behalf.

Please help keep Sudbrook Park beautiful, safe, and the wonderful community we all love. Show your support by becoming a 2010 Sudbrook Park, Inc. member. It's easy! Simply fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and send it in along with your dues. *This year as an "Early Bird" incentive, if you send in your dues before March 15 (beware the ides of March!), your name will be entered in a raffle for \$50.*

Especially in these economic times, where you live is an important element in your quality of life. For a small investment in your neighborhood, you reap clear rewards in that quality of life! Invest in Sudbrook Park. Become a member so we never have to imagine Sudbrook Park without...

Single Stream Recycling Begins on Feb. 1st

Beginning on February 1st, County residents will be putting all of their recyclables (*paper, bottles, cans*) into the same container which will be collected each week. The container may be a recycling container, trash container marked with an "X" or "RECYCLE," or a cardboard box. **Note: Recyclables placed in plastic bags will no longer be collected.**

All of the following items can now be recycled:

Metal – aluminum and steel food and beverage cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, and pie pans; **Glass** – all glass jars and bottles; **Plastic** – narrow neck bottles and jugs with recycling numbers 1-7, wide mouthed containers, such as butter, cottage cheese, peanut butter, and yogurt containers; rigid plastic such as buckets, drinking cups and flower pots; **Paper** – Newspapers (*including all inserts*), magazines, phone books, catalogs, books, writing and computer paper, mail, paperboard (*e.g. cereal, frozen food, and shoe boxes*), flattened cardboard, milk and juice cartons/boxes. Do your part to pitch-in!

For more information on the County's single stream recycling program, and what can and can not be collected for recycling, please visit www.bcrecycles.com

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President's Message

As I'm sure many of you are aware by now, a pedestrian was killed by a motorist several months ago while walking on Sudbrook Lane in Ralston. Much of Sudbrook Lane, particularly in Sudbrook Park, has no footpath, making it very dangerous for pedestrians to use. Here's an update on some of things your community association is working on, in order to make Sudbrook Lane a safer place for pedestrians.

We're hoping to get funding (*through the county's Capital Improvement Program*) to add a section of footpath to Sudbrook Lane along the "entranceway" area to our community, near the bridge. We're also looking into the feasibility of installing custom-made signs on Sudbrook Lane, instructing motorists to slow down (*similar to what you see on Cross Country Road in Mt. Washington*).

As far as speed humps are concerned, Sudbrook Lane, unfortunately, is the victim of arcane rules concerning where speed humps may and may not be installed in the county. Because Sudbrook Lane connects Reisterstown Road and Milford Mill, it's considered a "collector," and, as such, is not eligible for speed humps (*ironically, busier streets with higher speed limits, such as Church Lane in Randallstown with a 30 mph limit, already have speed humps*). Speed cameras have been suggested as well, but if you've had a chance to see what they look like, you might think twice about wanting the county to install these unseemly devices in our historic community.

One of the most dangerous sections of Sudbrook Lane for pedestrian traffic is the "S" curve beginning at the 3-way intersection Sudbrook Lane, Windsor Road, and

Sudbrook Road in particular, westbound vehicles that continue on to Sudbrook Road. (*instead of turning through the "S" curve*) often achieve very high speeds. Ten year's worth of traffic accident data that we've managed to obtain from the Baltimore County Police Department confirm that this is an extremely dangerous location. The county has offered some suggestions to our Bridge Roads and Traffic Committee on how they might reconfigure this intersection for us in an effort to slow down traffic, but their proposals, so far, seem inadequate and/or compromise the original design of our community. This location would also be a logical choice for a stop sign (*for vehicles traveling westbound on Sudbrook*), but, again, getting the county to agree to such an installation is no easy matter. But at least we're having a conversation with the county on all of the issues and, at some point, we hope, they will be resolved in a favorable manner.

On a happier note, our wonderful new Sudbrook Park website is attracting lots of visitors. 480 unique people visited the site in the last quarter of 2009 alone, and 78 percents of these visits were new visits, including 26 visits where people got referred to us while visiting Wikipedia! This is no doubt helping to put our little neighborhood on the map. Kudos to all who worked so hard to make this such a fine and professional looking product. If you haven't yet been to the website, you may do so at: www.sudbrookpark.org.

Sincerely,
Richard Gruberg
President, Sudbrook Park Inc.

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. Feb. 18 Carolyn Hartloff
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)

Thu. Mar. 18 Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.5010)

Thu. Apr. 15 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. 23 Mary Ellen Coppola
910 Adana Rd. (410.653.0742).

Tue. Mar. 23 Darragh Brady
500 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.6329)

Tue. Apr. 27 Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)

Five of the ASPCA's Top 10 Tips for Cold Weather

- During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars to keep warm. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. Bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
- Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm – dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. *More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season*, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
- Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
- Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

For all 10 winter tips, visit ASPCA's Pet Care: Cold Weather Tips at: www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_coldweathertips

In addition, it is a common misconception that your dog will be fine left outside in all weather conditions. But, except for a few breeds – e.g. huskies – most dogs are not designed for frigid weather. The University of Minnesota Department of Veterinary Medicine suggests you **not** leave your pet outdoors unattended for long periods anytime the temperature drops below freezing. Dogs under such conditions are susceptible to both hypothermia and frostbite.



