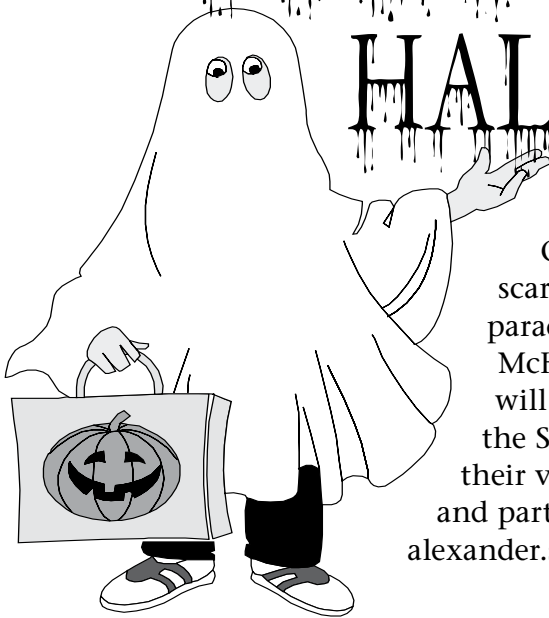


THE PARK BULLETIN

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SUDBROOK PARK HALLOWEEN PARADE



Join in the annual Sudbrook Park Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 27 at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to show off their scariest, prettiest, funniest and most entertaining costumes as we parade from the Kingston / Adana / Windsor triangle to the park on McHenry Road. Prizes will be awarded in several age groups, there will be treats for all participants, and trick or treating will follow in the Sudbrook Park neighborhood. Neighbors are encouraged to move their vehicles off the parade route to make room for the fire trucks and participants. For more information, contact Sandy Alexander at alexander.sandyj@gmail.com.

Check Your Trees this Fall for Ivy!

The fall is a great time to remove unwanted ivy from you trees. That's because the colder the weather gets, the more likely it is that the ivy on your tree will die once you cut the roots at the base of the your tree. Not only does ivy transmit disease to the tree, but it also deprives its leaves of needed sunlight, and burdens the entire tree with its weight, making lower limbs susceptible to breaking-off during storms. Typically, as the vines grow up the tree, the tree eventually loses its lower limbs, leaving a "broccoli head" canopy at the remaining top part. To protect your tree, cut the roots of the ivy at the tree's base, and also try to remove as many of the vines as you can from the trunk. In most cases, if the infestation is not extreme, this should suffice to kill the plant, although it may continue to live off of the tree bark for a few more months.

Sudbrook Park is renowned for its beautiful tree canopy. And in addition to enhancing the beauty of our neighborhood, this canopy keeps the Park significantly cooler in the summer! Please do your part to protect our tree canopy by checking your trees for uncontrolled ivy infestation!

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A sampling of what Sudbrook Park, Inc. has done for the community over the past 13 years:

If you moved here recently, you may not realize the enormous amount of work the community association did, with the county and on its own, getting the following projects and goals in our Community Plan implemented:

1. Got a new and corrected historical marker installed.
2. Held periodic community activities focusing on Sudbrook's history -- walking tours, talks and slide presentations, major events. Next up: 2014=125th Anniversary.
3. Nominated additional areas to the County Landmark's list--Adana Rd.
4. Encouraged county elected officials to strengthen the County Landmarks Commission and staff to better protect historic resources and assist residents.
5. After 10-years of work, got a rehabbed entranceway bridge that preserves our one-lane entrance and improved sight-line visibility; bridge to be repainted soon.
6. Got roads in the entranceway area restored to their previous, pre-Metro line (narrower) width.
7. Got a more historically appropriate edge treatment in the entranceway.
8. Obtained grants, county funds and used funds association raised for several entranceway plantings -- still need corrections to soil, remove dead trees and re-planting, which should include more evergreens.
9. After many years of work, were able to get speed humps installed by the county to help reduce speeding on Sudbrook Lane.
10. Got triangle installed at Kingston, Windsor and Adana and a grant to landscape it; hope to have Upland/Sudbrook Lane triangle size restored with rolled curb and additional plantings.
11. Worked to get unsafe intersection at Howard/Upland/Woodside reconfigured.
12. Developed Landscaping Guidelines for Public Spaces in Sudbrook Park (Appendix J of Plan).
13. Have been planting trees in the community for years and trying to encourage homeowners to replenish and add to our tree canopy -- more always needs to be done.
14. As a result of our Community Plan, the county completed water main replacement and sewer relining in several areas of our community and also added some new storm drains.
15. Worked with BGE and got them to upgrade several transmission lines, decrease loads, add transformers, improving outage problems in areas that experienced them most often. We also worked with them on tree trimming. That was some years ago and improvements may be needed again.
16. Continue to work to maintain the residential nature of our community and have a standing zoning committee. It addresses issues as they arise and as they come to our attention.
17. Were able to get Sudbrook Park covered by the county's residential design review guideline requirement for significant new additions or in-fill. Ruxton is the only other county community with similar requirements.
18. Public safety: we inform residents of break-ins and other safety issues by email and in the newsletter.
19. Sudbrook Stream Valley Park was completely rehabbed as a result of our Community Plan and committee work. State and county monies went to fund this \$500,000 project, along with many resident donations for special features such as our name bricks, benches, etc.
20. Purchased, installed and maintain street signs more appropriate to our historic community; had 3 new community entranceway signs made.

