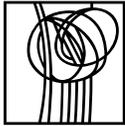
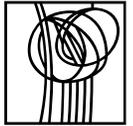


THE PARK BULLETIN

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ARTS IN THE PARK



Sudbrook Park's Music and Arts Festival
Sunday, October 12, 2008, in Sudbrook Park Stream Valley Park
Noon to 6:00 pm – with music starting at 1:00 pm

Come enjoy an afternoon of music, performing arts, fun, food and drink. See you there!
(Sudbrook Park Stream Valley Park is located on McHenry and Kingston Roads.)

Arts in the Park has always offered a fun afternoon of music and crafts, and a chance to gather with neighbors. This year we'd like to really celebrate our unique neighborhood (there really is no place like it!) and offer events and activities to engage young and old. As always, we'll have our diverse line-up of top-notch musicians and singers.

Artists and Performers of all kinds are invited to display their creations and talents....

painters, potters, sculptors, dancers, magicians, jugglers, etc, etc, are welcome. If you're an artist or performer who'd like to participate in Arts in the Park, please contact Kurt Hammond at hotguit@aol.com or 410.653.9847.

All other interested parties are invited to help plan and manage some interactive art-related activities that will enhance the festivities, and turn our Park into an Art Installation for the day! We also need volunteers for general set-up and clean-up. If you can help in any way to make this wonderful Sudbrook Park annual festival a great success, please contact Kurt Hammond at hotguit@aol.com or 410.653.9847.

Get Ready for Sudbrook Park's Annual

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sunday, October 26th, 3 pm

The Parade and Costume Showing begins at the **Kingston, Adana and Windsor Roads Triangle**. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes for ages 3 and under; ages 4-7; ages 8-11; ages 12 and up; and for the best costumed canine. Trick or treating around the neighborhood will follow the event. Come join in a great Sudbrook Park family tradition!

For more information, or to volunteer to make baked goods, contact Kurt Hammond (410.653.9847 or hotguit@aol.com)

Reminder: *That afternoon, please try to avoid parking along the parade route – Kingston/Adana/ Windsor triangle, up Adana to Carysbrook, Carysbrook to Olmsted, Olmsted to McHenry, and McHenry down to the park. Many Thanks!*

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Possible Rat Issues Due to Waterline Work

As noted in our April *Park Bulletin*, Baltimore County Department of Public Works (DPW) has been cleaning water lines and relining them on Milford Mill and upper Adana Rds. Work has begun or will soon begin on Olmstead, McHenry, Kingston and the full length of Adana.

The contractor is digging 6' by 6' holes about every 500 feet to access the water lines. An unintended and unfortunate consequence is that in some of the areas where the project is underway, the digging and underground work has displaced rats, which have been sighted in broad daylight (*sometimes in packs of 7 to 15*) as they searched for new quarters and food. **Fortunately, no additional reports of rats have been received in the last several weeks, but it is important that we remain alert throughout the remainder of the project.**

No one likes rats and we have had many communications with the county about this. Some municipalities require project contractors to use rat abatement procedures when there are major digging projects; Baltimore County does not. However, DPW is making some project changes that will hopefully solve the problem.

In Baltimore County, it is up to individual homeowners to address rodent issues and take measures to prevent, control or eradicate rats. This link, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/ridrats/index.html, is to the county's Rid Rats program will give you information about what to do to prevent rats generally; it is very important to put garbage out only in cans with tight lids and not to have food for birds, squirrels or pets outside, especially for the duration of this project.

We hope that the steps DPW is taking will resolve any problems and that rodents will not be an issue for the remainder of the project, but if problems arise, please take the following steps:

1. Carefully read and follow the information about preventative measures at the above county link.
2. Inform the following county representatives about the problem:
Councilman Kevin Kamenetz: Council2@baltimorecountymd.gov - or call 410-887-3385
(messages may also be left after hours)
Mike Mazurek, Dept. of Public Works: mmazurek@baltimorecountymd.gov - or call 410- 887-3783
County Executive Jim Smith: jimsmith@baltimorecountymd.gov - or call 410-887-2450
3. Email Jill Savage, Co-President of the community association, if you observe or have difficulty with rat problems during this water lining project. This will help your association to stay informed, gauge the extent of any problem in the neighborhood and continue to work with the county to resolve any problems: jmrcsavage@comcast.net

We want to stress that there may be no additional rodent issues, but we feel it better for residents to have this information and not need it than to become alarmed or delay necessary action if the problem arises.