With Sympathy

...to Mary Gasperetti and family on the loss of her father, Elio.

...to Gary Kerner and family on the loss of his brother, Andrew.

...to Keith Weaver and family on the loss of his mother, Karen.

Sudbrook Park Inc. Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

(Please keep for future reference)

At our November 18, 2009 annual meeting, the following slate of officers was elected:

President	Richard Gruberg	410.602.1107
Vice President-Civic	Bob Caldwell	410.486.0596
Vice President-Social	Sandy Alexander	410.602.8212
Secretary	Deana Karras	410.653.5010
Treasurer	Carolyn Hartloff	410.580.0183
Immediate Past Co-Presidents:	Jill Savage	410.486.6290
	Stephanie Tabrisky	410.415.7372
Directors At-large:	Melanie Anson	410.486.6814
	Mark Plogman	410.484.0341
	Stephen Shaul	410.484.4064
Committees	Chairs	
Bridges, Roads & Traffic	Melanie Anson	410.486.6814
Infrastructure/Utilities	Jenny Sataloff	410.484.3743
Landscaping	Melanie Anson	410.486.6814
Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee (SPLC)	Charlie Locke	410.580.0342
Sudbrook Stream Valley Park/Playground	Ellen Spokes	410.486.1625
Newsletter	Mary Gasperetti	410.653.7688
Welcoming	Elissa Hozore	410.580.0342
	Stephen Shaul	410.484.4064
Zoning	Steven Doll	410.215.3517



If you want to join a committee or have questions, suggestions or comments related to a specific area, 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 Board Members.

Residents are welcome to attend monthly Board meetings (*dates and locations are posted in our newsletter.*) 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.

Time to Place Your Tree Order for Spring 2010!

As you may know, the Tree Replenishment Program was started to assist Sudbrook Park residents in adding to and maintaining the dwindling oak tree canopy which gives our community much of its charm and adds value to our homes.

Many properties have lost trees through weather events, disease and natural aging. Trees have always been one of Sudbrook Park's most attractive and important features and early Spring is the ideal planting time. If you are interested in purchasing a new tree or trees for your property, please call **Ed Brady at 410-653-6329** as soon as possible since our tree order must be placed in early February. Trees usually are delivered in early March.

We do not know the exact prices yet for this year, but in the past, a 5'-6' tree usually cost about \$25-35. Planting assistance is available, if needed, upon request. Please call Ed Brady to place your order now. Help replenish the community's tree canopy. Don't delay!

Secondary School Options for Your Child:

(This is the second in a series of articles outlining various public secondary school alternatives for children living in Sudbrook Park.)

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Baltimore City College

In addition to the many fine high school programs offered in the Baltimore County School system, County residents can apply into the *Baltimore City* Public School system to take advantage of schools there, among them Baltimore Poly-technic Institute and Baltimore City College, two award-winning high schools.

Founded in 1883, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, or "Poly," specializes in science, technology, science, and engineering. Poly is home to the Ingenuity Project, an accelerated, rigorous magnet program for students with a passion for science and math. Ingenuity students in 2008 achieved a combined average score of 1352 on the math and critical reading sections of the SAT out of a possible 1600 and the classes of 2001-1008 received over \$17 million in college scholarships. Several Ingenuity students have been winners of the national Intel Science competition. (www.bpi.edu)

Baltimore City College, "City," founded in 1839, offers a full range of academic courses including advanced placement and the rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. This program is a challenging two-year curriculum, primarily aimed at students aged 16 to 19. It leads to a qualification that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities. (www.baltimorecollege.us)

County students attending City schools must apply to the City school system in the fall of the preceding year of desired admission, provide their own transportation and pay tuition. The current year's tuition is \$3850.

For more information on the Baltimore City Public Schools, www.bcps.k12.md.us

BULLETIN TIDBITS

Don't Blow Leaves into the Street. This past fall we received complaints about neighbors (or their lawn care



providers) blowing leaves and yard waste from their properties into the street. Although the leaf raking season for this year has long passed, please keep in mind for next year that if you use a landscaping service for leaf cleaning, they should not under any circumstances be blowing leaves into the street.

Volunteers are needed for the annual Sudbrook Park Flower & Bake Sale (morning and afternoon shifts) on Saturday, May 8th. If you can help, please call Sandy Alexander at 410.602.8212.

Receive pertinent information regarding Sudbrook Park – including news about upcoming events, neighborhood security/crime issues, etc. Go to sudbrook@gmail.com to place your name on our community email list.!

Welcome New Neighbors!

