

THE PARK BULLETIN

The Community Newsletter for Sudbrook Park, Pikesville, Maryland • www.SudbrookPark.org

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Sudbrook Park's Annual Flower & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 8 (rain or shine) • 9 am • Sudbrook Ln/Cliveden Rd 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, while helping support your Sudbrook Park.

Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts at the Flower & Bake Sale. If you would like to help, call Sandy Alexander at 410.602.8212. Contributions of baked goods are also greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate any sweets for the Bake Sale, please call Carolyn Hartloff at 410.580.0183.



Going Green

Save Paper and a Tree! Receive a PDF of each issue of *The Park Bulletin* via email instead of getting a paper copy delivered to your door. Email the *Bulletin* at spbulletin@covad.net – subject line “Email TPB” – and give your name, email and street addresses.

Recycle “Gently-Used” Household Items, Clothing and Furniture With a simple phone call or online request, many charitable organizations and groups will pick up donations from your doorstep. Visit any organization's website for info on donating gently-used items; but here are a four:

- **The Salvation Army** assists millions of homeless, working poor, children, youth, addicted, elderly, and abused families and individuals: 800.SA.TRUCK (1.800.728.7825)
- **Goodwill Industries** offers job training, employment placement and other services to people who have disabilities, lack education or job experience, or who face employment challenges: 6999 Reisterstown Rd., 410.358.8411; or 11411 Reisterstown Rd., 410.581.8960 (call only for pick-up of larger items)
- **The National Children's Center** provides opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to live full, meaningful, and productive lives: www.nccpickup.org, or 301.595.3840 (no large furniture items)
- **Vietnam Veterans of America** primarily serves the needs of veterans of the Vietnam War era throughout the nation and elsewhere: www.clothingdonations.org/maps/maryland.htm, or 800.459.VETS (1.800.459.8387)

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President's Message: Why Membership Counts!

Did you know that last year we spent \$1,500 just to mow our triangles? You probably didn't. So with a membership fee of 25 dollars per household, that means it takes 60 households paying their annual Sudbrook Park membership just to be able to cover our mowing costs. Currently 60 households represents about a third of all dues paying households. To make matters worse, there has been about a 25 percent drop in membership since 2006. It's true that we raise additional funds with flower and bake sales, and we take a collection each year for the holiday tree, but the bottom line is that even with all of these fundraising activities, we still have been running a slight deficit the last several years, and have been using the limited funds in our savings account to make up the difference. Obviously, this can't go on indefinitely.

So how do we plan to pay for all of the things that we take for granted in the neighborhood? Do you enjoy the parades we have for the kids? Well, parade permits, alone, cost us over \$400 last year. What about this newsletter you're reading? How many neighborhoods that you know of have a newsletter as nice as this one? Well, printing it up cost us over \$1000 dollars last year. Arts in the Park? That costs about \$700. And next year, if we have a holiday tree, we going to pay the "market" rate for getting it decorated, since the company that had

been doing the decorating in the past can no longer afford to give us "pro bono" rates.

All of these activities make Sudbrook Park a special place to live and, in fact, increase your property value. Why? Because people know about this place and know that it's unique. And that makes your property more marketable. But there's no free lunch. Each year, no matter how hard we try to pinch our pennies (*and we're trying very hard*), things tend to get a little more costly. That's why we can't afford not having you as a regular dues paying member of the community association! Other communities providing similar services often have mandatory condo fees or mandatory association fees. We don't.

So please be a responsible neighbor and contribute to your community association. This year, in addition to the standard membership form on the last page of this newsletter, we are also setting-up a Paypal payment option through our website - www.sudbrookpark.org. We expect it to be online sometime in April, so if you would like to use this option, please visit our website to see whether it is up and running.

Thank-you for your support. It really does make a difference.

Richard Gruberg, *President, Sudbrook Park Inc.*



Check Before Starting Those Home Improvements! Persons owning or living in property within the Historic District of Sudbrook Park must obtain prior approval from the County Landmarks Preservation Commission for ANY exterior changes, additions or modifications. If you have any questions whether you live in the designated area, or if a planned project needs approval, call the Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee (SPLC) Chair, Charles Locke (410-580-0342).

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. Apr. 15** Carolyn Hartloff
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)
- Thu. May 20** Steve Shaul
900 Windsor Rd. (410.484.4064)
- Thu. June 17** Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.5010)

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. 20** Charles Locke
722 Howard Rd. (410.580.0342)
- Tue. May 18** Michael Sotir
709 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.5012)
- Tue. June 22** Andrew Schaffer
716 Howard Rd. (410.602.0778)

UPCOMING ZONING SWEEP

The Zoning Committee will be requesting the Office of Zoning do a community sweep within the next month. Violators will be notified and will have 30 days to comply with the law. **If you have a violation, please take care of it now;** fines can be steep. If you have questions about violations, contact Zoning Enforcement at 410.887.3391. We thank you for your help in keeping Sudbrook Park the beautiful residential community that it has been for more than a century!

