

# THE PARK BULLETIN

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## P★A★R★A★D★E

Join your neighbors for a cherished Sudbrook Park tradition: the annual Fourth of July Parade. The parade steps off (rain or shine) at **10 a.m. from the Adana/Kingston triangle on Wednesday, July 4**, and **concludes at Sudbrook Stream Valley Park** (at the playground) on McHenry Road. Young people and the young at heart are encouraged to decorate their bikes and wagons and to show off their best patriotic colors. There will be prizes for all of the children and everyone is encouraged to bring baked goods and snacks to share.

Those items can be dropped off at the park before the parade. Celebrate the day with this great neighborhood event.

Residents are reminded to make room for the fire truck and avoid parking along the parade route which follows Adana to Carysbrook, to Olmstead to McHenry.

## Officers Elected May 2012 to serve to May 2013:

President	Bob Caldwell	Secretary	Deana Karras
Civic Vice President	Mark Plogman	Treasurer	Carolyn Hartloff
Social Vice President	Sandy Alexander		

Thanks to our 2011-12 slate of officers who agreed to serve again and were re-elected at our May 8th meeting. **The Board now needs additional members as Directors-at-Large.** Serving on the board, which meets once a month except August, is a great way to meet neighbors, get involved, and help your community. Please consider volunteering.

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## Our Triangles and Trees: An Important Part of our Olmsted Legacy

As we hope you've noticed, the Landscaping Committee and our triangle angels have been busy beautifying some of our triangles. We are most grateful to those who have (and continue to) willingly share their time and talents for this effort, as well as those who have earmarked contributions for this purpose.

A special thank you to **Jackie Friedland**, our Kingston/Windsor/Adana Triangle guardian angel, for her hard work weeding and new plantings.

The Cliveden Triangle has three new Eastern Redbuds and one White Oak, along with new shrubs including rhododendrons, azaleas and ibex, in keeping with Olmsted's landscape design principles for public spaces. Many thanks to **the Hartloff's, the Sotir's, John Harroun, Mark Plogman, Roy Lappalainen** and other Cliveden neighbors for their help with this triangle.

As you walk around Sudbrook Park and enjoy the beauty of its roadways, landscape and majestic trees, consider that *"the oldest landmarks in our neighborhood weren't built. They were grown."* Sadly, many of our community's magnificent old trees are reaching the end of their natural life. If you want Sudbrook Park to retain its lush green naturalistic beauty, please help by planting additional trees to replenish our canopy.

**Ed Brady** of our landscaping committee, who oversees our tree program, is amazingly knowledgeable about trees and plants. Our next orders will be placed this fall. But you needn't wait; here is a State program available now:

Receive a \$25 off coupon for the purchase of a native tree costing \$50 or more from 86 participating nurseries across the state – details at: <http://www.trees.maryland.gov/>

Each Spring and Fall, the County sponsors a Big Trees Sale program: details at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/forestsandtrees/html>

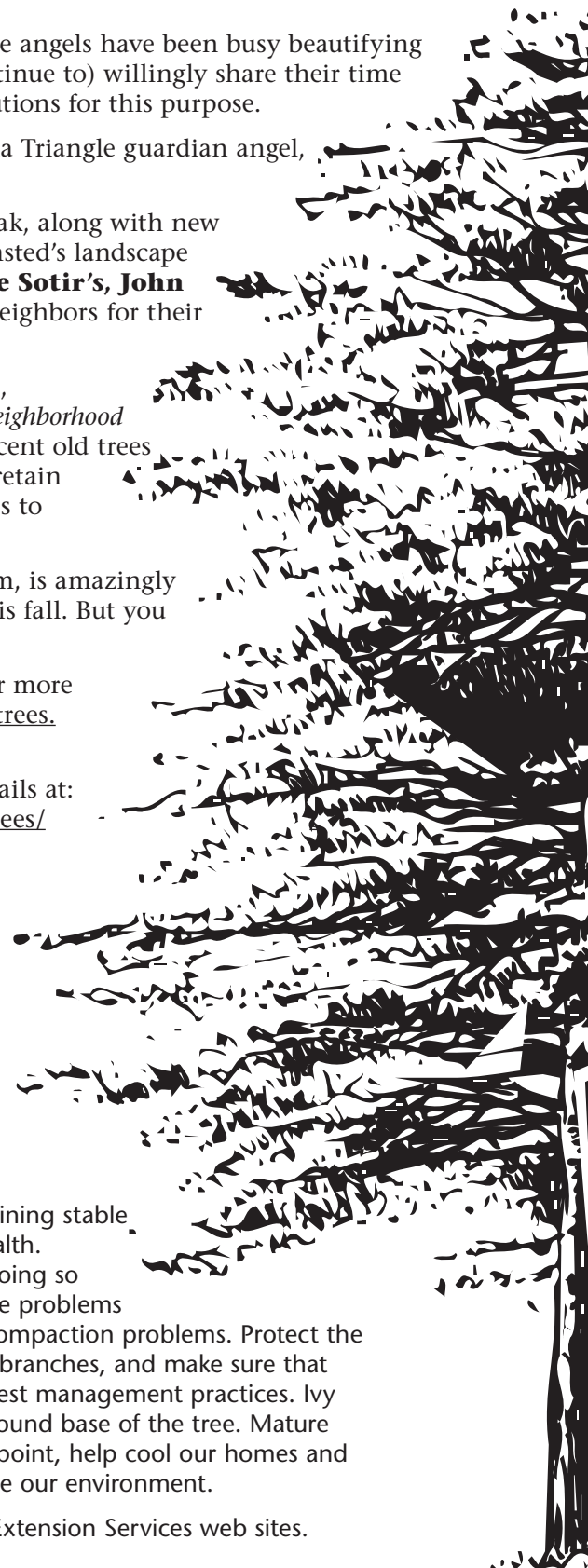
*"The best time to plant a tree was yesterday. The second best time is NOW."*