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. Sept. 18 Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)

Thu. Oct. 16 Carolyn Hartloff
503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)

November 4th or 18th **Annual Meeting/Elections**
time and location to be determined

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. Sept. 16 *Host to be determined*
location to be determined

Tue. Oct. 21 John Carter
745 Howard Rd.

Tue. Nov. 18 Darragh Brady
500 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.6329)

11th District Team Announces Public Outreach Meetings

The 11th District Legislative Team of Senator Bobby Zirkin, Delegate Jon Cardin, Delegate Dan Morhaim, and Delegate Dana Stein are pleased to announce a series of public outreach meetings.

“The purpose of these meetings is to have a series of informal chats with citizens,” said the Team. “There is no formal agenda, and we invite anyone and everyone to share their concerns and ideas. We seek and really value our community's input as we face challenges in our district, region, and state.”

The schedule for the meetings is:

September 12, 8:30 am: Join the Team for coffee at Lenny's Deli, Valley Village Shopping Center, 9107 Reisterstown Road in Owings Mills

October 28, 7 pm: Come to the Pikesville library meeting room, 1301 Reisterstown Road in Pikesville

November 13, Noon: Meet the Team at the Reisterstown Senior Center, 12035 Reisterstown Road in Reisterstown

For more information contact:

Sen. Zirkin: 410-841-3131; Del. Cardin: 410-841-3833
Del. Morhaim: 410-581-8712 or Del. Stein: 410-841-3527



In Memoriam...

Condolences to the Barrett family of Sudbrook Lane on the loss of their brother, Bill Barrett. Bill loved Sudbrook Park, and still lived in the house he grew up in. He will be missed.

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 are officially welcomed!



Stop Receiving Junk Mail - Too much junk to deal with? Start by sending a letter or post-card to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 15012-0643. Include your complete name, address, zip code and a request to “activate the preference service.” For up to five years, this will stop mail from all member organizations that you have not specifically ordered products from.

Thanks to SmartMoney magazine

GreenDimes (www.greendimes.com) is a website that guarantees it can stop up to 90% of your junk mail! It offers two types of service options to stop marketing companies from sending you junk mail that you just end up throwing out. You can sign-up for the *free* basic service which gives you the instructions you need to remove your name from each of the various mailing lists. Or save yourself some time and sign-up for the premium service (*for a one-time \$20 fee*) and let GreenDimes do all the work of the basic service for you.

Thanks to resident, Alyssa Willis

Recycle CFLs, Batteries and Plastic Bags - Switching from traditional light bulbs to compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) is a great way to save energy costs in your home, as well as, help prevent greenhouse gas emissions. But did you know CFLs contain trace amounts of mercury that can leach into landfills if you toss them in the trash after they burn out? The Home Depot has a national recycling program that accepts expired CFLs at every store location for free. For more information on the CFL Recycling Program please visit www.homedepot.com/ecoptions.

Thanks to Home magazine

You can also recycle all of your old batteries at Home Depot. Drop-off your old batteries at the recycling bin in the Home Depot tool department. *And*, recycle all of your plastic bags – including shopping bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags – at the entrance to any Safeway or Giant.

Thanks to resident, Richard Gruberg

Save Paper and a Tree! - Receive a PDF of each issue of *The Park Bulletin* via email instead of getting the paper copy delivered to your door. Just email the *Bulletin* at tpb@covad.net - subject line “Email TPB” - and give your name, email address and street address.

OOPS!! Please Note the following correction:

In the June *Park Bulletin*, the information given to contact Zoning Enforcement was incorrect. The correct phone number is 410.887.3391.

Entranceway Project Completed

Baltimore County's Department of Public Works (DPW) and Office of Community Conservation completed our Entranceway Project – including roads, edge treatment and tree planting – in July. This project brings the entranceway back to its pre-rapid transit road width and will recreate the beautiful tree canopy we once had when the trees mature.

THANKS We would like to express our deep gratitude to **Councilman Kevin Kamenetz**, who supported this project and was responsible for funding it in 1999. We also thank the Office of Community Conservation, especially **Ray Heil**; the Department of Public Works, especially **Tim Burgess**, Chief of the Bureau of Highways; **John Ruke**, head of Highway Design; **Darrell Wiles**, Chief of Traffic Engineering; **Keith Link**, Traffic Engineering; and **Don Bellusci, Joe Lates, Mark Benner and Tom Hargis** of the Bureau of Highways.