If you notice moving trucks or know of new neighbors, please contact our Welcoming Committee Chairs, Elissa Hozore at 410.580.0342, or Stephen Shaul at 410.484.4064.

If you are new to Sudbrook Park and have not yet been welcomed, please let Eliza or Stephen know. Thanks.

Sudbrook Park Holiday Tree Thank You...

"I saw the Rockefeller Center tree yesterday and it looked nice, but I swear the Sudbrook Park tree looks better!" (Steve Shaul, Windsor Rd.)

Thank you to everyone who made our tree lighting ceremony a magical event again this year: **Ed & Darragh Brady** for offering up their front porch and hot cider, all of the neighbors who brought delicious treats, **Mark Plogman** for making sure Santa stopped by, **Sandy Alexander** for helping to organizing the event, **Melanie Anson** (and *Ray Beard*) for finding a tree trimming company to string the tree in a pinch, **Ray Beard** for setting up the timers, the **Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department** for providing Santa's transportation (*his sled was in the shop*), and **Arbormasters** for doing a gorgeous job of hanging the lights.

*Thank you as well to everyone in the community who donated so generously that evening to support this event! **If you missed the chance then, but would like to contribute, the association is still working to meet the costs of this year's tree.** You can send cash or checks (made out to Sudbrook Park, Inc.) to Carolyn Hartloff at 503 Sudbrook Lane. Please note that it is for the tree lighting fund.*

Back issues of THE PARK BULLETIN are online@

www.sudbrookpark.org.

Click on "Events & News," and then "The Park Bulletin."

To have each issue of *the Bulletin*, sent to you as a PDF, just email spbulletin@covad.net and give your name, email address and street address.

You'll help the community save money, paper and a tree!

The Halloween Parade and Costume Contest Winners

The neighborhood enjoyed another wonderful and very well-attended Halloween Parade and Costume Contest in October. Heartfelt thanks go out to **Karen Kuebler** for organizing the prizes, to our judges: **Steve Shaul, Dorothy Porter, Jackie Jones** and **Maria Kalman**, to our sound engineer, **Sam Katzenberg**, and to his transportation coordinator, **John Harroun**, and to all the families that opened their homes for trick-or-treating. *And Our Winners Were...*

Ages 3 and under:

- Honorable Mentions: **Oscar Wright** (race car), and **Marley & Carter Johnson** (kangaroos)
- Third Place: **Olivia Moore** (Strawberry Shortcake)
- Second Place: **Asia Boyd** (gift box)
- First Place: **Kaylyn & Brayden Friedland** (princess and dragon)

Ages 3 to 5:

- Honorable Mentions: **Rachael and Caroline Jones** (Laura and Mary Ingalls), and **The McCullough family** (six characters from Peter Pan)
- Third Place: **Holly Sunderand** (witch)
- Second Place: **(Dorothy and Toto)** *apologies to the winner and her real dog, we didn't get your name*
- First Place: **Kelly Allison** (jellyfish)

Ages 6 to 9:

- Honorable Mentions: **Mitchell Mulcahy** (nerdy kid) and **Noah Price** (mummy)
- Third Place: **Kelli Barfield** (Renaissance girl)
- Second Place: **Connor Haag** (Heismann Trophy)
- First Place: **Grace Elderkin** (pile of leaves)

Ages 10 and up:

- Honorable Mentions: **Stephen & Geoffrey Palo** (ghosts)
- Third Place: **Rebecca Laubner** (barrel of monkeys)
- Second Place: **Brenna Jones** (undead schoolgirl)
- First Place: **Brendan Bethea** (fisherman)

Pets: (judges favorites):

- **Sable** (horse), owned by Gary, Lisa & Kevin Marston
- **Scout** (chicken), owned by Amber Bounelis
- **Roxy** (hot dog), owned by Jeane Nicholl

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Be Proactive, Not Reactive! Don't wait for a spike in neighborhood crime to get involved. Join the Sudbrook Park COP. It's easy to do a neighborhood patrol. All it takes is a car and as little, or as much time as you can afford to give on a regular basis – even just once a month!

JOIN TODAY! For more info, contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438

Sudbrook Park

Sudbrook Park Inc. 2010 Membership

Membership Dues and Registration

- Individual or household: \$25 Senior: \$15
 Individual or household two years: \$50 Senior two years: \$30 Lifetime: \$500
(We keep careful records and will not contact you for dues until it's time to renew.)
 Additional contribution:
Holiday Tree: \$_____ Arts in the Park: \$_____ Other *(please specify)* \$_____ for _____

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

Member(s) Information *You may include all the members of your household. Please print clearly!*

Last Name* _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

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

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email address _____

Volunteer Activities

Please indicate any and all activities you may be interested in helping

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower & Bake Sale (May) | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Neighbors |
| <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 Spruce-Up Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts in the Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | |

 **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 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. As a member you support **The Park Bulletin**, our newsletter, and your dues made possible Sudbrook Park's **redesigned website**.

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