

THE PARK BULLETIN

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ANNUAL MEETING & MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for a special showing of:

Olmsted and America's Urban Parks

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 7:30 p.m. • Bedford Elementary School



After election of officers and a short meeting, we are showing *Olmsted and America's Urban Parks*, a one-hour documentary about the talented visionary and father of landscape architecture who brought nourishing parks and green spaces to dozens of U.S. cities, starting with NY City's Central Park.

Don't miss this excellent film on the life and works of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. (1822-1903) featuring **Kerry Washington** as narrator, **Kevin Kline** as the voice of Olmsted and an Emmy-winning production and direction team.

The film will start promptly at 8 p.m. This is a chance to get together with neighbors, enjoy some popcorn, view a beautifully made documentary, and leave with a greater appreciation for the genius of Sudbrook Park's designer.

"The sign of a good park is not seeing, when you're in it, the human hands that made it. Ms. Messner's film makes you glad that Olmsted's hands, and mind, came along when they did."

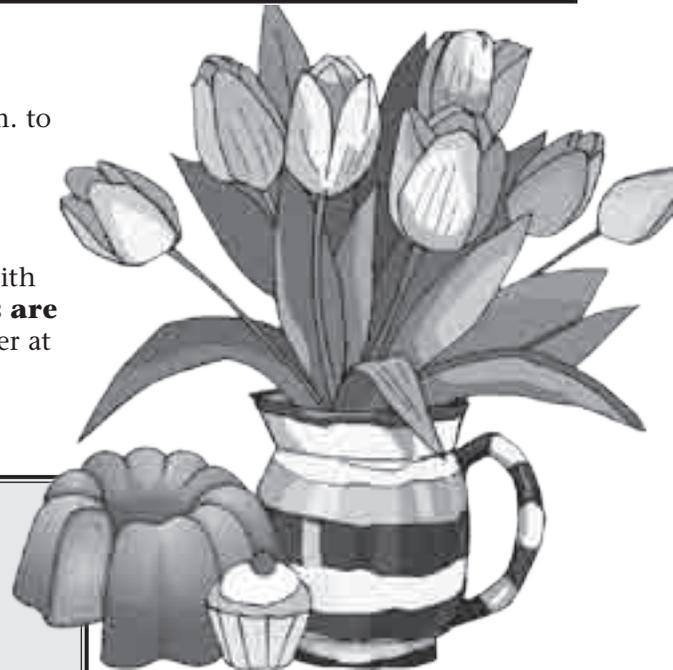
–Neil Genzlinger, NY Times review

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Flower and Bake Sale

Join us for a Sudbrook Park tradition on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the triangle at Sudbrook and Cliveden Roads. At the annual Flower and Bake Sale you can buy beautiful flowers to get your home ready for spring while supporting the neighborhood association. There will be annuals of all kinds and colorful hanging baskets, as well as tasty baked goods to eat or take home. Socialize with your neighbors and get your Mother's Day presents too. **Volunteers are needed, as are donations of baked goods.** Call Sandy Alexander at 410-602-8212 if you can help out.



Dumpster Day

On Saturday April 21 the annual Dumpster Day will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the corner of Westover Rd. and Greenwood Rd. General trash (i.e kids' bicycles, toys, lawn furniture, old lumber, yard/brush waste) will be accepted. The following are among the items NOT ALLOWED by county rules: flammable materials, pesticides, chemicals, drums or tanks, large stumps, asphalt/blacktop, concrete. We will have a separate trailer for old computers, tv's, printers. This event is held rain or shine. Volunteers are welcome.

Pedestrian Safety

Sudbrook Park has many streets with no sidewalks, so pedestrians must share the roadway with cars. When drivers also exceed our posted speed limit of 25 mph, it sets up a potentially dangerous situation. Maryland's Pedestrian Safety Law requires drivers to stop for a pedestrian in a marked or unmarked crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or within one lane of that half.

Let's all work together to keep Sudbrook Park safe for pedestrians and drivers.

Pedestrians, remember to Walk Smart:

- Crosswalks and stop signs don't stop cars! Check to make sure all traffic has come to a stop before crossing.
- Walk on the sidewalk if there is one. If there is no sidewalk, always walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Try to make eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you before you begin to cross.
- Use common sense: some drivers are inattentive, may fail to see you, are in a rush or simply rude. Take proper precautions and protect your safety.

