

# THE PARK BULLETIN

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## Sudbrook Park will Celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014

A 125th Anniversary is called a Quasquicentennial (quasqui = 25, centennial = 100 years). Big name for a lot of years. Our community is beginning preparations for various events to commemorate this landmark year and we will need volunteers to plan and assist. If you would like to participate, please contact someone on the board.



### Upcoming Baltimore Heritage Tours and Workshops:

#### Weatherization & Historic Tax Credits Workshop

will be held on March 14 in Union Square. "An energy retrofit makes your home more energy efficient, environmentally friendly and comfortable. Through measures such as insulating and air-sealing, you can drastically lower your energy use and save

money on utility bills while eliminating uncomfortable drafts and decreasing your home's impact on the environment. You can save even more if your project is eligible for historic tax credits from the Maryland Historical Trust!"

Baltimore Heritage also sponsors workshops on repairing and weatherizing historic windows from time to time as well as some fascinating tours. For more information call 410-332-9992 or go to: [www.baltimoreheritage.org/](http://www.baltimoreheritage.org/)

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# WANTED

## NEW Board Members

The board is actively seeking residents to serve on the board. For the first time ever, we have only 9 members, the bare minimum per our By-Laws. With over 500 families in Sudbrook Park, surely there are additional residents willing to volunteer an hour or two a month to contribute to the community. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Steve Shaul, President, at [president@sudbrookpark.org](mailto:president@sudbrookpark.org) or let any other board member know. Thanks!

## Holiday Tree Lighting Thanks

Sudbrook Park enjoyed another long-standing and festive tradition with the lighting of the beautiful holiday tree at the Sudbrook/Windsor triangle in December. The delightful gathering to light the tree for the first time, and the subsequent nights of seeing the colorful lights throughout the holiday season are made possible by community donations and the generous efforts of volunteers.

Sincere thanks go to **Ray Beard**, who has led the efforts to string, maintain and turn on the lights for a number of years. Many thanks to the **Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department** and **Mark Plogman** for making sure Santa arrived in style to flip the switch and delight the children. Thanks as well to everyone who brought treats to share and to **Darragh and Ed Brady** for inviting neighbors to gather on their porch.

A special thank you goes to **Arbormasters Tree Service** who, once again, did a fantastic job of stringing the lights and making our magnificent tree a centerpiece for the whole community to enjoy. Now that the tree has grown so large, it takes two bucket trucks and crews to string the lights. Arbormasters kindly did the work for our community below full cost to them, and we appreciate the excellent work they do and their careful, friendly and professional service.

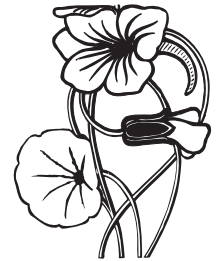
The neighborhood is also grateful to Sudbrook Park resident **Harold Barnett of Barnett's Electric**. As the tree grows, it requires more strings of lights, which put a strain on the existing electrical equipment. Harold, who helped install the lighting automation a few years ago, was extremely helpful with resolving over-current issues that arose this year. Sudbrook Park, Inc. is most grateful for his knowledgeable expertise and willingness to assist, which enabled us to hold the tree lighting as scheduled and keep the tree fully lit during this past holiday season.

## BULLETIN TIDBITS

### Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held in May.

Check the April newsletter for information about our program, date and location, at which time we will also be electing officers.



### New SPLC Member:

Our thanks to **Peter King**, who recently agreed to serve on the Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee. The SPLC is still looking for an Adana Road Historic District resident to serve on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Charles Locke, Chair at 410-580-0342 or email [landmarks@sudbrookpark.org](mailto:landmarks@sudbrookpark.org).

### Dumpster Day Reminder:

Once again Sudbrook Park will have its Dumpster Day in late April. Now is a good time to clean out basements, garages, closets in anticipation. More details in the April Newsletter.

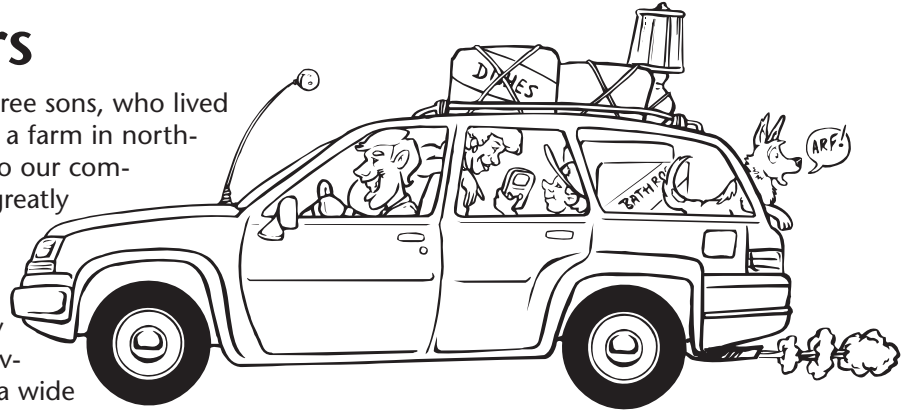
### Please note:

