

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Reminder: Dumpster Day, a civic holiday in Sudbrook Park, is approaching

This year's Dumpster Day is on Saturday April 21, which means it's time to start rooting around your basement and attic (and closets, admit it) for stuff to get rid of. More information will be forthcoming in a coming newsletter. Also, a reminder that it is useful to clean your gutters -- both house and curb. Too much debris in your house gutters can cause them to come crashing down after a snow or can result in leaks inside the house. The concrete curbs in front of some of our houses have become cluttered with leaves and trash, which prevents the free flow of water to the storm drain.

Volunteers Needed for Entranceway Triangle Work

As most residents know, poor soil and related problems dating from the Entranceway Project in 2007 continue to plague us, creating an on-going eyesore at the entranceway to our community. Since the county seems to have no money and has merely applied ineffective band-aid measures over the years, which have done nothing, we hope to revitalize that area ourselves this Spring.

If we can raise sufficient funds, we will remove and replace the rock-hard clay soil along many road edges (where nothing will grow), spread grass seed and straw, put down a mulch path in the triangle nearest the bridge, and remove (and if possible, replace) some of the dead trees.

We will need LOTS of volunteers, some with landscaping equipment, and a large number of contributions to undertake this worthwhile work.

Our Entranceway is the first view and impression most people have of Sudbrook Park. For almost 100 years, it was heavily treed, lush and green—effectively announcing to people that they were coming into a unique community and having a positive effect on all of our property values.

If you would like to help us on this project, which will take one to two weekend days (yet to be determined), please email Melanie Anson, Chair, Landscaping Committee at: landscaping@sudbrookpark.com. She will keep a list of interested volunteers and we will pick a date that works for the majority. Contributions toward landscaping materials, trees, soil and mulch should be sent to our Treasurer, Carolyn Hartloff, 503 Sudbrook Lane and marked for this project.

Thank you so much for your help with this major rehab project that will benefit the entire community.



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Important County “Rental Registration Program” Info

Since February, 2008, **Baltimore County’s Rental Registration Program** has required that all buildings/residential homes that contain one to six dwelling units, intended, or designed to be rented, leased or occupied for living purposes be registered and licensed with Baltimore County.

Rental units/homes must be registered and licensed before a tenant moves in; the process requires a home inspection and compliance with county rental codes and safety standards. Although there are limited exemptions, these apply only after an owner files an exemption affidavit and the exemption is granted. **ALL RENTAL HOMES/UNITS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED AN EXEMPTION MUST BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED BY THE COUNTY.**

Q. What if an owner doesn’t register their rental property?

A. A person who owns and rents a dwelling unit or a portion of a dwelling unit without a license may be subject to the denial, suspension, revocation or non-renewal of the license and/or civil penalties of \$25 per day for each day a violation occurs and \$200 per day for each day a correction notice is not complied with, and there will be a \$1,000 fine for not complying with the Rental Registration Law.

These are steep fines. Yet four years after this law took effect, there are a large number of rentals in Sudbrook Park that have not been registered or licensed and have not been granted an exemption.

Later this year, the Zoning Committee will be providing the county with a list of unregistered rental homes in the community. If you are the owner of one of these homes, you should act NOW to register and license your property in compliance with county law. For additional information, go to: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/permits/rentalregistration/>

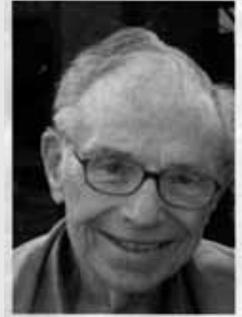
Home Improvements: Historic District Requirements & Credits

Spring is coming and if you have plans to work on your house, now is the time to determine if you need County Landmarks approval and/or apply for the historic tax credit.

If you own or live in property within our County Historic District, you must obtain County Landmarks approval before starting ANY exterior changes, additions or modifications (including fences, anything excavated, etc.).

Don’t know if you are in the County District or if your project requires approval? Contact Charles Locke, Chair of the Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee, at 410-580-0342 or email landmarks@sudbrookpark.org. Also go to our website (www.sudbrookpark.org) for a map showing our historic district boundaries and additional information on required approvals.

Lastly, don’t forget that you may qualify for the county (20%) and/or state (20%) **historic tax credit**, but **ONLY** if your project qualifies and your application for the credit is approved in advance. Tax credits cover many facets of home rehab, including HVAC work. Don’t pass up an opportunity to save money when you rehab and restore your historic home.



Len Frank Memorial

If you wish to make a contribution to a planting memorial for our dear friend, the late Len Frank, please send it by the end of February to Carolyn Hartloff, Treasurer, 503 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville 21208. Len and his family lived on Cliveden and in his memory, we will be planting rhododendrons in a space toward the narrow point of the Cliveden Triangle and, once the county removes the dead maple with the orange mark, planting an oak in that corner along West Cliveden. We hope to plant the rhodos in March or early April and the oak after the county has removed the dead tree. Not only will this be a fitting tribute to Len, but it will enhance and beautify the Cliveden Triangle for all of us. Please join in celebrating Len’s contributions to our community while also helping us beautify the Cliveden Triangle.