Drivers, do your part:

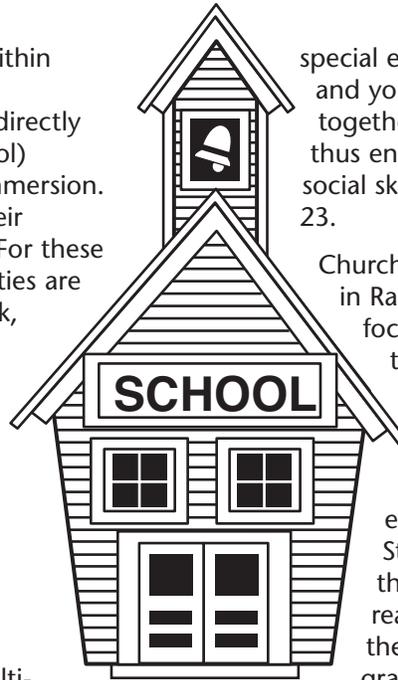
- Always come to a complete stop at stop signs and do not speed in residential communities.
- Stop for pedestrians in marked or unmarked crosswalks and stop well back so other drivers can see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- Be especially attentive and SLOW DOWN in neighborhoods without sidewalks and where increased pedestrian presence (walkers, joggers) is likely.
- Be aware that while you are waiting for a "gap" in traffic so you can turn or proceed, pedestrians may have moved into your path.



BCPS Elementary School Alternatives for Your Children

Three elementary magnet programs are within a short drive of Sudbrook Park. Wellwood International is located on Smith Avenue (directly across the street from Pikesville High School) and offers a magnet program in French immersion. Students in the program receive half of their classroom instruction each day in French. For these "immersion" classes, all class-related activities are in French, including discussions, homework, and tests. Subjects taught during this part of the day include language, reading, and mathematics. During the other half of the day, classroom instruction is in English, where reading, science, social studies, art, and music are covered. Each year the county randomly selects 24 applicants to enter the program at the kindergarten level.

Chatsworth Elementary is in downtown Reisterstown and offers what it calls a "multi-age" magnet program. With this program, students are assigned to multi-age teams, based on their grade level. The youngest team consists of kindergarteners and first graders. There is a second team for first and second graders, and a third team for fourth and fifth graders (as well as one additional team for students in a



special education program). These teams give older and younger students the opportunity to work together across grade levels for a part of each day, thus enhancing students' academic abilities and social skills. The average class size at the school is 23.

Church Lane Elementary Technology School in Randallstown has a magnet program that focuses on using computer technology to provide students with self-paced, differentiated instruction in mathematics and reading, using software developed by Pearson School Systems. Entry into the program is restricted to students entering kindergarten through third grades. Students at the school score very high on the Maryland State Assessments for math and reading, with fourth graders scoring above the 95th percentile in both subjects, and fifth graders scoring above the 95th percentile in math and at the 95th percentile in reading.

You can obtain more information on these and other magnet programs by visiting the Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Magnet Programs at www.bcps.org/offices/omp.

Entranceway Landscaping Project Postponed

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has shown an interest in helping with our Entranceway Landscaping & Restoration Project. It is gratifying to know that so many are interested in helping us restore the Entranceway to its intended beauty. Community spirit has preserved Sudbrook Park for over 100 years; so nice to see it is alive and well.

Because this will be a big and fairly expensive project funded through community donations, we want every possible chance of success for our plantings. Our unseasonably warm winter, early warm Spring and relative lack of rain may or may not be a prelude to a long hot dry summer, but they could be. Because of that, we have made a tentative decision to postpone the major work and tree planting until later fall, when temperatures will be cooler and there is a greater probability that our plantings can survive. Going forward in April would present the practical difficulty of trying to water such a large spread-out area for 6-7 months, with no accessible water supply and the need to hire a watering truck; we cannot take on that

expense.

We will be doing some clean-up work this Spring in the Entranceway and expect to put down our mulch walk-path through the entrance triangle. We will be in touch with those who have volunteered to help and can always use more helping hands. We will stay in touch via email with those who are interested, so do let us hear from you. Email landscaping@sudbrookpark.com and we'll add you to our contact list and notify you when we will be doing the work.

The Entranceway project will enhance the entire neighborhood, thus contributing to everyone's property values; any and all donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

We do hope to begin some work on the Cliveden Triangle in memory of Len Frank this Spring.

Again, thanks so much.

The Landscaping Committee

Farewell To The Dowells

After 47 years in Sudbrook Park, Lillian and Jack Dowell recently retired to Southern Pennsylvania. If you didn't live here in the 1970s and 1980s, you may not know that their efforts and activism were instrumental in preserving our community.