Most especially, we would like to thank Roads Committee members **Darragh Brady, Roger Katzenberg and Keith Weaver** for sharing their time, talents and professional expertise – they volunteered many hundreds of hours and played a major role in making this project one that enhances the entire community.

Special thanks to **Ramsey and Charlie Sotir**, who took on the huge task of watering 23 trees. This is a big commitment of time and we are most appreciative. Thanks also to other residents who have been watering one or more “adopted” trees: **Ed Brady, Michael Brandjes, the Perrys, Tom and Amanda Gaeng, Stuart Abarbanel and Michelle LaPerriere**, and **Jenny Sataloff**. Additional thanks to **Michael Sotir, Larry Schuster and Jordan Siegel** for their assistance with equipment needed for the watering effort. We also greatly appreciate the assistance of **Ellen Spokes**, Chair, and the Parks/Playground Committee members, for their generous support.

STILL TO COME In the fall, Baltimore County will be replacing five trees that had problems from the start and are dead. Additionally, DPW will be reseeded areas where grass did not grow.

The County Executive's Office would like to do a ribbon-cutting later to celebrate the completion of the project. We are looking at a late October to early November time frame. We will keep you informed as plans materialize. Until then, please drive the speed limit through the entranceway and the entire community. Thanks!

Melanie Anson, Chair, Roads and Traffic Committee

THE BEST TIME TO PLANT
A TREE WAS 20 YEARS AGO.

THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW.

ANONYMOUS QUOTE

*We welcome
our newest
little residents
to Sudbrook Park!*

*Congratulations to
Steven and Kimberly Doll
on the birth of
their son, Ian.*

*Congratulations also to
Adina and Ciprian
Crainiceanu
on the birth of twins! –
Julia and Bianca.*

BULLETIN TIDBITS

A grateful thank-you to **Larry Schuster, Ray Beard and Stephen Shaul** for their help with recent sign repairs.



Taking a Walk in Sudbrook Stream Park?

Help us keep the park pristine by taking a plastic bag along and picking up litter along footpaths and the stream bed. Your efforts will be appreciated by us all!

Watch for details of upcoming events in the next Park Bulletin

- **November:** Sudbrook Park Annual Meeting and Elections
- **December:** Christmas Tree Lighting - Sunday, Dec. 7th

Nominations Sought for Sudbrook Park Board Officer Positions

Each year, the nominating committee must nominate at least one candidate for each board officer position – President, Vice President-Civic, Vice President-Social, Secretary, and Treasurer. *(Date, location and more election details will be in the next Park Bulletin.)* All office positions are open for nomination; however, there is no incumbent running for President, VP-Civic, or VP-Social.

Any member of the Sudbrook Park neighborhood association who wishes to run for any office must submit his or her name to the nominating committee by September 18.

For a description of the duties of each officer position; or to submit your name in nomination, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Melanie Anson (410.486.6814), Deana Karras (410.653.5010), or Loretta Kerner (410.580.1493) as soon as possible.

Cool Tips for Saving Energy

While the worst of the heat is probably over, these are still good tips to follow each summer to save energy *and* money.

- Have a professional perform routine maintenance on your heat pump or central air conditioning unit, and have any problems repaired right away
- Change or replace air filters monthly.
- If you have central air conditioning, for every degree you raise your thermostat setting above 72°F, you will save about 5-7% on cooling costs. Set the thermostat at 78°F or higher during the summer months.
- Close blinds during the day to block heat, and open them at night to let heat escape.
- Consider using fans, which use much less power, as an alternative to an air conditioner.

Visit bge.com for additional energy management tips.

Thanks to BGE Connections

COP PATROLLER OF THE MONTH

Our Patroller of the Month for May is Pearl Seal

Pearl has been a member of the COP ever since it started in the mid 80s, and is currently the treasurer. She also works out the monthly patrol schedules. Thank you Pearl, from all of us in the community.

Carol Uhler-Ford is our Patroller of the Month for June

Carol Uhler-Ford, for her tireless efforts for NNO and commitment to the Sudbrook Park COP. She does her patrols, participates in every meeting and volunteers readily for any need. Thanks, Carol, for volunteering so much of your time for the COP!