Trash Can Assaults

We hold these truths to be self-evident. When we put out our trash cans on Tuesday morning, the trash bags inside of them will be collected. And when we retrieve these same canisters later in the day or evening, they will be devoid of content --or maybe we should say, almost devoid of content. Specifically, what are those little bags of pet waste doing in the bottom of our trash cans after our trash has supposedly been collected? Is this possibly a gift from the garbage man? And just what exactly are we supposed to do with this little bag? We have to do SOMETHING, or it will stay in the bottom of the can indefinitely (garbage men only pull out large trash bags from the can, and are certainly not going to reach into the bottom of the can to extract a small bag of pet waste). Who would do such a thing?

As it turns out, the culprit is your local dog walker. This individual is thoughtful enough to pick up after his dog, but is not particularly enamored with disposing of this waste at home. The solution? He puts it in your empty trash can, which is still at the foot of your driveway. After all, it is empty, and it is a trash can, right? Now his problem has become your problem. Serves you right for leaving your trash can at the foot of your driveway all day while you busy working at the office!

Some neighbors have resorted to retrieving their trash cans as soon as possible (or, if at work, having their neighbors retrieve the cans), in order to avoid finding any unpleasant surprises in them later on. Of course, all of this could be avoided if dog walkers would understand that a home owner's personal trash can is not a public trash can. It is private property and should be respected.



THANK YOUs for our HOLIDAY TREE AND LIGHTING

A huge thanks to **ARBORMASTERS TREE SERVICE** for the fantastic job they did hanging (and removing) lights on our holiday tree this year. It was beautiful! We understand people came from other areas to enjoy it also.

Thanks also to **Ray Beard**, whose diligence and hard work overseeing the tree decoration and taking care of all the lights, timer, etc. allow us to enjoy such a lovely tree during the holiday season.

A special thank you also to **Darragh and Ed Brady**, who so generously prepare for (and clean up after) the onslaught of hungry holiday revelers who come to their porch for their hot cider and delicious cookies. **Thanks to all residents who contributed cookies and baked goods**, and who remind us that homemade always tastes best. Thanks also to **Carolyn Hartloff** for bringing the donation box.

And of course thank you to **Mark Plogman** for scheduling Santa's appearance and the **Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department** for transporting Santa to the big event! Mark also provided the very special goodie/gift bags that all the children received.

This event is a long tradition in our community and each of these people contribute toward making it fun and special. **Thanks to all!**

Please note: It's not too late to make a holiday tree donation. Use our paypal link on line at our website (www.sudbrookpark.org) or include it with your membership dues. Help us keep this community tradition alive.

Senior Driver Available

Have a car but need someone to drive you to the doctor, shopping, bank, beauty/barber shop, or just to run some errands? Please call Earl Jordan at 410-653-7780. \$10.00 per hour.

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Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County

The CRC of Baltimore County is a non-profit center that provides conflict resolution services to individuals, communities and organizations. The services we provide are effective in a variety of situations, from resolving conflict between individuals to addressing harmful behaviors committed by youth. Examples of the services we provide are disputes between neighbors, family members, landlords/tenants, business relationships, schools and many others. Our services are used to resolve conflict in cases of assault, bullying/harassment, noise, contracts, destruction of property, parenting plans, senior care, animal control to name a few. The center provides these services at no cost to individuals. Some of our referral agencies are Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore County Police Department, Department of Juvenile Services, State's Attorney's Office as well as individuals who call us with a need for conflict resolution. The CRC is available to anyone who lives or works in Baltimore County. The service of the CRC is effective, voluntary, confidential and convenient. Please feel free to call our center to discuss a conflict you might be facing. The number is 410-663-7070. You can also find us online at CRCBaltimorecounty.org.

Robyn Engle
Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator
CRC Baltimore County
410-663-7070

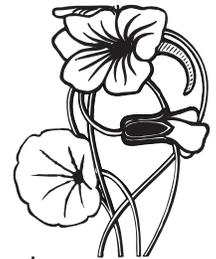
Calling All Milford Mill UMC Child Development Center Alumni!

Milford Mill UMC is in the planning phases to hold a fundraising event for the Child Development Center. If you are not aware, the Center has been a mainstay in our Pikesville community for over 50 years and many children who grew up Sudbrook Park attended this fabulous, child centered, program. If you are an alumnus or have children who attended the CDC please contact Dana Hendrickson. A database containing alumnus information is currently being established. When the time comes to send invitations, we want to ensure you are included! In addition, if you are interested in serving on the committee to plan this event, which may include a dinner and other activities, please let her know. Dana can be reached at 410-653-2284.