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

## Farewell to the Sotirs

**Michael and Carolyn Black-Sotir** and their three sons, who lived in Sudbrook Park for 23 years, recently moved to a farm in northern Baltimore County. They contributed greatly to our community for more than two decades, and will be greatly missed.

With one young son, the Sotirs moved to Sudbrook Park in 1989, our Centennial Year. They barely had time to unpack when neighbors discovered that Carolyn was a professional singer with a wide repertoire, including turn-of-the-century songs and costumes. Though brand new to the



tunes. Though brand new to the Sudbrook Park, she graciously agreed to lend us some of her dresses for photo shoots that local papers were doing and she sang several songs at our formal reception, lending a touch of elegance to the event.

Over the next couple years, while actively working on rehabbing their old home, the Sotirs had two more sons. Michael, a builder with an interest in historic homes, became a founding member of our Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee (SPLC) in 1993 and served on it continuously, including a number of years as Chair, until they moved in November 2012. His knowledge of old houses, expertise in construction and familiarity with resources were extremely valuable to residents who sought the committee's help, and to other members of the SPLC. He will be greatly missed both on the SPLC and as a friend always willing to help his neighbors.

Carolyn was extremely active over many years in our community association, serving for two years as President and remaining on the board for years after that, spearheading our Croquet event at the dedication of our Cliveden Road corrected-historic marker dedication and hosting, with Michael, the reception afterwards at their home. She worked on numerous projects as needed, including our 2006 Bridge Dedication Event, and contributed immensely to the development, text writing and fantastic graphics of our website – a two-year endeavor. She and Michael served on our Pikesville Revitalization subcommittee as we met with developers regarding projects planned for the core Village area.

The Sotirs also hosted lunches after some of our community clean-up days and the whole family pitched in when we planted the Kingston, Windsor and Adana Triangle. Sons Ian, Ramsey and Charlie also volunteered their time and diligently watered Entranceway trees the first summer after they were installed.

It would be impossible to list every contribution the Sotir family made to Sudbrook Park over their 23 years here, but without doubt, our community is better for their many contributions, hard work and willingness to share their talents and expertise. We thank them for being such a vital part of our community and wish them all the best in their new home.

### Nominating Committee:

In preparation for **Election of Officers** at our annual meeting in May, **Richard Gruberg, Deana Karras** and **Mark Plogman** will serve as this year's **Nominating Committee**. Any member of Sudbrook Park, Inc. who would like to run for an office -- President, Vice President-Civic, Vice President-Social, Secretary or Treasurer -- should submit his or her name to one of the Nominating Committee members by April 25.

### IF YOU LIVE IN THE SUDBROOK PARK COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT AND ARE SELLING YOUR HOME,

remember that Baltimore County law requires you or your agent to inform the prospective purchaser that the house is in a county historic district and that they must get approval from the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission before making any exterior changes to the property. Don't forget to tell purchasers about applicable historic tax credits available for pre-approved rehabilitation and upgrading of historic homes. If you have questions or need more information, contact Charles Locke, Chair of the Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee, at 410-580-0342.

## The Peppers Remembered

Last September 10, Sudbrook Park was devastated by the news of a double homicide on Olmstead Road. The victims, Vaughn and Marjorie Pepper, were our neighbors for 47 years. Their grandson, Matthew Long, who lived with the couple, has been charged with their murders.

Marjorie M. Pepper was one of ten children born in Cambridge on the Eastern Shore. Following the death of her parents, she moved to Hurlock in Dorchester County to live with her aunt and uncle, before meeting Vaughn and marrying in 1947.

Vaughn G. Pepper, Sr. was a World War II veteran, wounded at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he joined the Maryland State Police. In 1964, Vaughn was transferred to MSP headquarters in Pikesville. A year later, he and Marjorie moved to Sudbrook Park.

Our deepest sympathy to the Pepper family.



