

# THE PARK BULLETIN

The Community Newsletter for Sudbrook Park, Pikesville, Maryland • [www.SudbrookPark.org](http://www.SudbrookPark.org)

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## Sudbrook Park's Annual Flower & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 10 (*rain or shine*) • 9:00 am  
Sudbrook Lane/Cliveden Road Triangle

**May means Mother's Day (and flowers)...** Come early for the best selection of market packs of annuals, gorgeous hanging baskets and yummy baked goods. Make Mom happy with the perfect Mother's Day gift! Have fun on a Spring day seeing friends and neighbors; and, at the same time, help support your neighborhood.

*Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts at the Flower & Bake Sale. If you would like to help, call Kurt Hammond at 410.653.9847. Contributions of baked goods are also greatly appreciated. Please call Carolyn Hartloff at 410.580.0183 if you would like to donate any sweets for the Bake Sale.*

## Help Spruce-up the Neighborhood

Mark Your Calendars! This year's **Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day** will be held on **Saturday, May 17th** (*weather permitting; but, we do work in drizzle!*). We'll be meeting at 10:00 am at the upper triangle – where the road splits at Cliveden and Cliveden West. Please bring your own work gloves; we'll provide trash bags.

Areas that we intend to focus on this year include the litter on Greenwood Road (*around the S curve*) and on both ends of Howard Road, as well as, leaf debris around several triangles and the bridge, and litter along the footpath next to the stream in the park. If you know of an area in the neighborhood that you think could use a little "sprucing-up," bring it to our attention and we'll address it also.

**This is a great opportunity for school age kids to fulfill community service requirements** – however, they should be accompanied by an adult.

We'll be cooking out and serving refreshments; and there'll be games for the little ones to boot – so come out and give a hand! Do your part to help keep Sudbrook Park beautiful.

*For more information, or if you can suggest an area in the neighborhood that needs some attention, contact Richard Gruberg at 410.602.1107.*

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**Spring has arrived in Sudbrook Park!**

There are daffodils blooming in yards, buds on trees, and neighbors out and about, visiting and catching up on each other's news. Few neighborhoods could provide such a welcome. Visitors invariably comment on Sudbrook Park's beauty and unique neighborliness. For many of us, spring is also a season of change – a time not only to revitalize and renew, but to chart new territory. In this, Sudbrook Park is no exception. Our community will soon have a newly designed website. Previously, Jim Carnes, an innovative Sudbrook neighbor, graciously helped us set sail on the internet. Now, a committee of similarly talented residents are creating a contemporary website to offer an informative welcome to newcomers and updates in community news.

Other good news includes a decrease in crime incidents: down dramatically from last winter. Spring and summer, however, offer new challenges. Citizens on Patrol remains our most effective community defense. Thank you to our present drivers, and if you haven't started yet, call Loretta Kerner at 410-580-1493. It is essential to keep this service active. All it takes is a few minutes of your time to drive around the neighborhood with a cool, rotating light on your car! We'll all be most appreciative.

Spring being a time of renewal also brings to mind both our current membership drive and the need for fresh voices in our community leadership. Being a member of Sudbrook Park, Inc. enables you to be a part of all our community does. Money collected via membership dues allows Sudbrook Park to continue to provide and expand many of the events sponsored by the community throughout the year. Sudbrook Park's cohesive and warm community spirit is evident

throughout the seasons in long held traditions such as the Tree Lighting in the winter, the Flower & Bake Sale in the spring, 4th of July festivities in the summer, and Arts in the Park in the Fall. Be an integral part of our community and all it offers! Please join for the first time, or renew your membership if you haven't already.

Another way you can be involved in our community is by attending Sudbrook Park Community Board meetings. We on the board are in search of YOU! Fresh faces and fresh ideas are very welcome and much needed. Come to a meeting and introduce yourself. The Board meets every third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Locations are always printed in the newsletter, or please call one of us to find out where it is being held.

