

THE PARK BULLETIN

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4th of July Parade!

Sudbrook Park's annual Fourth of July Parade is right around the corner. Be a part of the tradition: bikes, wagons, scooters, and walkers are welcome to join the parade. We will step off from the **Windsor/Adana triangle at 10am on Monday July 4** and conclude with treats at Sudbrook Valley Stream Park on McHenry Road. Neighbors are encouraged to share snacks and baked goods at the event. Treats can be dropped off at the park prior to the parade. Come celebrate one of Sudbrook Park's most cherished traditions.

Reminder: Please do not park along the parade route from the Kingston/Adana/Windsor triangle via Adana to Carysbrook, to Olmstead, and finally, to McHenry. Thank you!

A Note of Thanks

Sudbrook Park residents enjoyed another successful **Flower and Bake Sale** on May 7. Many purchased lovely flowers to brighten yards and yummy baked goods to sweeten the soul.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the sale this year. The funds raised help support activities that make Sudbrook Park such a nice place to live. Thanks also to our volunteers who helped put together welcome baskets for new neighbors, baked cookies and treats, manned tables, and helped customers pick out flowers: **Dean and Carolyn Hartloff, Deana Karras, Kurt Hammond, Steve Shaul, Donna Perry, Kristi Baker, Rachel Holaday, Alyssa Willis, Sandy Alexander (and kiddos), Peggy Burl, Sherri Weaver and many others.**

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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 at up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. Fireworks should only be handled by professionals.

With 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 0.25 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.

Laws in other Maryland counties may vary. For information about what is allowed in neighboring jurisdictions, contact the Fire Marshal's office in that jurisdiction.

For more information visit the Baltimore County website: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/fire/safety%20education/fireworks.html



BULLETIN TIDBITS

Reminder to Pet Owners

A reminder to everyone that there is a leash law in effect in Baltimore County. Pets are not allowed to roam freely. They may cause traffic problems, be injured by vehicles, or damage neighbor's shrubs and lawns. Additionally, for all those who walk their dogs, Baltimore County requires animal owners to be responsible for the removal of their pet's excreta deposited on public or private property. If you want additional information about Baltimore County animal regulations, call Animal Control at 410-887-5961.

Newsletter Thanks

Mikki Keller will be taking over the layout and design of the Park Bulletin. Mikki is a mother and wife, living in Sudbrook for almost 10 years. She is a graphic designer and artist. We look forward to many bulletins to come.

Special Thanks

Thanks to Dean & Carolyn Hartloff, Richard Gruberg, Andy Shaffer and a mystery woman in a yellow rain coat (this was when we still got rain!) and her son. Thanks to all for your efforts on Spruce Up the Park day.



Slow Down for Safety

Summer is upon us. Children are playing outdoors, and lots of folks are walking or biking around the neighborhood. Here are some suggestions for safely enjoying the beauty of Sudbrook Park:

If you are walking or biking in the early morning or after dusk, wear reflective clothing so you will be visible to drivers. Cyclists should have front and rear lights.

PLEASE DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH IN SUDBROOK PARK and in our neighboring communities. Help keep our roads safe for children, pedestrians and cyclists.

Speeding remains a serious problem on many of our streets. It is not unusual to see someone run a stop sign in Sudbrook Park. You can help by reporting traffic violations to the Baltimore County Police iWatch site. Here is the link:

<http://egov.baltimorecountymd.gov/iWatch>

You may choose to enter your name and address, or remain anonymous. Include any information about the driver or vehicle, day, time, and location. The important thing is to let the police know about illegal or unsafe activity.

Have a safe and pleasant Summer!



Vacation Checklist

The Baltimore County Police remind residents to make a checklist before going on summer vacation.

- Lock all windows and doors. Don't forget the basement.
- Secure all outdoor furniture and grills, or better yet, place them in a garage, shed or basement.
- Lock sheds and garages.
- Set light timers both inside and out. The sun goes down around 8 pm so why not set the timer for 7:30 pm. And if the weather looks a little iffy, set the timer for an earlier time.
- Have a neighbor take in your mail and newspaper. Newspapers littering the front yard are a sure way to tell the world you are away.
- Leave contact info with a neighbor or relative so you can be reached in case of emergency.

Crime typically increases in the warm weather months.

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. July 21 Carolyn Hartloff
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)

No August Meeting

Thu. Sept. 15 Bob Caldwell
705 Cliveden Road (410.539.6524)

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. July 19 Darragh Bradys
500 Sudbrook Lane (410-653-6329)

Tues. Aug. 16 Steve Brown
701 Cliveden Rd. (410-653-3362)

Tues. Sept. 13 Keith Weaver
604 Upland Rd. (410-486-3996)

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!