

THE PARK BULLETIN

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

April, 2011

Sudbrook Park's Annual Flower & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 7 (rain or shine) • 9:00 am
Sudbrook Lane/Cliveden Triangle

April showers bring May flowers (and baked goods, too!)

Come one come all to the annual flower and bake sale. Be sure to arrive early for the best selection of market packs of annuals, gorgeous hanging baskets (the perfect Mother's Day gift!), and sweet and savory baked goods! Join neighbors (new and old!) and friends on a bright Spring day, while helping support our beautiful neighborhood.

Want a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors? Join in the fun as a volunteer! Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts at the sale. If you would like to help or donate baked goods, call Dana Hendrickson at 410.653.2284.



Come One, Come All Volunteers Needed for Community Spruce-up Saturday May 14th

As many of us have noticed some thoughtless people litter. Please join us on May 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the upper Cliveden triangle (the one with the historical marker) to clean up the neighborhood. Sudbrook Park has much natural beauty that is marred by discarded trash. Let's join together to make the Park more pristine. We ask that you bring work gloves and trash bags (we will have some trash bags available). Areas of interest are Greenwood Rd. (near the S curve), the stream and playground and all the roads that make up our community.

School-age children are encouraged to satisfy their community service requirements -- however, they should be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be available at the triangle. For more information contact Mark Plogman at 410-484-0341.



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Annual Dumpster Day set for April 16, 2011, 8:00am to noon

After a one year hiatus, Sudbrook Park's dumpster day (which is becoming a civic holiday) is back. On Saturday, April 16th residents can rid themselves of their household trash. Dumpsters will be located at the intersection of Westover and Greenwood Roads from 8:00 am til noon (or until the dumpsters are full). There will be containers for metal items, including appliances that do not include freon, yard waste, general refuse. Please note that the following items are not accepted:

Things that ARE NOT accepted:

- Materials you can dispose of curbside: paper, plastics, bottle and cans
- Electronics, including TVs, VCRs, DVD players
- Computers: Including monitors, keyboards, fax machines, etc.
- Liquids: paint, pesticides, oil, anti-freeze, gasoline
- Wood: Stumps (wood logs/branches must be no greater than 8 inches in diameter and six feet in length)
- Car batteries
- Drums or tanks (unless clean and cut in half)
- Asbestos shingles
- Propane tanks
- Tires on their rims (tires without rims acceptable in limited numbers)
- Refrigerators or air conditioners, or anything containing freon

Plan on getting out early because the dumpsters tend to fill quickly.

Young residents are invited to volunteer to satisfy their community service hours.

Volunteers: Anyone willing to lend a hand may contact Mark Plogman at 410-484-0341.

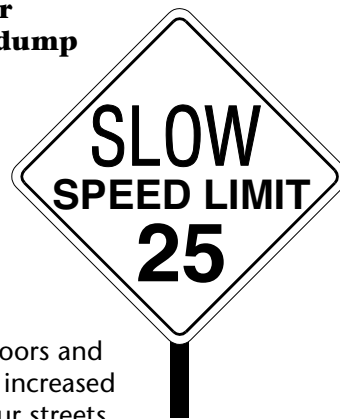
Finally, out of respect to the residents near Greenwood and Westover Roads, DO NOT dump anything after the dumpsters have been removed for the day.

Slow Down for Safety

With the arrival of Spring, children are playing outdoors and our many walkers are out in force, yet speeding has increased and is a serious problem, especially since many of our streets have no sidewalks.

For some time now, the Traffic & Roads Committee has received **complaints about speeding on Olmstead Rd. which is an extremely dangerous street for speeding because it is so narrow with cars parked on both sides.** Sadly, most of the offenders live on Olmstead or nearby streets.

The few seconds you might gain by gunning it are not worth the potential for serious injury of a child or pedestrian, or an accident. **PLEASE DRIVE 25 mph on Olmstead and throughout our community!**



BULLETIN TIDBITS

Sign up for the Community E-Mail List to Stay Informed

In between newsletters, for important notices such as lost (or found) pets, event changes or matters of community-wide concern, e-mail is our only way to contact residents quickly. **If you would like to be added to our email contact list for these infrequent notices, email your request to Sudbrook@gmail.com.** Your e-mail address is not visible to the group and is never shared.



In Memoriam

Lucille Anton, a long time Sudbrook Park resident (1943-2000), died March 17 at age 92. Lucille was one of several who worked to incorporate the community association in the 1940s. She and her husband raised four children here; she was an active business woman and mom who also was a huge fan of Sudbrook Park. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

A Thank You to Mary Gasperetti...

For her years of service compiling newsletter articles and combining text and graphics to produce The Park Bulletin. She set the bar very high for her successor! Best of luck to Mary on all her future endeavors!

Additional Thanks

Thank you also to the Hartloffs and Mark Plogman, whose volunteer work and combined efforts have cleaned up and enhanced our entranceway and other triangles.

FALL CHILI COOKOFF

This fall will be hot, hot, hot in Sudbrook Park... and maybe even a bit sweet, too!

Plans are underway for the first annual Sudbrook Park Chili Cookoff!