Baltimore County Public School Magnet Program

Magnet programs are schools that offer specialized courses or curricula for students. In Baltimore County, there are magnet programs available for elementary, middle and high school. Many of our residents are familiar with **Sudbrook Magnet Middle School**, but are not as familiar with the county's Magnet Elementary Programs, including how to qualify and apply.

To qualify for the elementary magnet program, there is an application process and then a random lottery process used to fill available seats in the school.

The application process is not difficult, but does require meeting deadlines and following the instructions in order to avoid automatic disqualification. **Currently, there are six elementary magnet schools in Baltimore County:**

Chatsworth School (Reisterstown);
 Church Lane Elementary Technology School (Randallstown);
 Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School (Towson);
 Halstead Academy (Parkville);
 Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics, and Communications (Lutherville); and
 Wellwood International School (Pikesville)



Baltimore County Public schools provide transportation to and from elementary magnet programs for students who reside in the established zone of the magnet program.

More information regarding these Magnet Programs, including the application and established zones for transportation, can be found at: <http://www.bcps.org/offices/omp/>

School-specific showcase events for magnet programs are scheduled for October of 2013.

For dates, times, locations: <http://www.bcps.org/offices/omp/pdf/Open-House-Dates.pdf>

The deadline to submit applications for the 2014-15 school-year is Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013.

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!

Wed. Oct. 9 Mark Plogman 603 Upland
(410) 484 0341
Thu. Nov. 21 Melanie Anson 1007 Windsor
(410) 486 6814
Thu. Dec. 19 Michelle LaPerriere 501 Sudbrook Ln
(410) 580-5257

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. Oct. 15 Keith Weaver 604 Upland Rd.
(410) 486-3996
Tues. Nov. 15 Ed Brady 500 Sudbrook Lane
(410) 653-6329
Tues. Dec. 17 Melanie Anson 1007 Windsor Rd
(410) 486-6814

By the numbers!

100+ Number who attend our annual July 4th and Holiday Tree Events

300+ Number who attend our annual Halloween Parade

500+ Number who benefit from Community Association's Triangle maintenance, Dumpster Day event, and coordination with county officials to ensure that our neighborhood receives due consideration for capital improvements, etc.

59 NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SO FAR THIS YEAR

For 105 years, Sudbrook Park has had a community association dependent on its members and volunteers.

In the 1970s and 80s, when Sudbrook was fighting a 6-lane expressway and then a Metro-line cutting through the community, we had over 350 member families. For most of the past three decades, we've had 200-250 member families. More recently, after ending the door-to-door drive, numbers fell to 150 and then 125. Now, we stand at 59 members—a startlingly low number. What has happened?

While no one wants to go back to those years of fighting potentially devastating transportation projects, there is a temptation toward complacency when things are calm, going smoothly and there are no community threats. Additionally:

- many of our long-standing members have moved;
- many new residents are unaware of exactly what and how much the community association has done and continues to do;
- membership is voluntary, so all residents can enjoy the benefits of the work the community association does without becoming a member or paying dues;
- the association no longer collects annual dues door-to-door; and
- many people intend to join, then get busy and forget.

Here's what our community would look like without Sudbrook Park, Inc:

Our recently rehabbed one-way bridge at the Sudbrook Lane entranceway would be a 4-lane-wide bridge across a 6-lane expressway with Metro line in the median, and cars would be speeding down a much wider Sudbrook Lane at 50+ mph regularly. We wouldn't have the beautiful new park/playground we do have, or many other civic improvements the community association worked on.