## Why Mature Trees Die

What causes older, well-established trees to die? Essentially, they run out of energy. As trees age and mature, their massive size and structural complexity demand more energy, but large trees have less energy stored for emergencies. As environmental or pest problems occur, energy demands increase, reserves are depleted, and decline begins.

Mature trees have less ability to tolerate change and adapt to stress. Maintaining stable environmental conditions around mature trees is vital to their continued health. Protect root areas by not digging, grading or adding soil in the root area; doing so can disrupt the exchange of soil oxygen and carbon dioxide, create moisture problems or damage roots. Maintain mulch to conserve soil moisture and avoid soil compaction problems. Protect the crown of the tree. Avoid heavy pruning except to remove dead or diseased branches, and make sure that any pruning is done correctly. Manage pests regularly, using conservative pest management practices. Ivy if left unchecked will also kill your tree. To prevent this, cut the ivy roots around base of the tree. Mature trees are not only beautiful, they are valuable assets from a monetary standpoint, help cool our homes and residential areas, reduce water runoff and soil erosion, and generally improve our environment.

\*Tree tips culled from the Clemson University and University of Nebraska's Extension Services web sites.





## Pets Issues on our Triangles

**Notice to residents and pet walkers: You DO have to clean up when your pet defecates on our triangles.** It is Baltimore County Law and simple courtesy, since residents often walk on or through our triangles. No one likes stepping in dog poop, especially when it is unexpected and shouldn't be there in the first place. This problem is a recurring one on the Entranceway and Cliveden triangles. Please carry bags to clean up after your pet and do not treat our triangles as a pet bathroom. Thanks!

## In Memoriam – Bob Hochberg

On May 2, 2012, Bayard “Bob” Hochberg, a long-time resident of Sudbrook Park, died in Charlottesville, VA just two weeks short of his 80th birthday. Born in upstate New York, Bob graduated from City College of New York and the University of Virginia School of Law (1958). After settling in historic Sudbrook Park, where Bob and his wife Arlene raised their three children, Bob practiced law at his firm Hochberg, Costello and Baron. He also served in the U.S. Army, retiring from the Reserves, JAG Corps, as a Major in 1975. At his death, Bob and Arlene had been married 59 years.

Bob and Arlene's first Sudbrook Park house was on Howard Rd. Later, they purchased a home on Cliveden, where they lived until Bob retired from his legal practice in 2002 and they moved to Charlottesville, with trips back to Sudbrook and travels in England.

Bob was active in many community association projects and was instrumental in helping the association and community through the 1980s and 1990s. He was one of three residents who worked extensively on our negotiations with and oversight of the MTA regarding plantings after the devastation created by construction of the Metro in the early 1980s. When we lost 80% of the newly planted trees and shrubs to drought and theft the first summer, he and another resident worked to get the MTA to do a second major planting, an amazing result at the time.

Bob was the first chair of our local landmarks committee, a position he held for many years starting in 1993. His organizational skills and tireless efforts to preserve our historic resources established our committee as one of the first and most respected among county historic districts. He also initiated outreach to other historic districts and was a talented and effective spokesperson for Sudbrook Park with the county.

Time and again he generously shared his legal ability with the community, helping to rewrite and file articles and by-laws, address zoning issues and advise the board on legal matters. Bob and Arlene's beloved King Charles Spaniels, which they walked religiously each day, were a familiar and heartwarming sight in the neighborhood. Above all, Bob was a good friend to many. Our deepest sympathy to Arlene and family.

## Dumpster Day

Dumpster Day, once again, was a success. The county dropped four dumpsters at the intersection of Greenwood and Westover Rds., early Saturday April 28th. We were able fill all of the dumpsters with trash, yard waste and various metal objects. Thankfully, someone (name unknown) took several of the bicycles, with the intention of rebuilding them for needy children. People seemed especially delighted to be able to leave their electronics (computers, printers, TVs) for recycling. This event is made possible with the help of Baltimore County; efforts will be made to have a repeat next April. Thanks to **Dean Hartloff, John Harroun** and **Bob Caldwell**, all of whom volunteered and helped people unload their trash.