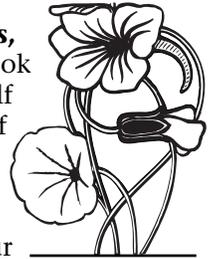
A reminder that zoning regulations **prohibit** the following:

- **An Unlicensed Motor Vehicle** on a residential lot, not within a garage, which does not have a current and valid registration plate or plates and validation tab or tabs attached to and displayed in the vehicle for the then current registration period. (B.C.Z.R., 101)
- **An Inoperable Motor Vehicle** on a residential lot, not within a garage, that cannot be operated in its existing condition because the parts necessary for operation are removed, destroyed, damaged or deteriorated. Inoperable parts include but are not limited to tires, windshields, engines, drive trains, driver's seats, steering wheel/column, gas/brake pedals, etc. (B.C.Z.R., 101)
Untagged or inoperable cars parked on the street are subject to police ticketing.
- **Commercial Vehicle Parking** on residential property. Any vehicle that is over 10,000 pounds GVW, or any vehicle, regardless of weight, which is (1) used for commercial purposes; (2) used "for hire"; or (3) has advertising on it. One commercial vehicle, not exceeding 10,000 pounds, may be stored in a garage if the owner or operator of the vehicle resides on the residential lot. If not stored in a garage, the commercial vehicle, not exceeding 10,000 pounds,
 - (a) shall be parked in a side or rear yard,
 - (b) may not have any materials, products, freight or equipment visible,
 - (c) shall not display any advertising other than lettering, figures or designs located on the driver's door or front seat passenger's door. (B.C.Z.R. 431)
- **Recreational Vehicle/Boat on Residential Lot:** Only one motorized recreational vehicle or boat is permitted to be parked on a residential lot with detached or semi-detached homes. Such a vehicle shall have a current license, may not be lived in or otherwise occupied and shall be mechanically ready to be moved at any time. If parked on a lot with a detached or semi-detached home, it must be parked 2 and 1/2 feet from rear or side property line and 8 feet to the rear of the front of the house. **A recreational boat, whether mounted on a trailer or stored on land with or without the use of supports, is subject to the same provisions.** (B.C.Z.R. 415A). The following shall be considered recreational vehicles: travel trailer, motor home, fifth-wheel trailer, truck camper, camping trailer, and boat. (B.C.Z.R. 101).
- **RV on Street:** A person may not park or store a recreational vehicle on any street in a residential zone. (Bill No. 84-06)

BULLETIN TIDBITS

No Lawn Cars, Please.

Sudbrook Park prides itself on being one of the loveliest neighborhoods in the county. You can do your part to keep it that way by not parking on your front lawn! "lawn cars" are an eyesore, so be considerate of your neighbors and park somewhere else!



Western Bike and Pedestrian Plan Workshop

The County Office of Planning is having a workshop on the Western Bike and Pedestrian Plan on April 8 at 7pm at the Pikesville Senior Center. The goal of the plan is to make the western portion of the county inside the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line (URDL), more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. If you have any ideas to contribute, please attend.

Baltimore County Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event -

Sunday, April 11, from 9 am to 2 pm at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility. (Drop-Off Drive off Warren Rd, 1/4 mile west of York Rd and 1/4 mile east of Beaver Dam Rd.)

County residents may drop off unwanted household chemicals, paints, pesticides, mercury thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, re-chargeable batteries, ammunition, fireworks and automotive fluids. No trash, commercial or institutional materials will be accepted.

For more info contact DEPRM at 410.887.3745. Or visit <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/hhwinformation.html>.



There's a saying that if you want something done, give it to a busy person. But volunteers who are overworked, get overwhelmed. Sudbrook Park needs a constant infusion of new volunteers to defer the "burn-out" that results from too few trying to do too much.

Please consider lending some time to your community. Volunteer to help on a committee or event – (see a list of volunteer activities on the 2010 Membership Form on page 6). It's the generosity of our volunteers that KEEPS Sudbrook Park such a vibrant, community!

Cylburn Arboretum Grand Re-Opening

Cylburn Arboretum has re-opened and will be hosting an exciting line-up of events in the month of May, all celebrating the refurbishment of the Arboretum and the opening of the new Vollmer Center, a "green" building offering visitor services and information and featuring a 250-seat auditorium.

Of special interest are the events scheduled for the month of May to celebrate the grand opening:

- **Saturday, May 1, the Official Opening of the Vollmer Center:** Dedication of the building and ribbon cutting at 11:00 am, followed by a day of family oriented events, garden demonstrations and activities for all. William Moss, nationally known TV personality and ambassador extraordinaire on urban gardening, will present lectures and programs.
- **Saturday, May 8, Cylburn's Annual Market Day:** A traditional plant sale bringing together plant fanciers, home gardeners and those who just want a nice Mother's Day gift.
- **Three Special Lectures:** The Horticultural Society of Maryland, moving into its new office in the Vollmer Center, will present three special lectures during May. Sunday, May 2 at 2 pm, Carol Warner will lecture on peonies (free); Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 pm, Laura Deeter will lecture on perennials

(\$15); and Sunday, May 30, 2 pm, John Fitzpatrick will lecture on Cylburn's champion trees and specimen trees.

