

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Get Your Costume and Join the Fun at the Annual

Sudbrook Park Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 30, 2011, 3 pm



We want to see your scary, pretty, heroic, or wacky costumes as we celebrate Halloween with a Sudbrook Park tradition. The parade starts at the Kingston/ Adana/Windsor triangle and marches to the playground where there will be prizes for the best costumes in each age category. Trick or treating around the neighborhood will follow the event.

Neighbors are reminded to avoid parking on the parade route along Adana, Carysbrook, Olmstead and McHenry Roads. Thanks for your help!

Reduce the Risk of Power Outages

During our last power outage, several power lines in the neighborhood were struck by dead tree limbs. Homeowners can help reduce the risk of such outages by performing routine preventative maintenance on their tree stock. Limbs near power lines should be cleared, particularly dead ones. Ivy also weights down limbs tremendously, and greatly increases the likelihood a limb will collapse in a storm. By trimming the ivy off of the base of the tree, you will often be able to kill-off the growth on the entire tree.

BGE does do tree trimming around power lines, although they generally follow their own schedule in terms of what neighborhood they're working in at any particular point in time. When they do plan to come to a neighborhood and trim trees, they usually give residents advanced notice by distributing flyers. Having said that, however, if there is a tree or tree limb on your property that is resting on a power line or creating an imminent danger (for example, a broken limb sitting over a power line), you can request that BGE come out and trim the limbs. Such requests can be made by phone (410-685-0123) or via their website, www.bge.com (click on "contact us" and then click on "report a problem or nonemergency"). For those situations, however, where there is no immediate danger of damage to a power line, and BGE is not planning on doing routine tree trimming in the neighborhood, you may need to get a contractor to assist you with your tree trimming.

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Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic pest of ash trees. It is native to Asia and thought to have arrived in the United States in solid wood packing material from its native Asia. It was first detected in the Detroit, Michigan/Windsor, Ontario area in July 2002. BECAUSE OF EAB, MILLIONS ASH TREES HAVE DIED IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES.

USDA estimates that at the national level, if the Emerald Ash Borer went unchecked in the lower 48 states, the undiscounted loss could range from \$20 - \$60 billion dollars. Many consider it far more serious than gypsy moth, and perhaps equal to the chestnut blight.



Ash trees are one of the most common landscaping trees used in the U.S. and are common in western Maryland forests. Ash accounts for 5,982,000 - 6,591,000 trees in the Baltimore metro area. We have many ash trees in Sudbrook Park. Although the threat to our local tree canopy is not imminent, the pests have been found in Prince George's and Charles Counties.

Presence of the emerald ash borer typically goes undetected until trees show symptoms of being infested – usually the upper third of a tree will thin and then die back. This is usually followed by a large number of shoots or branches arising below the dead portions of the trunk. Other symptoms of infestation include: small D-shaped exit holes in the bark where adults have emerged, vertical splits in the bark, and distinct serpentine-shaped tunnels beneath the bark in the cambium, where larvae stop food and water movement in the tree, starving it to death.

In order to help stop this damaging beetle, homeowners can help:

- Don't move firewood – buy it where you burn it. Hauling firewood is the most common way for damaging plant pests to move from one area to another. In addition, the state quarantine prohibits anyone from moving hardwood firewood or any other ash tree materials out of Prince George's County.
- Report any signs of the emerald ash borer to the University of Maryland Home and Garden Information Center at 1-800-342-2507 or the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 410-841-5920.

Since 2003, efforts to eradicate the insect have included the collection and destruction of all trees sent to Maryland from the Michigan nurseryman, destruction of all ash trees within a 1/2 mile radius of the introduction point, and three years of surveillance, which detected no additional emerald ash borers until now.

Additional Resources:

Emerald Ash Borer (multistate effort in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana): www.emeraldashborer.info

Maryland Invasive Species Council: www.mdinvasivesp.org/species/insects/Emerald_Ash_Borer.html

Maryland Department of Agriculture: www.mda.state.md.us

Maryland Department of Natural Resources: www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/forester/eab.asp

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS

Our block captains are unsung heroes who deliver our newsletter about 5 times a year to all residents so that we can keep the community informed about events, neighborhood news and other items of interest. Although we have a website with more extensive information and a group email for issues that come up between newsletters, the newsletter has been our main way to communicate with residents for over 70 years.

We greatly appreciate our block captains, some of whom have been delivering to their blocks for years, and also are grateful for Mary Pat and Patrick Lackey, who handle picking up, sorting and distributing the newsletter to the block captains. Without these volunteers, we couldn't keep the community informed.

Thanks so much!