BULLETIN TIDBITS

Advertising in the Park Bulletin

Residents of Sudbrook Park are welcome to submit ads for services such as lawn mowing, babysitting, painting, etc. We hope you will also join our community association, but membership is not required to run an advertisement. Please submit proposed ads with the fee, which is currently five dollars per issue.



And now the small print:

1. The Sudbrook Park board of directors will review for content, and reserves the right to refuse to run an ad that may be offensive to some readers.
2. Publishing an advertisement does not indicate endorsement by the board.
3. Sudbrook Park Inc. assumes no responsibility for advertised services.
4. Advertising rates are subject to change.

Spring will bring Sudbrook Park's **Annual Meeting and election of officers**. This year's Nominating Committee members are Steve Shaul, Melanie Anson, and Richard Gruberg. Any member of Sudbrook Park who would like to run for an office- President, Vice President- Social, Vice-President-Civic, Secretary or Treasurer – should submit his or her name to a member of the Nominating Committee by March 31. We encourage members to consider a Director-at-Large role in the Community. This is a great entry level role in neighborhood participation, requiring attending a few monthly Board Meetings annually, and getting to know your neighbors. Join in and help make Sudbrook Park an even more excellent place to live!

Sudbrook Park No Longer In 3rd Congressional District

When the State Legislature approved new redistricting maps in October 2011, Sudbrook Park apparently was changed from the 3rd Congressional District (Rep. John Sarbanes) to the 2nd Congressional District (Rep. Dutch Ruppersperger). You may have received or be receiving voter notification cards with this information.

Our community has been a part of the Pikesville community for almost 125 years and we are the original Pikesville residential community, yet this redistricting change removes us from the rest of the Pikesville area, which remains within the 3rd Congressional District, with the dividing line artificially placed along the Western Maryland Railroad tracks. Maps published on-line back during the redistricting process did not indicate that our community was being redistricted and we received no notice from our legislators, but the new maps were voted on last October and now apply. Sudbrook Park continues to be in the 11th State Legislative district and the 2nd Councilmatic district.

Here is a delicious savory shortbread perfect for bringing a little summer into the winter days!

Rosemary Shortbread

1 1/4 sticks butter (soft)
 1/4 cup sugar (superfine if you have it)
 1 Tbsp. honey
 1 2/3 cups self-rising flour
 2 Tbsp. finely chopped rosemary
 Pinch of salt
 Extra rosemary sprigs for garnish



Preheat oven to 350. Grease a spring form pan (or a 9 in. pie dish). Hand beat butter, sugar and honey into a creamy mass. Stir in flour, rosemary and salt. Do not beat too long, just until well blended. Knock down a few times on a countertop dusted with flour until it turns into a smooth dough ball.

Press the dough into pan and even it out. Cut the raw pie into wedges or fingers with the dull edge of a knife. Prick holes in the dough with a fork and garnish with rosemary sprigs. Bake 15 – 20 minutes. Cool 20 minutes in pan.

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. Mar. 15 Mark Plogman
 603 Upland Rd (410-484-0341)
Thu. Apr. 19 Deana Karras
 507 Sudbrook Lane (410-653-5010)
May TBD Annual Meeting

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. Mar. 20 Melanie Anson
 1007 Windsor Road
Tues. Apr. 17 Andy Schaffer
 716 Howard Road
Tues. May 15 Keith Weaver
 604 Upland Road



Sudbrook Park Community Association

2012 membership drive

Your Membership Supports:

- ✓ July 4th Parade, Halloween Celebration, Holiday Tree Lighting, Spring Flower & Bake Sale
- ✓ Maintenance of our community triangles, park, and playground
- ✓ Five newsletters (*The Park Bulletin*) per year and our website (www.sudbrookpark.org) to keep you informed
- ✓ Ongoing replacement of the tree canopy
- ✓ Annual community dumpster and clean-up days
- ✓ Promotion of community interests
- ✓ 2012-14 community directory (distributed to members only)



2012 Dues Schedule: Regular (*per household*): \$25.00
 Senior (*per household*): \$20.00
 (Additional contributions greatly appreciated)

Payment options:

Use the PayPal link on our website, www.sudbrookpark.org; or make your check out 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. For the directory, please list babysitters, yard work or pet sitting household members with ages.

Last Name _____
 First Name(s) _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Email Address _____
 Additional information _____

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.

- Flower & Bake Sale - donate homemade baked goods. Bring your cookies and cakes to help support the community!
- Welcoming New Neighbors - bring gift baskets to new neighbors and make them feel welcome
- Dumpster Day - help residents put recyclables and waste in the correct dumpsters (one morning a year)

To learn more about volunteering, please check one of the boxes below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for Bake Sale or Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day | <input type="checkbox"/> July 4th or Halloween Parades | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Distribution |

Help keep Sudbrook Park a great place to live!