- **Saturday and Sunday May 22-23:** A wide range of horticultural displays, educational workshops and exhibits, all under the auspices of the Federated Garden Clubs, whose annual flower show of judged arrangements will be on display. Free and open to the public.

Other events throughout the month include weekly bird watching walks (*Sundays, 8:30 am*), a history tour (*Sat., May 29, 11 am*), free chamber music (*Wed., May 12, 7:30 pm*), gardening workshops, tours of the Nature Museum, and guided walks on the trails.

Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue (just south of Northern Parkway and east of Sinai Hospital): Enter through the refurbished main entrance on Greenspring Avenue and park in the new parking areas. Open every day of the year. Tours of the buildings, gardens and grounds are offered periodically.

Visit www.cylburnassociation.org or call 410.367.2217 for further information about the association, the events described here, educational programs and other activities and organizations based at Cylburn.

Sudbrook Park's Dumpster Day is Coming (We Hope!)

Once again Sudbrook Park will offer residents an opportunity to dispose of rubbish they've cleaned out during spring cleaning efforts. We're hoping for a Saturday in May; but, the date has yet to be determined as we are waiting on available funds from the country for dumpster services. **We will inform the community as soon as the date is finalized.** Dumpsters will be located at the intersection of Westover and Greenwood Roads from 8:00 am until Noon, or until the dumpsters are filled. *There will be no drop-off after the Noon deadline. Any dumping after that time is considered illegal!*

Two containers will be 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*)
- × Air conditioners, refrigerators, or anything containing freon
- × Roofing shingles
- × Tires
- × Batteries
- × Liquids (*paint, acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals, antifreeze, oil, gasoline*)
- × Animal carcasses
- × Wood logs larger than 8" in diameter or 6' long
- × Large stumps
- × Explosive or flammable materials
- × Asphalt, concrete, rock
- × Medical/radioactive waste
- × Asbestos shingles or other asbestos materials
- × Drums or tanks (*unless clean and cut in half*)

ATTENTION YOUNG RESIDENTS... Volunteer to help monitor the dumpsters. This is an excellent opportunity to fulfill community service hours! Contact Bob Caldwell at 410.539.6524.

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 to help out in any way, contact Bob Caldwell at 410.539.6524.

Help Spruce-Up the Neighborhood on June 5

OK, we're going to try to get you a Dumpster Day (we promise). Why not return the favor by donating a small amount of your time to help spruce-up the neighborhood?!

Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day will be held on **Sunday, June 5th** (weather permitting; but, we do work in drizzle!). We'll be meeting at **1:00 pm at the Sudbrook/Cliveden triangle** – where the community bulletin board is. Please bring your own work gloves; we'll provide trash bags.

Areas that we intend to focus include the litter on Greenwood Rd. (around the S curve) and on both ends of Howard Rd., as well as, leaf debris around several triangles and the bridge, and litter along stream in the park.

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 serving refreshments afterwards – 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 Bob Caldwell at 410.539.6524.

A NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN IS NEEDED to deliver *The Park Bulletin* to residents on the block of Cylburn Road. Contact Patrick Lackey at 410.653.0995, or PatrickKLackey@aol.com

Barry and Cathy Smiler Present an Intimate Acoustic Houseconcert with

Bob Zentz

Sunday, April 18, 7:30 pm
505 Sudbrook Lane

Informative, engaging, funny, and fascinating, Bob Zentz leaves his audiences with a song on their lips and a smile in their heart. He travels with a boatload of instruments and a brain full of songs that he just has to sing for you. Ever seen someone play a harmonica with his mouth closed? His six albums span folk, traditional, Celtic, maritime music, and beyond. He has a special fondness for the Chesapeake Bay, and his water songs have become true classics that have been included in a number of anthologies. His performances are utterly delightful.

Mirrors and Changes ...is one of the finest works I've heard by any artist. (Johnny Cash)

Reflective, freshly honest and beguiling songs. (Nat Hentoff)

Bob, are you still writing those good songs? Your songs get around! (Pete Seeger)

For more information on Bob Zentz, visit his website – www.bobzentz.com

We will have a maximum of 25 people in this intimate unamplified setting so **advance reservations are strongly suggested** – 410.753-2351; bsmiler@bardon.com.



CITIZENS ON PATROL



The Perfect Gift for Mom This Mother's Day

Favorite Recipes from the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol is a 100-page cookbook of delicious recipes contributed by COP members, family and friends – as well as, recipes from some great local restaurants and businesses. Sections include:

Appetizers and Beverages, Baked Goods, Soups and Salads, Main Dishes, Vegetables and Side Dishes, Sweet Treats, Diabetic and Vegetarian Recipes, and This and That.

There's a recipe for just about every taste! *(Also to enjoy are the beautiful color photos taken around our community by Sudbrook Park residents.)*

The price for this spiral bound cookbook is **just \$10.00**. Proceeds help the Sudbrook Park COP in its community crime prevention efforts. To purchase a copy, contact the COP at 410.484.8438.

Please consider joining the Sudbrook Park COP today! 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. 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!