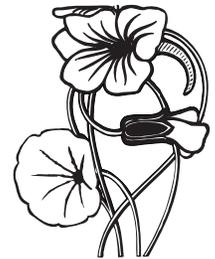
The Dowells moved to their Kingston Road home in 1965 and while raising two sons, Jack became a vocal community leader in the ultimately successful fight in the early 1970s to stop the 6-lane Northwest Expressway (I-795) from cutting through Sudbrook Park, while Lil was helping quietly in the background. Both served as officers of our community association. Toward the end of this civic battle, which was widely covered in local papers, Sudbrook leaders and Goucher volunteers' efforts resulted in Sudbrook Park being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, which saved the community from the devastation of a 6-lane expressway.

When a new fight arose in the late 1970s/early 80s over a proposed "open cut" transit line and two wide new bridges through our Entranceway, Jack stepped back into the fray to help a new group of activist residents with his hard-won knowledge.

Jack was a career Baltimore County firefighter and Lil taught for 29 years at Milford Mill Church Kindergarten. We wish them a relaxing and calm retirement and thank them for their enormous contributions of time, talent and energy, without which we would not have the Sudbrook Park we now enjoy. Bon voyage and may you (and Sudbrook) have no more highways to fight!

BULLETIN TIDBITS

Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks & Landscapes (FMOPL)



If you are not a member of FMOPL, it is a great group to join to keep up with Olmsted events in our area. They offer many tours and events of interest. Should you not be able to make our annual meeting to see "Olmsted and America's Urban Parks," FMOPL will be showing the film on May 20 in conjunction with the Creative Alliance (outside in Patterson Park or indoors if the weather is bad), and the producer Rebecca Messner will be there. For more information, go to: <http://www.olmstedmaryland.org/>

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!

Tue. May 8 Annual Meeting
Bedford ES

Thu. June 21 Bob Caldwell
705 Cliveden Road (410) 486-0596

Thu. July 17 Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook Lane (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.*

Tues. May 15 Keith Weaver
604 Upland Road

Tues. June 12 Steve Brown
701 Cliveden Rd.

Tues. July 17 Darragh Brady
500 Sudbrook Lane

Your Membership Makes Sudbrook Park A Great Place To Live

Averaging close to 300 families in the 1940s through 60s, our community association saw its membership surge to 400 when it worked to fight the NW Expressway/Metro in the 1970s and 80s and when residents worked on the Community Plan in the 1990s.

But in recent years, many residents have become comfortable with the beauty, tranquility and community spirit that makes Sudbrook Park special, and active participation has dropped off.

The many wonderful things that people love about Sudbrook Park – traditions, events, trees & greenspaces, civic activism, beautification, helping residents with problems, etc. – don't just "happen" and they wouldn't happen at all without the community association.

Our 2012 membership is at an all-time low of about 80 families and we need your support NOW to continue the many activities and projects that make our neighborhood special.

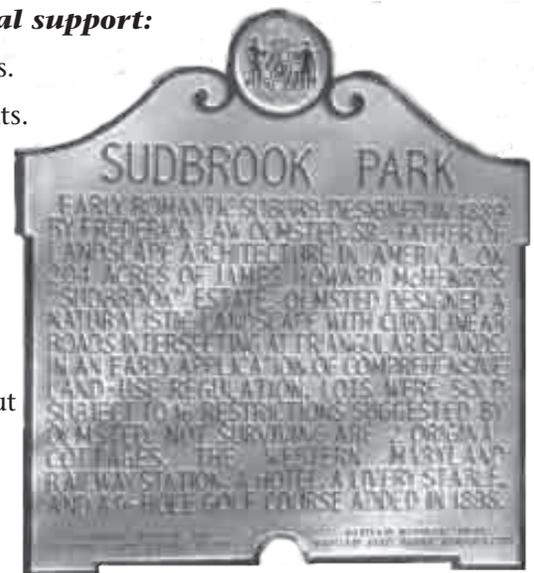
We thank those who have paid their 2012 dues but for those who haven't – won't you please support your community association and join by the end of May? Unless we have sufficient membership, we cannot publish a Directory this year.

A few reasons why the Community Association needs your financial support:

1. **Our newsletter**, published 5-6 times a year and Directory every 2-years.
2. **Mowing and upkeep of our Entranceway.** This benefits all residents.
3. Coming Attractions: **Spring & Fall triangle enhancements.**
4. Our annual **July 4th** and **Halloween parades** and **Flower & Bake Sale.** Our Holiday tree aglow with lights. We don't know of any other Baltimore community that has so many lovely traditions, some dating back over a century.
5. Our **website**, which attracts over 200 visits each month.
6. Our Board and Committees, whose members not only volunteer time, but also provide skills and talent for which we would otherwise have to pay.

You can USE PAYPAL on our website. Or send your dues to our Treasurer.

Your membership will keep Sudbrook Park lovely, vibrant & active. Thanks!





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!