We hope this letter finds you all well. Thank you to present board members, directors at large, and the wonderful neighbors who volunteer throughout the year. A special thanks to Mary Gasperetti for gathering information and designing our newsletter. Thank you to Deanna Karras for distributing the Bulletin, and to all the block captains for delivering it to our many households.

Please come on over to our community's monthly meetings. Meet Richard Gruberg, Carolyn Sotir and more neighbors at a fun Spruce-Up Day and cookout! Meet Kurt Hammond and other wonderful folks at our Annual Flower & Bake Sale in May!

This is "Spring in Sudbrook Park." Welcome!

Warmest Regards,  
**Stephanie Tabrisky and Jill Savage**  
 Co-Presidents, 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. *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. Apr. 17** Melanie Anson  
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)
- Thu. May 15** Carolyn Black-Sotir  
707 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.5012)
- Thu. June 19** 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. Apr. 22** Mary Ellen Coppola  
910 Adana Rd. (410.653.0742)
- Tue. May 20** Mike Sotir  
707 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.5012)
- Tue. June 24** Andy Schaffer  
716 Howard Rd. (410.602.0778)

## The Annual Dumpster Day is June 7th, 8:00 to Noon

Once again Sudbrook Park will offer residents an opportunity to dispose of rubbish you've cleaned out during spring cleaning efforts. On Saturday, June 5, there will be dumpsters located at the intersection of Westover and Greenwood Roads from 8:00 am until Noon, or until the dumpsters are filled. ***There is no drop-off after the Noon deadline. Any dumping after that time is considered illegal!***

There will be two containers for general refuse, one container for yard waste and brush (*no lumber*) and a fourth container for metal items, including appliances that do not contain freon. Lawn mowers are accepted only with all gas and oil removed.

The following items **ARE NOT** accepted:

- ✗ Materials you can dispose of curb side (*paper, cardboard, bottles and cans*)
- ✗ Wood logs larger than 8" in diameter or 6' long
- ✗ Air conditioners, refrigerators, or anything containing freon
- ✗ Liquids (*paint, acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals, antifreeze, oil, gasoline*)
- ✗ Asphalt, concrete, rocks    ✗ Explosive or flammable materials    ✗ Medical/radioactive waste
- ✗ Drums or tanks (*unless clean and cut in half*)    ✗ Asbestos shingles or other asbestos materials
- ✗ Animal carcasses    ✗ Large stumps    ✗ Tires    ✗ Batteries    ✗ Roofing shingles

**Attention Young Residents...** Volunteer to help monitor the dumpsters. This is an excellent opportunity to fulfill community service hours! **Volunteers with trucks also needed** to take electronics to the Warren Rd. Facility, and possibly paints and liquids to the Eastern Landfill facility in White Marsh. If you can volunteer in to help out any way, contact Larry Schuster 410.653.3545.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER** to take over the duties of managing Sudbrook Park's annual Dumpster Day starting next year. No experience is needed. Larry Schuster will help you "learn the ropes" at this year's Dumpster Day. If you can volunteer, call Larry at 410.653.3545. Please help continue an important annual event!

## Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**Sunday, April 13, 2008 • 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility**  
**Warren Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030**

Baltimore County Residents may drop off **unwanted household chemicals** (*e.g. paint thinners, polishes, glues, lighter fluid, pool chemicals and bleaches*) **paints, pesticides, mercury thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, re-chargeable batteries, ammunition and automotive fluids** for recycling or proper disposal. No trash, or commercial or institutional materials will be accepted at this event.

For those residents unable to attend this event, the Dept. of Environmental Protection & Resource Management (DEPRM) also operates a collection facility, in cooperation with the Dept. of Public Works, at the Eastern Landfill, located at 6257 Days Cove Road in White Marsh. The hours of operation for the Eastern Landfill facility are Monday - Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm from April through November.