Carol Uhler-Ford
Colleen Russell
Mitch Dahne
David Flitt
Angelique Gillespie
Mary Adams-Lackey
Linda Young
Stella Peck
Judith Patterson
Florence Aversa
Bill Traband
Debbie Klink
Laura Price Carter
Sherri Weaver
Carolyn Hartloff
Brenda Reynolds
Dana Hendrickson

Missy Sachs-Kohen
Karen Brown
Laurie Levy
Nancy Murray
Elissa Hozore-Locke
Pat Lackey
Lisa Marston
Donna Basik
Rick Vaeth
Steve Bagent
Brian Kuebler
John Klink
Susan Solomon
Peggy Lea Gosnell
Betsy Stellmann
Pat East
Hank Hendrickson

Historic Preservation Information & Resources

A large portion of Sudbrook Park is within a Baltimore County Historic District (requiring advance approval of ALL exterior changes to the property) and/or in a National Register Historic District. **If your property is a contributing structure in the historic district, don't forget to apply in advance of any work for the 20% state and/or 20% county historic tax credit.** It is costly to rehab and maintain older homes and the credit helps. There also are firms you can hire to do your application for you; one such firm is: O'Connell and Associates, 625 Washington Blvd., Suite A, Baltimore, MD 21230, phone 410-837-5800 <http://oconnellandassociates.com>

Our website, www.sudbrookpark.org, under "Homeowners' Guide," has information about the tax credits and links to the state and county forms.

Below are links that may be helpful as winter approaches:

Weatherization Guide for Older and Historic Buildings – information & resources <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/weatherization/>

About older windows (from the site above):

Q Why do the original windows of my older home matter? What do they contribute to my home?

A For so many reasons, the original windows of older and historic homes and buildings are what make them places that matter.

Consider it this way: If you had a beautiful piece of art that was custom designed, crafted by hand, made from native old-growth wood, and imbued with clues to its age and crafting traditions, would you throw the authentic piece in the dumpster if a simulated plastic version suddenly became available?

Seems ridiculous, right? However, this is precisely what people all over the country are doing when they rip out their historic wood windows and replace them with new windows.

Windows are character-defining features of any home. Everything from their size, placement, proportional relationship to the wall space, style, and materials contribute to how a building looks and feels. Just ask historian and author James Garvin, who has said that "any historic building with its original sashes and glazing therefore retains a higher degree of architectural integrity than a comparable structure in which the sashes have been replaced. Where original sashes survive, their preservation should be a paramount concern of the building's owner."

BULLETIN TIDBITS

The MD Dept. of Transportation offers a Guaranteed Ride Home program

for emergencies for people who ride in a carpool or vanpool, take transit, bike or walk to work at least twice a week. The program is available in the greater Baltimore/Washington region. The program and rides home are free. Call 1-800-745-7433 or go to: www.commuterconnections.org for full information.



Thank You

Thank you to **Ray Beard** for installing our new street signs at Kingston/Windsor and for attending to other community sign issues as needed. Thanks also to our **triangle and tree guardian angels**, who work quietly and with no fanfare to maintain the appearance of our triangles and roadways. These residents give generously of their time and we greatly appreciate it.

Pet Notes

Our poodle, Gibson Marie Walton, passed on to her final journey on July 7, 2011. She will be in our hearts forever.

-Leslye, Bob, and Sammy Walton

Scam Alert

Some people in our neighborhood have received calls from a party wanting to "help" you update your Medicare account. This is a scam! It is never a good idea to give anyone personal accounts numbers over the phone.

In Memory of Len Frank

He held a Ph.D in biochemistry, was an esteemed and beloved professor at Johns Hopkins and then the U. of MD School of Medicine for years, and excelled as a writer, editor and photographer whose love and appreciation of irony and humor was one of his defining characteristics.

Many in Sudbrook Park knew him as a giving neighbor, a tireless worker for the community, Co-President of the community association for several years with his wife, Irma, and also our long-time Treasurer. In addition, between the years 1996 and 2000, Len contributed hundreds of hours working on the community's grants, exhibit, symposium and books projects. These projects would never have materialized without his energy, talents and input.

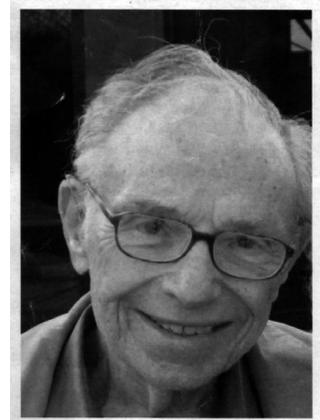
Most of all, he was to many of us a dear friend.