Think your chili recipe might be a winner? Do you have what it takes to be a Sudbrook Park Chili Champion?

This event will be fun for the whole family, with chili sampling, yummy desserts, and much more!

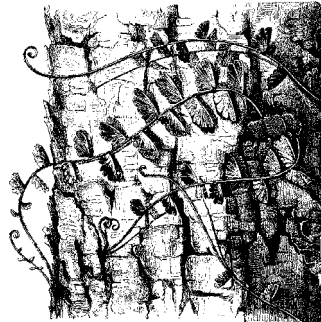
Volunteers are currently needed to help put together this exciting event. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Dana Hendrickson at 410.653.2284.



Got Ivy?

On your trees, that is. If you do, those trees may not be long for this earth. That's because ivy left unchecked will eventually kill your tree. Maybe not today, but eventually. And the longer you leave the ivy on your trees and let it take hold, the more difficult it is to kill at the roots because the vines start to get their nourishment directly from the tree bark. Not only does ivy transmit disease to the tree, but also deprives its 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 eventually loses its lower limbs, leaving a "broccoli head" canopy at the remaining top part. Unfortunately we've seen quite a bit of this phenomenon in our neighborhood over the years.

Sudbrook Park prides itself on its tree canopy. Unfortunately we have lost several beautiful years due to storms and March, three large trees came down during the first week of the month. We can ill afford to lose any more of ivy infestation, as a result



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So do your part to protect our tree canopy by not letting ivy grow up your trees unchecked.

To save your tree, cut the roots of the ivy at the tree's base, and also try to remove as many of the vines as you can from the trunk. In most cases, if the infestation is not extreme, this should suffice to kill the plant, although it may continue to live off of the tree bark for a few more months. Hopefully this little bit of preventative maintenance will allow you to enjoy your tree for many years to come. The following web address gives useful tips on ivy removal from trees: <http://www.hollinhills.org/parks/ivyRemoval.php>

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. 21** Steve Shaul
900 Windsor Rd. (410-484-4064)
- Thu. May 19** Dana Hendrickson
940 Olmstead Rd. (410-653-2284)
- Thu. June 16** Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook La. (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. 12** Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Road (410-486-6814)
- Tue. May 17** John Carter
745 Howard Road (410-486-9455)
- Tue. June 21** Andrew Schaffer
716 Howard Road (410-602-0778)

Learn how to reduce your energy costs – come to a MEETING THURSDAY MAY 12 at the PIKESVILLE LIBRARY

Our 11th District **Delegate Dana Stein** has let us know that there will be a meeting at the **Pikesville Library on Thursday, May 12th at 7 p.m. about new programs available to help homeowners with the costs of weatherizing their home.**

Representatives of the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the Maryland Energy Administration **will discuss the Maryland Home Performance Rebate Program and the Maryland Home Energy Loan Program (MHELP).**

Through the Rebate Program, homeowners can get partial funding for the cost of a **home energy audit and repairs/upgrades to eliminate energy efficiency problems discovered by the audit.** Rebates can cover \$100 for the energy audit and 35% of the costs of efficiency upgrades up to \$1,500 maximum per repair and \$3,100 maximum for all upgrades. **Qualifying repairs include whole house air-sealing, attic insulation, duct sealing or replacement or insulation, wall insulation, crawl space or basement insulation, or rim joist insulation.** Homeowners must spend at least \$1,000 on improvements with an approved contractor & meet other requirements.

Through the MHELP program, a homeowner can get financing for weatherization costs that are not covered under a grant program. Loans under MHELP would have the following parameters:

- Amounts between \$2,500 and \$20,000
- 6.99% interest up to 10-year term
- Unsecured
- No prepayment penalty
- 100% financing
- No closing costs
- No income restrictions
- Primary residents only

The District 11 delegation – **Senator Bobby Zirkin and Delegates Jon Cardin, Dan Morhaim and Dana Stein** – support these programs and hope you attend the meeting on May 12th at 7 p.m. Funds are available on a limited basis. Please contact Del. Stein at 410-841-3527 or dana.stein@house.state.md.us if you have any questions.

POWER OUTAGES & TREE DAMAGE

A large section of the community bounded by Howard, Upland and Windsor Roads lost electricity for 3 days during a January snow storm and spent another 24-hours in the dark in February, along with several shorter outages this winter. **When you lose power, be sure to report it immediately to BGE (410-685-0123), so they will know the extent of the outage.** Jenny Sataloff, Chair of our Utilities Committee, keeps a master list of outages, so if you lose power or water pressure (another problem for some residents during the January storm), keep Jenny informed by emailing: utilities@sudbrookpark.org.

