

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Join the Parade on the Fourth of July!

Kick off your holiday with friends and neighbors in celebration of one of Sudbrook Park's oldest and most cherished traditions, our annual Fourth of July Parade. **Uncle Sam will lead the parade starting from Windsor/Kingston/Adana Rds triangle, at 10 am on Friday, July 4th!**



Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bikes, strollers, wagons, etc. in several age categories (0-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12+). So get out the red, white and blue and fire up your imaginations! Refreshments will be served at the end of the parade in the Sudbrook Stream Valley Park. **Come Join Us and Have a Great Fourth!**



Sudbrook Park "National Night Out" is August 5th

Sudbrook Park's National Night Out (NNO) on August 5th starts at **6:30 pm at the Sudbrook Lane/Cliveden Road Triangle**. There will be food on the grill, drinks, and music, as well as, your neighbors and local Police Officers to meet and greet. Come early, NNO "freebies" will also be given away! Starting at 7:30 pm a caravan of cars and police cruisers will drive around the neighborhood as a sign of the police-community partnership in fighting crime in Sudbrook Park. *Last year's NNO was a great success as many of our neighbors turned out for the festivities and showed support for our local Police, and for the community's crime prevention activities.*

National Night Out was introduced in 1984 as an opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. NNO is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Join the fun this year. Come out for Sudbrook Park's night against crime.

Thanks to www.nationalnightout.org and the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol (COP)

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Update on Our Entranceway Project

As residents know by now, the County Dept. of Public Works and its contractors began work on our Entranceway Project around April 29. The project is expected to take about 4 to 6 weeks, weather permitting, which means we're looking at an end date before or around mid-June.

Like all construction projects, this one has been disruptive. **While the project is being installed and until the road surfaces are fully completed and asphalted, greatly reduced speeds are necessary for your own safety and the safety of the construction crews, pedestrians and other drivers.**

We greatly appreciate the patience of those residents whose properties are in the project area and whose access to their own driveways has been impeded.

We also want to answer a few questions that have been asked:

1. Is this the same project that's been talked about at meetings and written about in our newsletters for a long time?

Yes. The main components of this project are contained in goals and actions that are in our Community Plan, adopted in April 1999 by the County Council. The project was funded in 1999 with the assistance of our 2nd District Councilman, Kevin Kamenetz. The community association has been working for almost a decade with the Office of Community Conservation and the Department of Public Works on this project to return our entranceway roads, particularly Sudbrook Lane and Howard Road, to the narrower widths they had for most of the community's history – before the rapid transit line construction.

2. What are the main changes of the project?

- Narrowing two-lane roads such as Sudbrook Lane and Howard Road to 20 feet total (*18 feet of driving lane and a one-foot wide edge treatment on each side*), which should have a natural traffic calming effect. Entrance area triangles will be enlarged and **planted with over 20 additional trees**. There will be a net gain in open space for these triangles as well as the front yards that are impacted by construction.
- Adding a one-foot wide exposed aggregate concrete border treatment to stabilize the road edges and prevent the continuous over-paving that has widened our non-curbed roads over the years. A sub-base called grass pave will be added behind the edge in certain areas to increase stability. Drainage should be improved by the project, as witnessed by curbs and bands being better connected to the existing drains.
- Making the Greenwood Road section of the entranceway triangle a 13-foot one-way road going from the bridge toward Old Court Road.

3. The roads seem extremely narrow now; will they remain this narrow?

No. *During construction the roads are much narrower than they will be when construction is complete.* Not only did the contractor need to saw-cut the roads narrower than the intended width, but construction barrels and cones take additional space from the roadway.

When the project is completed, Windsor and Cliveden will be the same widths they've always been. Sudbrook and Howard will be narrowed to a total of 20 feet and, as noted above, the Greenwood leg of our first triangle will become a one-way road 13-feet wide.