For additional info contact DEPRM at 410.887.3745 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

## Yard Materials Collection Refresher Course

Soon we'll be back outside and tending to our gardens and yards. Here's a little refresher course on yard materials collection from the March issue of **The Resource** - Baltimore County's Solid Waste Re-education, Reuse, Recycling & Refuse Disposal Newsletter.

1. Set out yard materials (except for branches and limbs) in paper or plastic lawn and leaf bags.
2. Branches and limbs set out for collection must be no larger than three inches in diameter, no longer than three feet, and tied in bundles.
3. The maximum weight for a bag or bundle of yard materials is 30 pounds. Please make sure that the bags you use are strong enough to hold the contents.
4. Never use trash cans to set out yard materials.

For more information about yard materials collection (or about trash and recycling collection) rules, visit the Bureau of Solid Waste Management website: [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid\\_waste/trash.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid_waste/trash.html), or call 410.887.2000.

## Landlords Must Register Rental Units

County officials have announced that the new Rental Registration Law is now in effect, and that owners of most residential rental units, whether individual homes, portions of a home or in buildings with one to six units must be inspected, registered and licensed by the county on or before July 1, 2008. A landlord who fails to comply with this law is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000.

This law, initiated by the County Council and passed on December 19, extends a pilot program in certain neighborhoods to cover the entire county. The purpose of the law is to protect the safety, health and welfare of tenants by creating an additional procedure for the enforcement of county codes and violations. Tenants of larger apartment complexes are already protected by the County's Livability Code.

Certain rental dwellings are exempt from this law, including those that:

- are owner-occupied, with other individuals in the home related by blood, marriage, or adoption,
- are owner occupied, with no more than one additional unrelated adult and any of that person's minor dependants,
- serve as group homes,
- are being rented back to the previous owner as part of a real estate sale agreement,
- are being rented to a caregiver living with the owner.

Landlords may go to the County's web site, [www.baltimorecountymd.gov](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov), to download all necessary documents related to the Rental Registration Law. Paper copies of these documents are also available at all Baltimore County public libraries, and senior centers; and at the Code Enforcement Bureau, located in Room 213 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

## Entranceway Project

Baltimore County Department of Public Works is planning to begin our Entranceway Project (*narrowing roadways and installing an edge-stabilizing treatment*) in late spring or early summer. Traffic will be slowed in the area around the bridge while work is in progress but one lane is expected to remain open to accommodate through traffic. The project should take two months (*or less*) to complete.

The next project in the pipeline will be Howard/Upland Road. We will be meeting with the county soon to discuss plans for addressing issues on these streets and for re-configuring the poorly functioning Howard/Woodside/Upland intersection.

## Water Line Work

The Department of Public Works will be cleaning and cement lining water lines along **Milford Mill Road** and **streets off Milford Mill** beginning in April, and on **Kingston, McHenry, Olmstead, Adana** and **Carysbrook Roads**, beginning about June. Work will also be done on **Judy Lane**.

The contractor will first put in temporary above-ground bypass lines before beginning work on the below ground pipes. Residents will have water during this project and the county has assured us that the contractor will try to avoid any damage to tree roots when excavating 6' by 6' pits every 500 feet to reach the existing pipes.

There have been recent complaints about discolored water. The project (*which will rehab 20,000 feet of pipe*) is expected to remedy the situation and improve water quality.

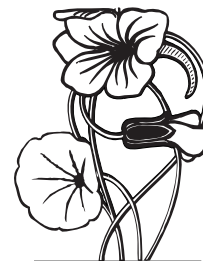
**Want to Stay Informed?** *If you'd like to receive pertinent information regarding Sudbrook Park – including news about upcoming events, neighborhood security/crime issues, etc. – go to [sudbrook@gmail.com](mailto:sudbrook@gmail.com) to place your name on the community email list.*

## BULLETIN TIDBITS

**Kudos to Ray Beard and Harold Barnett.** Their design and installation of the light automation system for this year's Holiday Tree, saved Sudbrook Park \$350 this year versus last year's costs – even with the electricity rate hike! Many thanks to Ray and Harold.