Sam Katzenburg is our July Patroller of the Month

Sam's been riding his bike through the neighborhood, with his flasher and a two way radio on his shoulder, looking out for our neighborhood. He worked tirelessly to help set up our NNO and also set up and manned a first aid table, just in case we needed it. Thank you, Sam!



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 to discuss crime and safety issues in and around the area. **The next COP meeting will be Thursday, September 25th. All Sudbrook Park residents are welcome.**



Sudbrook Park prides itself as being a quiet neighborhood and a safe community. There is no better way to contribute to that sense of well being of family and neighbors than participating in Citizens on Patrol. Support your community and police in crime prevention in Sudbrook Park. **Please consider joining COP.**

The benefits to the community are great.

For more info, contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438

Fourth of July Parade

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 4th of July Parade, and helped us live up to the grand tradition! The costumes and decorations were fabulous, the Spirit of '76 was definitely in the air!

In our best-decorated bike/stroller/wagon/self contest, the winners were:

ages 0-3

- 1 - Laynie
- 2 - Savannah
- 3 - Erin

honorable mention: Remi, and Will and Josie.

ages 4-7

- 1 - Jack (*Uncle Sam Kid*)
- 2 - Ely (*Teddy Bear on the Bike*)
- 3 - Hunter (*The Mohawk Kid*)

ages 8-11

- 1 - Brendan (*Easy Rider*)
- 2 - Isaac (*The Blue Wig Boy*)
- 3 - The M&M Group (*representing the Mueller, Myers, Savage, and Schuster clans*)

ages 12 and over

- 1 - Ben (*Scooter Man*)
- 2 - Geoffrey (*Super Bike*)
- 3 - Matthew (*Great Hat*)

Thanks to our judges, **Mark Plogman**, **Chris Hammond**, and **Eleni**. They had the hardest job, because everyone looked so great!

A big "thank you" to: **Karen Kuebler**, for organizing our volunteers, refreshments, prizes, and set-up and clean-up;

and to **Seth Kibel and Sandy Alexander • Jen Gaither • Amy and David Reynolds • Dana Hendrikson • Molly McCall and John Harroun • Mandy Smith • Stephanie Tabrisky • Chris Hammond**, for providing refreshments, and/or helping with all the above.

A Special Thanks to **Richard and Joanne Baumann** for generously providing their generator; and to **Sam Katzenberg** for providing and running the sound system, and First Aid Station, and for his irrepressible can-do attitude!

As always, thanks to **Uncle Sam** for dropping by!

Finally, our deepest gratitude to the **Pikesville Volunteer Firefighters** and **Baltimore County Police**, for everything they do all year long, and for helping us make our activities as festive as they are.



Sudbrook Park is a very special place to live, but without the volunteer efforts of so many residents, our community would lose many of the traditions and qualities we all value. But volunteers who are overworked get overwhelmed, and Sudbrook Park, Inc. needs a constant infusion of new volunteers to defer the "burn-out" that results from too few trying to do too much.

So, if you are new to the community or simply want to get involved, please come to a board meeting or volunteer to help on a committee or event. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and can be a lot of fun!

National Night Out

The rain held off on August 5th and National Night Out was a huge success! Our night against crime is becoming quite the event in Sudbrook Park. Very many friends and neighbors brought lawn chairs to sit, eat, chat, and be entertained by the great music of the Sudbrook Stompers.

Thanks to all our volunteers for helping to plan, organize, set, manage, drive in the police/citizen caravan through the neighborhood, and clean-up at this year's NNO. (*Our apologies to anyone we missed naming below.*)

Adina Crainiceanu • Mitch, Judy, Sam and Maddie Dahne • Debbie • David Flitt and Mary Gasperetti • Roger Katzenberg • Jim and Kathy McKim • Pearl Seal • Jeff Spokes and sons • Carol Uhler-Ford

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Gary and Loretta Kerner** who supplied the tables, grill, drink tubs, trash cans and just about everything else we needed; to **Michael Brandjes** who once again provided the electricity;

to **Sam Katzenberg** for setting up and running the first aid station;

to **Kathy McKim** who donated the tablecloths and serving utensils; and, to the Sudbrook Stompers (**Gary and Loretta Kerner, Phil Heiliger, Greg Mack**) and to **Liam**, who sat in on saxophone, for regaling us with great music and song!

Also THANK YOU **Capt. Kimberley Meeks-Hall, Sgt. Vickie Warehime, Ofc. Marti Motten, the other Officers from the 4th Precinct Police** for joining our citizens/police caravan.