On July 2, Len died. His memorial service on July 10 was packed with family, friends and neighbors – all celebrating the life of this true mensch, who is deeply missed.

Len and Irma and their children lived on Cliveden Road in Sudbrook Park for more than 40 years and they both contributed significantly toward preserving and improving our community.

In Len's memory, and in gratitude for his many contributions to Sudbrook Park, we will be installing shrubbery and/or trees to beautify one of our triangles in the Spring.

Neighbors and friends who would like to contribute toward plant materials for this effort should mark or indicate that their checks are "in memory of Len Frank" and send them to Carolyn Hartloff, Treasurer, 503 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville MD 21208. We will share with Irma and her family the list of those who have contributed.



Autumn is for Planting! Get \$10 for Every Tree Planted in Your Yard Learn more @ www.growinghome.info

Autumn is an ideal time to plant a tree. Homeowners can get \$10 for every tree planted in their yards through the **Growing Home** program. The **\$10 coupon** and information about selecting, planting, and caring for trees is available at www.growinghome.info and in **Growing Home** brochures available at all libraries, recreation and parks facilities, and senior centers. More than four-dozen area garden centers and nurseries are accepting the \$10 coupon on tree purchases.

The **Growing Home Campaign** is an innovative public-private partnership to increase the tree canopy in our region. Growing Home partners include Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford County, local retail nurseries and garden centers, and area homeowners.

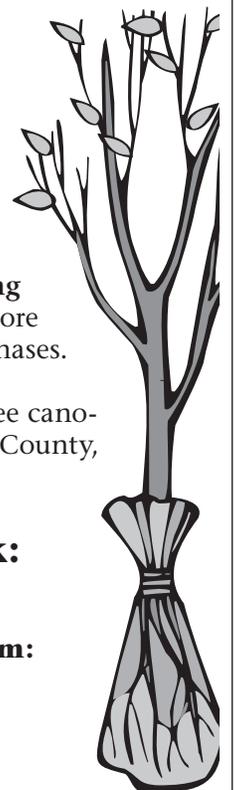
The State of Maryland offers a \$25-off coupon at this link:

<http://www.trees.maryland.gov/pdfs/bw1page.pdf>

The following Baltimore County nurseries are participating in the State program:

Chesapeake Trees, Green Fields Nursery & Landscaping Company, Herring Run Watershed Association, Poor Boys, Inc., Casson's Nursery and Valley View Farms.

For FAQs about planting trees and deer resistant trees: <http://www.trees.maryland.gov/faq.asp>



Important Notice About Cat Problems

In our newsletter a couple of years ago, the community was notified about a long-standing problem with neighbors' cats coming onto the porch at 721 Cliveden Road. These cats, which were not licensed, caused numerous problems for the homeowners, who have no cats.

Our newsletter requested that the owners of these cats follow county law and keep their cats either contained in their own home/yard or on a leash. Unfortunately, the owners, whoever they might be, have never complied with county law.

The problems have continued. At least five times the homeowners have had to throw their porch cushions away because of cat urine; they now are selling their porch furniture and have had to repair other damage caused by these cats.

In the past, the homeowners looked into having the county trap the offending animals, but when they discovered that the County euthanized animals it catches that do not have tags, they were reluctant to do this. (Tagged animal owners have to pay fines, which increase with each infraction.)

The owners of 721 Cliveden are understandably exasperated and now have asked the County to set traps. They do not know who the owners of these unlicensed cats are but want them to know what happened, should their cats not return from their nightly forays to this porch.

All residents with cats and other pets are required by county law to have them licensed and to obey the law about keeping them contained in the owner's house/yard or on a leash. Common courtesy requires each of us to be responsible for our own pets and not let them wander or damage neighbors' belongings.

Request from Sudbrook Park Assisted Living Facility

Residents who might be caroling over the holidays or have other musical entertainment to share with residents of the Sudbrook Park Assisted Living facility at 600 Sudbrook Road, please email David Cain thecainman@gmail.com. The home would welcome singing, Pets on Wheels, Scout troops or other similar types of activities for the residents at the holidays or throughout the year. If you have some talent or activity you would like to share with residents of this home, they would like to hear from you.

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. Oct. 20 Mark Plogman
603 Upland Rd
Fri. Nov. 17 Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Road
Thu. Dec. 15 Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook Lane

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. 18 Charles Locke
722 Howard Rd. (410-580-0342)
Tues. Nov. 15 Michael Sotir
709 Cliveden Rd. (410-653-5012)
Tues. Dec. 13 Steve Brown
701 Cliveden Rd. (410-653-3362)

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!