4. Will the roadways & edge treatment look like Cliveden Road does now?

No. Cliveden Road has not been given a final coat of asphalt, so at the present time, the exposed aggregate edge treatment rises about 2 inches above the road. When Cliveden and the other roads are completed, the road surface will be even with the edge treatment.

5. The end points of this project seem to stop at rather arbitrary places. Why is this?

The funding for this project was limited and set aside almost 10 years ago, but the project was delayed waiting first for the bridge to be rehabilitated and then in finalizing which edge treatment would work. The hope has always been that this project would be the model for other non-curbed roadways in Sudbrook Park. After this project is completed, we will begin working with the county on continuing the project on the non-curbed portions of Howard and Upland Roads (*earliest funding would be more than a year away*). Later phases may involve continuing the project model on other of our non-curbed roads.

We know that construction is an inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience while this project is being completed. It may take all of us a little time adjusting to the narrower roadways and slightly different traffic pattern once the project is finished, but with a little patience and courtesy, and slower speeds, we can again enjoy roads and green-space closer to Olmsted's original design.

*Melanie Anson, Chair, and
Darragh Brady, Roger Katzenberg and Keith Weaver,
Sudbrook Park Bridge, Roads and Traffic Committee*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED this summer to help water new trees in the Entranceway area – perhaps one or two times per week. (Attention students! This is a great way to fulfill community service requirements!) To help, or for more info, email darraghbrady@comcast.net. Thanks.

UPCOMING ZONING SWEEP

The Zoning Committee will be requesting the Office of Zoning to 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)

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. June 19** Carolyn Hartloff
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)
- Thu. July 17** Loretta Kerner
717 Cliveden Rd. (410.580.1493)
- August** no meeting schedule

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. June 24** Andy Schaffer
716 Howard Rd. (410.602.0778)
- Tue. July 22** Charles Locke
722 Howard Rd. (410.580.0342)
- Tue. Aug. 19** Keith Weaver
604 Upland Rd. (410.486.3996)

County Regulations for Erecting Fences

Fence issues often arise in Sudbrook Park, and residents should know what County law requires. The following question and answer is excerpted from the Baltimore County website. Get answers to all your questions about erecting a fence on your property by calling the Baltimore County Zoning Code Enforcement at 410-887-3351 (or 3352); or by visiting: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdmfaq/pdmfaq_zoning.html

Q. What are the regulations for fences?

A. A permit is required for fences over forty-two inches high (*measured vertical to ground, even if the fence is placed on top of a wall*). If a fence is erected within an easement and is required to be removed, it would be at the owner's expense. An access easement can not be fenced.

On a corner lot, no fence or other obstruction to vision is permitted higher than three feet within twenty-five feet of the corner of the two streets, fifteen feet of a street and alley, and ten feet of two alleys. A residential fence in a side or rear yard which adjoins a residential front yard cannot exceed forty-two inches if it is setback zero to ten feet; forty-eight inches if setback ten to twenty feet; sixty inches if setback twenty to thirty feet; and if setback over thirty feet, there is no height limit. Required pool fences and houses more than two hundred feet apart are exceptions.

No residential fence may exceed a maximum height of forty-two inches in the front yard and six feet in the side and rear yards at the property line. If there is a setback of two feet for every vertical foot over six feet, the maximum height may not exceed ten feet in the side and rear yards.

Within the Baltimore County Historic District, ANY proposed fence requires a permit and must obtain approval.

We Have a Winner!

Congratulations to **Tim and Rebecca Palo** and family, the winners of the \$200 Grand Prize Package for this year's Member Drive. All 2008 members were eligible for the drawing which was held at the Flower & Bake Sale on May 10. The prize includes four \$50 gift certificates to local eateries: Mari Luna, The Pikes, Olive & Sesame and Starbucks. Enjoy!

Thanks to All Our Members

A huge thank you to all of you who became Sudbrook Park Members in 2008! Your support of your community association allows our beloved traditions to continue (Halloween & Fourth of July Parades, Tree Lighting, Arts in the Park, this newsletter), helps maintain and preserve the physical beauty and safety of Sudbrook Park, and offers the opportunity for growth (new website coming soon!). Without your help, none of this would happen. Thank you for making it possible.