Many residents had winter tree damage or lost trees. It's important to make corrective cuts this Spring and clean up downed limbs. Please consider planting another tree if you lost one or to help replenish the community's dwindling tree canopy. **Contact Ed Brady at 410-653-6329 if you want to order a tree for Spring planting at reasonable cost.**

KINGSTON, WINDSOR & ADANA TRIANGLE

A huge THANK YOU to The Cox Family who recently arranged to have our triangle at Kingston, Windsor & Adana cleaned-up and mulched by a hard working crew. We hope to fill in bare spots soon with additional plantings. **We thank you for your generosity – it looks fantastic!**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

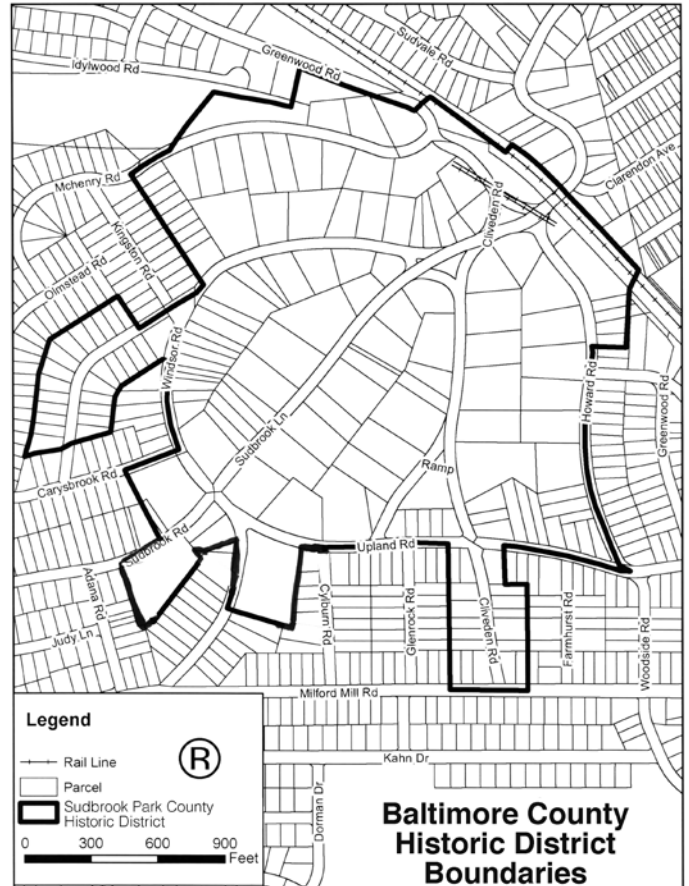
if your property is within the **Sudbrook Park County Historic District**

Spring is here and if your house is within the Sudbrook Park County Historic District, remember that you must obtain prior approval from the Baltimore County Landmarks Commission (LPC) for any exterior changes, additions, reconstruction, excavations or other types of modifications. **When in doubt, check with Baltimore County Preservation Services (410-887-3495) before beginning any project.** Failure to obtain approval may result in having to remove or re-do the work, or in fines, an expensive prospect that no one wants.

While routine maintenance (repair work where identical materials are being used) may be approved by staff, major projects generally do need LPC approval.

Don't forget that your project may qualify for the 20% Baltimore County historic tax credit and/or the 20% State historic tax credit if advance approval is obtained and applications filed (http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/historic_preservation/taxcredit_faq.html <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/historicpreservation>). **Maintaining historic homes in an appropriate manner is expensive and historic tax credits help to defray some of the additional expense.**

Our local Landmarks Committee meets monthly to provide Sudbrook Park homeowners with assistance and informal review. To be placed on the agenda, please contact Committee Chairman Charles Locke (410-580-0342). A schedule of upcoming local Landmarks Committee meetings is in this newsletter.



April is Love Your Neighborhood Month in Sudbrook Park!

Your community association sponsors group activities and holiday celebrations, works to keep our neighborhood beautiful and safe, and offers valuable resources via our community website. Show your support by becoming a 2011 Sudbrook Park, Inc. Member. For the price a few cups of coffee, you can play a part in supporting traditional activities, triangle restoration and maintenance, holiday parades and more.

Please fill out and send in the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Dues are payable by check, or via Paypal on our website. Thanks for your support.

Ever wonder who lived in your house over the years? What did it look like when it was built? What type of work did previous owners do?

Teri Rising, Baltimore County Historic Preservation Planner, will speak about resources to assist property owners find information about their house and how to glean clues from tax records, deeds and other documents. She will be using a real life example of a house along with her discussion. Please bring questions you may have, as a question and answer period will follow.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 6-8:00 PM
WHERE: Historical Society of Baltimore County,
9811 Van Buren Lane, Cockeysville, Maryland, 21030
DONATION: \$10 per attendee is greatly appreciated

Please reserve your space (limited to 50 people) now by email to Adam Youssi at info@hsobc.org or calling 410-666-1878.

Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored jointly by the Baltimore County Historical Trust and the Historical Society of Baltimore County.

Sudbrook Park

Sudbrook Park Inc. January 1 - December 31, 2011 Membership

Membership Dues and Registration

- Individual or household: \$25 Senior (65+): \$20
- Additional contribution:
Triangle Landscaping \$ _____ 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 **NOTE:** a PayPal Option for dues is now available on our website: www.sudbrookpark.org

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 | <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 | |

 **udbrook Park** is an extraordinary place to live with a bright future, thanks to our community members. Witness our **new bridge, entranceway** 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 your dues support **The Park Bulletin**, our newsletter, and Sudbrook Park's website.

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