## In Memoriam

On Sunday, February 17, long-time former Sudbrook Park resident **Jacqueline Cox**, 88, passed away at Charles Town Retirement Center, where she moved in 2005. Jackie Cox, with her late husband T. Newell Cox, Jr., lived almost all her adult life on Howard Road. The couple raised their four children here, first in a house across the street from, and then in a house next door to, 722 Howard Rd., where Mr. Cox grew up. Their lovely home at 724 Howard, with its stately rounded front porch, was the setting for period-costume photographs celebrating Sudbrook Park's Centennial in 1989.

Mrs. Cox radiated friendliness and cheerfulness. She had an amazingly positive outlook and was devoted to her family -- four children, eight grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She and her husband were always strong supporters of the community and brought the unique perspective of his having grown up in Sudbrook, as well as their having extended family and children who chose to purchase homes here. Theirs was a life centered around family.

When her husband of over 55 years died, Mrs. Cox decided to sell her beloved home. She moved to Charles Town Retirement Center where she carved out a new life for herself. She remained active, vital and vibrant, despite some health issues, to the end. Hers was a life well-lived. She will be missed by her family, her many relatives and friends. Our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Jackie Friedland of Sudbrook Park, and all of the family.

From your Landscaping Committee:

### Tips on Trees and Landscaping

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.

Did you know? Large, broken branches should be pruned back cleanly to the next largest limb or the trunk. Tree wounds heal better naturally, without a coating of paint or salve.





## Home Improvements: Historic District Requirements & Tax 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.). Even substantial replacement projects, such as replacing roofs, exterior railings, stairs, etc. require Staff or LPC approval.

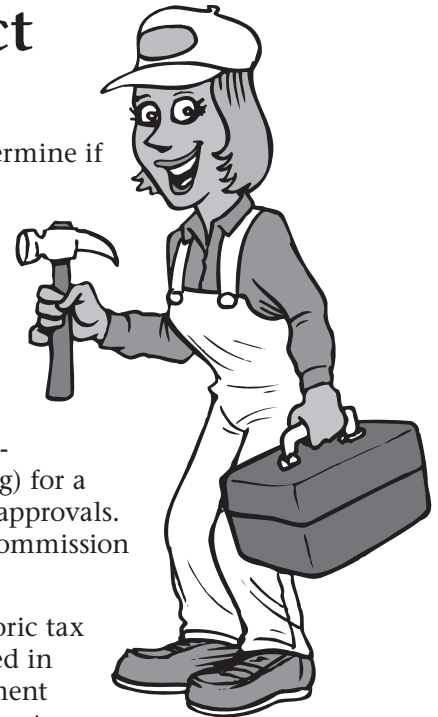
Don't know if you are in the County District or if your project requires approval? Contact Charles Locke, Chair of the Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee, at 410-580-0342 or email [landmarks@sudbrookpark.org](mailto:landmarks@sudbrookpark.org). Go to our website ([www.sudbrookpark.org](http://www.sudbrookpark.org)) for a map showing our historic district boundaries and additional information on required approvals. Information also is available on the county's website under Landmarks Preservation Commission or Historic Districts.

Lastly, don't forget that you may qualify for the state (20%) and/or county (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, replacement roofs and painting. Don't pass up an opportunity to save money when you rehab and restore your historic home.

By way of example, here is how the historic tax credit works:

**STATE:** if you owe \$3,000 state income tax, and you do a qualifying and approved restoration costing \$30,000, your tax credit would be 20% of the amount of the approved work or \$6,000 and you would pay zero state income tax the year you file for completion, plus get a check for \$3,000 back, adding up to your \$6,000 credit.

**COUNTY:** you take 20% of the amount of the approved work and again, using the above numbers as an example, if it's a \$6,000 credit, then you apply that directly against any property taxes you owe. If your property taxes are not as high as your credit, you can carry any remaining credit(s) forward for 3 years to apply against your annual property taxes.



### 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. 21** Carolyn Hartloff 503 Sudbrook Ln.  
(410) 580-0183

**Thu. Apr. 18** Steve Shaul 900 Windsor Rd  
(410) 653 4064

**Thu. May 16** Tentative Date/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. 12** Charles Locke 722 Howard Rd.  
(410) 580-0342

**Tues. Apr. 16** Darragh Brady 500 Sudbrook Lane  
(410)653-6329

**Tues. May. 21** Steve Brown 701 Cliveden Rd.  
(410-653-3362)



# Sudbrook Park Community Association 2013 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](http://www.sudbrookpark.org)) to keep you informed
- ✓ Ongoing replacement of the tree canopy
- ✓ Annual community dumpster and clean-up days
- ✓ Promotion of community interests



**2013 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](http://www.sudbrookpark.org);  
or make your check out to Sudbrook Park, Inc. and mail to  
Carolyn Hartlo, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Residency \_\_\_\_\_

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!***