COP PATROLLER OF THE MONTH

Our Patroller of the Month for April is Adina Crainiceanu

Adina (*and her husband Ciprian*) regularly patrols our neighborhood and holds COP patrol equipment at her home for anyone in the community to use. She was also a big help in planning and working at Sudbrook Park's National Night Out last August. Thanks, Adina, for all your contributions to the COP!

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 gift 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!



Summer's here. If you plan to be away on vacation, let the COP know to keep an extra eye out for anything unusual around your home while you're away. Contact Loretta at 410.580.1493 or the.kerners@comcast.net.



The COP meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of every other month (*January, March, May, July, September, and November*) at 7:30 pm at the Kerners, 717 Cliveden Rd. **The next COP meeting will be Thursday, July 24th. All Sudbrook Park residents are welcome.**

Doing a Patrol Easy! And yet it does so much to prevent crime in our area. All it takes 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

Do You Know the Baltimore County Laws Governing Fireworks?

Fireworks are synonymous with the Fourth of July holiday and other summer celebrations, but these devices are as dangerous as they are beautiful to watch. Fireworks burn up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. Fireworks should only be handled by professionals.

With a few exceptions, the use of fireworks is illegal in Maryland, unless they are part of a public display for which the State Fire Marshal has granted a permit. Violators who possess or discharge illegal fireworks are subject to a misdemeanor fine of up to \$250.

The Baltimore County Fire Department and the Maryland State Fire Marshal offer these guidelines:

- ★ Hand-held sparklers are legal in Baltimore County if their packaging states that they do not contain chlorates or perchlorates.
- ★ A relatively recent change in Maryland fire laws permits the sale, purchase and use of ground-based sparkler devices in Baltimore County. These are stationary ground-based devices that emit a shower of sparks several feet into the air. The state Fire Marshal provides a complete list of legal, ground-based sparkler devices.
- ★ You must be at least 16 years old to purchase hand-held and ground-based sparklers.
- ★ Hand-held or ground-based devices that create an explosion, detonation, loud noise, that launch a projectile or move along the ground under their own power are illegal in Baltimore County.
- ★ With the exception of hand-held sparklers and ground-based sparkler devices, you cannot have a private display of fireworks at your home. However, you can have a public display with the proper permits and insurance.
- ★ It is illegal to purchase fireworks outside of Maryland and bring them into the state.
- ★ Toy caps are legal, but only if they use .25 grams of gunpowder or less and are designed so the hand cannot come into contact with the cap when in use. Do not allow small children to use cap guns.

Local laws about the use of hand-held and ground-based sparklers vary throughout Maryland. For information about what is allowed in neighboring jurisdictions, contact the Fire Marshal's office in that jurisdiction.

For more info visit the County web link: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/fire/safety%20education/fireworks.html



Have a New Neighbor? Or know of someone who has moved into Sudbrook Park within the last six months? The Sudbrook Park 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 to the community.

Many Thanks to All Our Volunteers!

You help keep alive many of the traditions and qualities we treasure in Sudbrook Park. *(Our apologies to anyone we missed!)*

Flower & Bake Sale

Hearty thanks to all who braved the soggy weather and the hazards of the construction zone, and came out to purchase their Spring flowers and support their Community Association. Lavish thanks are heaped on those who came out early to unload the truck in the rain, and those who gave so freely of their time to stay and sell flowers and sweet treats. And thanks to our many talented bakers. Our volunteers included:

Bob Caldwell • Chris Hammond • Dean and Carolyn Hartloff • Robin Kamphaus • Deana Karras • Karen Kuebler • Ramona Logan • John McCall • Jill Savage and her daughters, Rachel and Clare • Betsy Stelman • Stephanie Tabrisky

Neighborhood Spruce-Up Day

Thank you to everyone who turned out to "Spruce-Up" the neighborhood by collecting trash and debris at various spots:

Richard Gruberg, Monga Kyalowa and his daughter, Mushwe for cleaning up at the stream • **Mary Gasperetti** for tackling Howard, Upland and Windsor Rds. • **Ed and Darragh Brady, and Jeff Spokes and sons, Isaac, and Toby** for working along the Greenwood Road "S" curve • **Mark Plogman and Ed Brady** for cleaning debris around the bridge • The entire **Sotir Family (Carolyn, Michael, Ramsey and Charlie)** for landscaping and reseeding the upper Cliveden triangle and providing hot dogs, cookies, and refreshments to everyone • **Melanie Anson Photography Studios** for documenting the event.



Anyone interested in being on the Arts in the Park Planning Committee please contact Kurt Hammond at 410.653.9847 or hotguit@aol.com

Community Numbers to Know

Fire, Police, and Ambulance

Emergencies - 911

Police Non-Emergencies - 410.887.2222

Police 4th Precinct Shift

Commander - 410.887.6772

Police Tips Hotline - 410.887.6771

Emergencies - Medical

Poison Control - 1.800.222.1222

Suicide Hotline - 1.800.SUICIDE (1.800.784.2433)

Northwest Hospital - 410.521.2200

Sinai Hospital - 410-601-9000

Emergencies - Utilities

Power Outages - 1.877-778-2222

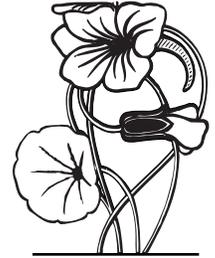
Gas Leaks/Down Power Lines 410.685.0123

Water - 410.396.5352

Sewer - 410.877.7415

To Report Potholes - 410.877.3560

BULLETIN TIDBITS



If you're updating HVAC or doing other rehab work and you live in the National Register or Baltimore County Historic District Area, you may be able to qualify for HISTORIC TAX CREDITS of 20% to 40%. Contact the Sudbrook Park Landmarks Committee, Charles Locke/Chair, for more details (410.580.0342).

Keep informed of pertinent information about Sudbrook Park – including news of upcoming events, and neighborhood security and crime issues. Email sudbrook@gmail.com to place your name on the Sudbrook Park community email list.

Save Sudbrook Park money, paper, and a tree! Receive each issue of *The Park Bulletin* as an emailed PDF (instead of getting a paper copy delivered to your door). Just email tpb@covad.net - subject line "Email TPB" - and give your name, email address and street address.

Slow Down for Safety! Now that the warm weather is here, kids are playing outdoors and soon will be out of school. **Please drive the speed limit of 25 mph in Sudbrook Park** and in our neighboring communities. Keep our roads safe for children, pedestrians, joggers and cyclists.

Crime Tip #6

Don't open your door to anyone with no business inside. This isn't just to guard against robbery by force or threat of force; sometimes burglars who have no intention of using force will first try to get into your home under some pretext (e.g. to use the phone) so they can scout out valuables and study locks, windows and other means of entry. If you wish to help a lost or stranded motorist, or deliveryman, *you make the call while he/she waits outside.*

Ask delivery or repairmen to show positive identification before letting them into your home. If you have the slightest doubt, call the company, getting the number from your phone directory. Stay at home when possible while work is being done.

Thanks to Maryland Crime Watch and the National Association of Town Watch

Electronics Recycling Drop-Off

Baltimore County residents can drop off their electronics for recycling at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeysville, Monday through Saturday, 7 am to 4 pm. From the beltway, take I-83 north to the Warren Road. Go one mile to Drop-Off Drive and turn right into the facility.

Accepted items include TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computer monitors, CPUs, mice, keyboards, power supplies, laptops, scanners, computer cables and cords, cell phones, stereos, answering machines, and other home electronics. **NO APPLIANCES!**

This service is for *home* electronics. No business or institutional materials will be accepted. Questions? Call 410.887.2000.