## Don't get ticketed: MOTORIZED SCOOTER RULES

Baltimore County bans electric and gas powered motorized scooters from all county public roads, sidewalks and parks.

Violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$100 for a first violation, \$250 for a second violation, and \$500 for third and succeeding violations.

If you have children who have motorized scooters, we urge you to insure that they obey the law. Complaints about violations can be made to the police department.

## Flower and Bake Sale

Sudbrook Park had another successful Flower and Bake sale under sunny skies on May 12. Our neighbors took home beautiful hanging baskets for Mother's Day and pots of annuals to beautify their homes. The Bake Sale went particularly well this year with a huge assortment of beautiful cookies, cupcakes and other sweet goodies.

Many thanks to the volunteers who make this annual fundraiser for Sudbrook Park Inc. possible. Flower Sale volunteers included **Dean and Carolyn Hartloff, Deana Karras, Bob Clark, Sandy Alexander** and **Kurt Hammond**. Assisting with the Bake Sale was **Joan Locke, Sherri Weaver** and organizer **Michelle La Perriere**.



## Keep Informed About Your Community and its Events

As you know, our newsletter is the community association's only way to communicate with residents on a regular basis. It comes out about five times a year, and we depend on block captains and volunteers to deliver it in a timely fashion. A substantial amount of volunteer time goes into this effort and we ask two things of you as recipients:

1. Please READ the newsletter if you wish to be informed.
2. If a long period goes by and you don't get a newsletter (they come out about every 2 months), let us know. We also post a copy of the most recent newsletter on the community's website ([www.sudbrookpark.org](http://www.sudbrookpark.org)) .

In between newsletters, how can we get news to you? So far, not enough people are on our email contact list to make that a stand-alone option, but we do use this method now and then when we have important information to disseminate between newsletters. **If you would like to be added to our email contact list, email [Sudbrook@gmail.com](mailto:Sudbrook@gmail.com).**

### 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!

**Thurs. July 19** Deana Karras 507 Sudbrook Lane  
410-653-5010

**August** NO MEETING

**Thurs. Sept. 20** Melanie Anson 1007 Windsor Rd.  
410-486-6814

**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 17** Darragh Brady 500 Sudbrook Lane  
410-653-6329

**Tues. Aug. 14** Steve Brown 701 Cliveden Rd.  
410-653-3362

**Tues. Sept. 11** Keith Weaver 604 Upland Rd.  
410-486-3996



## “Oh No!!! I missed out on the Historic Tax Credit!”

Recently, residents whose house is a contributing structure in both the National Register and County Historic Districts replaced their roof. Only after the project was completed did they realize that they could have applied for and received a 20% State and 20% County historic tax credit (that's a major savings given the cost of a new roof on an 1890 historic home).

Don't let this happen to you. If approved in advance of any work, the historic tax credit (which can vary from 20% to 40% depending on which credits a property qualifies for) can cover HVAC, electrical wiring, roof work, painting, window repair, rehabilitation, etc. **Historic tax credits must be applied for and APPROVED IN ADVANCE.** The State and County are very strict about this. If you don't want to deal with the paperwork yourself, there are companies like O'Connor & Associates that will do it for a fee.

Some people know about the credits and choose not to apply, which is their choice. But don't miss saving 20% or 40% because you didn't read your newsletter or check our website (Go to “*Homeowner's Guide*” at [www.sudbrookpark.org](http://www.sudbrookpark.org) for information on the credits and links to State and County forms and FAQs).

Remember that County law prohibits exterior changes to homes in the County Historic District without prior Landmark Preservation Commission approval. For more information on tax credits and/or the approval process, contact our local Landmarks Committee Chair, **Charles Locke** at 410-580-0342.



## A Reminder About Trash And Trash Cans

Nobody relishes dealing with trash, but it's even less appealing when debris is scattered about on drive-ways, sidewalks and the street. **Please use trash cans with secure lids, and do not place your garbage out in plastic or paper bags** – the crows and dogs will quickly invade these, making an unsightly mess. *Worst of all, scattered garbage attracts rodents, and this is a problem no one wants.* PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP MAINTAIN AN ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY.

## Information about Recycling

If you are new to Sudbrook Park or have misplaced your collection schedule and “how to” booklet on recycling, you can get one by calling 410-887-2000 anytime.

## If Your House Is In The Historic District, Check Before You Make Those Home Improvements...

Persons owning or living in property within the boundaries of the Baltimore County Landmark District of Sudbrook Park must obtain prior approval from the Baltimore County Landmarks Commission for ANY exterior changes, additions or modifications. Failure to obtain approval may result in having to remove or re-do the work, an expensive prospect that no one welcomes.

If you have any questions about whether you live in the designated area, or whether a planned project needs approval, please call our local Landmarks Committee Chairman Charles Locke (410-580-0342). Our local Landmarks Committee meets monthly to provide Sudbrook Park homeowners with assistance and informal review of their proposed projects. A schedule of upcoming meetings is in this newsletter.



# 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](http://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](http://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!***