Thank you **Brendan Mueller** for a great job cleaning up the Sudbrook Stream Valley Park and **Richard Gruberg** for cleaning up trash by the bridge at Howard Rd. and the MTA lot.

The **'08 Sudbrook Park, Inc. Membership Form is on last page of this Bulletin** – Please join today. *Member dues play a significant role in keeping our community the lively and lovely neighborhood it is.* Unsure if you've already a member for 2008? Call Carolyn Hartloff (410.580.0183) to check you membership status.



## In Case You Were Wondering... Yes, Ivy Will Kill Your Tree.

Did you know that ivy left unchecked will eventually kill your trees? Not only does it transmit disease, but it also deprives tree leaves of needed sunlight, and burdens the entire tree with its weight, making lower limbs susceptible to breaking-off during storms. Typically, as the vine grows up the tree, the tree loses its lower limbs, leaving a "broccoli head" canopy at the remaining top part.

Do you part to protect our tree canopy by not letting ivy grow up your trees unchecked. Cutting the roots of the ivy at the tree base should, in most cases, kill the plant, although it may continue to live off of the tree bark for several more months. For useful tips on removing ivy from trees visit: [www.hollin hills.org/parks/ivyRemoval.php](http://www.hollin hills.org/parks/ivyRemoval.php)



### Got a New Neighbor?

Or know of someone who has moved here within the last six months? The Welcoming Committee would like to know about it! Please contact Stephanie Tabrisky at 410.415.7372 to ensure our newest residents get an official welcome.

## Misplace THE PARK BULLETIN?

A PDF of the *Bulletin* could always be available on your computer for easy reference. To receive each issue of the *Bulletin*, as a PDF, just email [tpb@covad.net](mailto:tpb@covad.net) - subject line "Email TPB" - and give your name, email address and street address. **This is a great way to save Sudbrook Park money, paper, and a tree!**

## COP PATROLLERS OF THE MONTH

This year, the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol (COP) has decided to initiate a "Patroller of the Month" program. Each month the COP will acknowledge the hard work of a person who regularly and consistently contributes his or her time and effort to the COP, by giving that patroller a \$10 gas card. It's just a small way of saying THANKS for helping keep Sudbrook Park a safe community for all of us who live here!

### Our Patroller of the Month for January is Mark Plogman

Mark Plogman, our first ever Patroller of the Month, regularly patrols while walking his dog, Lillie. One day Mark heard the sound of rushing water near the home of a neighbor of Stephanie Tabrisky. He knocked on Stephanie's door and she immediately called her neighbor at work. The neighbor got a plumber to the house right away for what turned out to be a major water emergency. Because Mark was on patrol and noticed something out of the ordinary, the neighbor avoided an even worse situation and possibly serious damage to her home. Thanks, Mark (and Lillie)!

### The February Patroller of the Month is Kathy McKim

We're recognizing Kathy McKim for the consistent efforts she has made over all the years she has patrolled. Her efforts have helped to keep the COP alive. Except for a period when there was illness in the family, she has been our most dependable patroller. You can see her out patrolling with her dog, in the car. Thank you, Kathy, for contributing so much of your time to the COP!

### Mary Gasperetti is the March Patroller of the Month

Mary has been not only a regular patroller, but also holds COP equipment for any to use, worked tirelessly for National Night Out last year, and she currently acts as secretary for our meetings. Our thanks to Mary.



*The COP meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 7:30 pm at the Kerners, 717 Cliveden Rd.  
The next COP meeting will be Thursday, May 22nd. All Sudbrook Park residents are welcome to attend.*

*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

Contribution to the Holiday Tree: \$\_\_\_\_\_ and/or Additional contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You for your extra contribution(s)!*

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*

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| <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 Spruce-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!***