Our triangles, or what would be left of them, would have high grass and weeds, because the county would mow only 2-3 times a year. The community wouldn't have the wonderful holiday parades— July 4th, Halloween—and events (flower & bake sale, Santa arriving on the fire truck, our sparkling Holiday Tree, cookies and cider after the tree lighting) that make Sudbrook Park so special.

Do you wait for Spring Dumpster Day to toss your throwaways? You wouldn't have that convenience. Do you take your complaints about speeding to our Traffic Committee? Report grass two-feet high, trash and other code violations to our Zoning Committee? If you're new to the community, did you receive a helpful information packet from our Welcoming Committee? Have you gotten information about the landmarks approval process or historic tax credit from our local landmarks committee? You'd have none of these. Realtors say that attractive, interesting websites help sell houses. Check out www.sudbrookpark.org -- we think you'll agree it's one of the best community websites you'll find.



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You wouldn't be reading this or any of our five annual newsletters because they wouldn't exist. It takes a team of volunteers to write, design and compile each newsletter, get it printed, pick up 500 copies, then separate and deliver them to block captains, who deliver the Park Bulletin to you.

If you want the community association's traditions, events, and work to improve the community to continue, we need your help. Our long-time volunteers can only do so much for so long. The community association's days will be numbered unless a significant number of residents are willing to support it. Don't let complacency destroy what makes our community so unique.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART & PARTICIPATE. If you haven't paid your 2013 dues, please contribute NOW.

For \$25 per family—about \$2 a month—you and your family support the continuation of this beautiful community with its special events. You keep the triangles mowed, sponsor tree planting and beautification, keep the newsletter coming, the website running, Dumpster Day happening, and have the benefit of volunteers working on your behalf to improve and maintain this community.

Send a check or use your credit card for PayPal at: <http://sudbrookpark.org/association.php#join>

Please DO IT NOW. Thanks!!

STAY SAFE

Police advise us that "Deception Burglaries" are on the rise throughout the area. This is where men or women come to the door, claiming to be from BGE (or other legitimate companies), often wearing reflective vests, "ID badges" and carrying official-looking papers. They say they are there to check your meter, collect a bill, discuss lower rates, or do some work but these may be scams. The police have received reports of some of these fake-BGE reps in our area.

BGE, Verizon, and Comcast generally notify homeowners in advance by letter if they will be sending anyone to your house or will have people working in your area.

If representatives come to your home claiming they are from BGE, CALL BGE to verify that the company sent them and don't let them in until you are certain that they are legitimate. Police advise residents to check with the company (BGE etc.) and to ask for credentials before admitting anyone to your home. If you see anyone or anything suspicious, call 911.

BULLETIN TIDBITS

BIRTHDAYS

A Happy Birthday shout out to **Florence**

Aversa, who celebrated her 80th birthday in September. Flo has been a resident of Sudbrook Park for 50 years.



Happy 98th birthday to **Stella Hazard** on Nov. 2. Stella has lived in Sudbrook Park for 67 years and illustrated the brochure for our community's 75th Anniversary.

As our daily dog-walkers, stroller-pushers, walkers, joggers and cyclists enjoy this beautiful weather using our roads -- many of which have no sidewalks -- it's even more important for our residents to DRIVE 25 mph (or less, as circumstances may require). Please SLOW DOWN, leave a couple minutes early and stop speeding. Thanks.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped put on another festive and family-oriented Fourth of July Parade! Many children showed off their decorated bikes, scooters and wagons and everyone celebrated Independence Day with snacks and socializing at the park. Thank you to all of the neighbors who brought baked goods and treats to share. Thanks in particular to **Karen Kuebler** for providing prizes for all participants; **Seth, William** and **Josie Kibel** for providing music and a sound system; and **Patrick Lackey** for assisting with set-up. Sudbrook Park also appreciates the Baltimore County Police Department and the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department for participating in the event.

Thanks ~ Gracias ~ Grazie ~ Spasibo

A huge thank you to each of the following volunteers (in no special order), as well as to anyone we've inadvertently failed to include:

- **Our Block Captains** – who deliver our newsletters and other notices door-to-door
- **Mary and Patrick Lackey**, who parcel out and distribute our printed newsletters to our 30+ Block Captains (and also serve as Block Captains)
- **Mikki Keller** – our creative newsletter designer
- Our Triangle Angels who weed, plant, pick up and remove sticks, and care for some of our triangles (**Jackie Friedland, Ed Brady, Mark Plogman, Carolyn Hartloff**, etc.)
- **Todd Jones**, who met with MDA for us on mosquito issues at the park/playground
- **Charles Locke** and our **SPLC members**, who meet monthly to help residents with the historic landmarks process
- **Alyssa Willis** (and before her, Steve Shaul), for Welcoming new residents to the community
- **Jim Carnes**, our fantastic webmaster
- Residents on McHenry, Olmstead, Kingston, Adana, Carysbrook and Sudbrook Roads who hand out the lion's share of Halloween candy to hundreds and make Trick or Treating such fun for the kids
- **Sandy Alexander**, our Social VP, who organizes, gets permits and handles all our parades and our flower sale
- **Karen Kuebler**, official "prize purchaser" for our two parades
- **Michelle LaPerriere**, who took on (and did a great job) organizing and overseeing our bake sale the past two years
- **Sherri Weaver**, baker and cookie/cupcake decorator supreme and Michelle's co-helper
- All the residents who baked those delicious treats, bought them, bought flowers, and made our May events a success
- **Kurt Hammond** for storing and selling any leftover flowers
- **Ray Beard** for his work each year to get our Holiday tree lights on and reinstall any downed road signs
- **Darragh** and **Ed Brady** for hosting cookies and cider on their porch for so many years, for those who attend the tree lighting
- **Steve Doll** for handling most of our code issues
- **Our officers and board members** for all they do
- **Jenny Sataloff** and **Steve Shaul** for representing us at a BGE meeting on power outages
- Residents who now and then attend board meetings – we welcome your input and participation
- Neighbors who let us know of issues or problems so that we can notify community residents via our group email
- **Adana Road residents** who have been continuing the Sudbrook Block Party tradition
- Residents who plant trees to beautify and restore our tree canopy and maintain their existing trees
- Our many residents who take such great care of their homes and yards, keeping Sudbrook such a lovely community
- Members of our **Bridge, Roads & Traffic and Landscaping Committees** who continue to work to address speeding and improve our roads and triangles
- **Laurie Stroope, Todd Jones, and Angela Garner** for their help in writing requested newsletter items.

Free Flu Shots Available

Baltimore County is offering free flu shots on Saturday, October 5th at Pikesville High School, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. No appointment is necessary. Vaccinations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Donations of Gently Used and Not So Gently Used Items

We all get those phone calls from charitable organizations asking for “gently worn” clothing. But what about the “not so gently worn” stuff you may want to get rid of? You know, torn underwear, socks with holes, torn shirts, stained blouses, ripped stockings, and the like? Is there some alternative to putting all this stuff in the trash and having it go to a landfill? The answer is, yes, indeed! Many large charitable organizations like Goodwill and Salvation Army will usually accept textiles that are not suitable for resale. That’s because these organizations turn around and sell this fabric to textile wholesalers, where the final product often ends up all over the world as yarn. The following information, for example, was found on the website earth99.com: “As a general rule, there isn’t much that we won’t allow to be donated to Goodwill,” Michael Meyer, vice president of donated retail goods at Goodwill Industries International, Inc., told Earth911. “We take all textiles in any condition. All those textiles end up in our system and they’re sorted to determine where they will land.” The misconception that worn and damaged clothing items cannot be accepted by charities like Goodwill stems from the use of the term “gently used items,” which was a tagline for charities seeking donations for many years.



Another organization that is more than happy to take your fabric remnants is DeBois Textiles and Remnants, located on Washington Blvd in Baltimore City, just off I95, across from the old Montgomery Ward building. Currently, fabric represents about 5% of landfill material. There’s really no need for fabric to go in a landfill, even if it is torn, worn out, or stained. So the next time want to get rid of old or damaged fabric, consider donating!



Planning for Sudbrook Park’s 125th birthday

Planning is getting underway for festivities and events to celebrate Sudbrook Park’s 125th birthday in 2014. In addition to a commemorative event with public officials, current and former residents, historic groups, invited speakers/guests (tentatively scheduled for October 2014) and an historic walking tour, several other ideas being considered are:

- house tour
- A garden tour (possibly combined with the house tour)
- Informal porch and front yard gatherings to bring neighbors together
- New entranceway signs
- A 3k/5k Family Fun walk/run event
- A photo exhibit
- Showing “The Olmsted Legacy” film
- Mementos such as one or more of:
 - Sudbrook T-shirt, ball cap, refrigerator magnet, car magnet, poster, note cards
- Repainting our street sign poles
- A Sudbrook Lane banner

We will be needing a lot of volunteers to make 2014 a fun and special year for Sudbrook. Please catch the “125-year spirit” and join in!



Sudbrook Park Community Association 2013 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



2013 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 Hartlo, 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 _____ Length of Residency _____

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!