

The Park Bulletin

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Tree Lighting Celebration

Start off the holiday season **Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 pm** with family, friends and neighbors at Sudbrook Park's annual tree lighting, one of our most cherished community events. The festivities begin at the Sudbrook Lane/Windsor Road triangle. Dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, and please stay alert for traffic.

The Brady's porch by the tree is the gathering place for refreshments – *(contributions of baked goods or sweets are greatly appreciated)*. Let's all greet Santa as he arrives on his fire engine to light up the holidays in Sudbrook Park!



Sudbrook Park's Annual Meeting and Elections

will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm at the Bedford Elementary School Library (7407 Dorman Drive). For almost a century, the residents of Sudbrook Park have gathered together one time each year to welcome new members to our community, to elect officers to the Sudbrook Park Board, and to discuss important neighborhood issues. All members of Sudbrook Park Inc. are welcomed, and are encouraged to attend. It's an invaluable opportunity to become involved in Sudbrook Park goings-on, while chatting with your neighbors, and consuming delicious refreshments. *See you there!*

2008 NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for the upcoming year:

President: Richard Gruberg

Secretary: Deana Karras

Vice President-Civic: Steven Doll

Treasurer: Carolyn Hartloff

Vice President-Social: Sandy Alexander

Additionally, we welcome three new Directors at Large: Bob Caldwell, Mark Plogman and Stephen Shaul.

Any member who cannot attend the meeting may contact Melanie Anson, Nominating Committee (410.486.6814) to obtain an absentee ballot. *Completed absentee ballots must be received by Deana Karras, our current secretary, by Friday, November 14.*

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Entranceway Update

Baltimore County will not be holding an Entranceway Ribbon Cutting, previously scheduled for late fall. The County Executive's office regretfully had to cancel a number of events to insure that the County Executive made a full recovery from his recent, unexpected hospitalization and surgery. Our very best wishes to County Executive, James Smith, for continued good health.

We are still having problems getting grass to grow in some of the entranceway areas that were seeded (and re-seeded) because the soil the county's contractor used was of such poor quality, with the density of clay bricks. We continue to try to get the county to remedy this, since using a decent grade of soil was an issue we raised with the county numerous times over many years during the planning of this project.

A special thanks to Carolyn and Dean Hartloff, Ed Brady, Michael Sotir, Ray Beard, Stuart Abarbanel, Chris Hammond, Ramsey and Charlie Sotir, and Gene Wimert for their contribution and work to remedy some of the most glaring entranceway landscaping problems.

The Office of Community Conservation will be replacing the 7 dead trees in the Entranceway area in November.

Please help us keep the entranceway welcoming by doing your part - drive only on the asphalt roadway, don't litter and drive the 25 mph speed limit. Thanks!

Melanie Anson
Chair, Bridge, Roads & Traffic Committee

Crime Tip #7

Shop Safely This Holiday Season. Holiday time is an especially busy time for criminals preying on people concentrating more on buying that perfect gift than on their surroundings. As a reminder, here are a few safety tips for shoppers to follow at Holiday time *and* throughout the year...

- **Carry Purses Close to Your Body** - A purse dangling by your side makes it easier for thieves to run by and grab it.
- **Don't Carry Valuable Items You Don't Need** - Keep credit cards and large sums of cash you're not using at home
- **Don't Carry A Lot of Packages at Once** - This makes you an easy target
- **Walk and Park in Highly-Visible or Busy, Well-Lit Areas** - It's also better to walk closer to the street, rather than close to buildings. Opportunists hide in building recesses to wait for a victim to rob.

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!

TUES. NOV 18	Annual Meeting/Elections 7:30 pm	Bedford Elementary School Library
Thu. Dec. 18	Deana Karras	507 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.5010)
Thu. Jan. 15	Carolyn Hartloff	503 Sudbrook Ln. (410.580.0183)

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. Nov. 18	Darragh Brady	500 Sudbrook Ln. (410.653.6329)
Tue. Dec. 16	Michael Sotir	709 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.5012)
Tue. Jan. 20	Andrew Schaffer	716 Howard Rd. (410.602.0778)

To My Friends and Neighbors,

For a number of years I have written to this newsletter regarding the problem of cats running through the neighborhood. On a daily basis there are cats in my yard and on my porch, sitting or sleeping on my porch furniture, leaving smells and lots of hair. We have family members who are allergic to cats, and who, when visiting, can not sit on the porch.

I have purchased several sets of cushions, for porch chairs and a couch. I have purchased a box for storage. Every time we want to sit on the porch we have to retrieve the cushions, or we keep the furniture covered with other furniture, tables etc.

I have requested that this publication write articles about Pet Responsibility, which they have done: to no avail.

Baltimore County Animal Control Laws, Article 12 states that "When off the owners' property, dogs and cats must be walked on a leash... ."

I have called Baltimore County Animal Control, who will now place "Cat Traps" to trap these apparently feral animals. If these animals are found to be licensed, the owners will be "subject to a fine of \$25 for the first offense - repeated offenses are \$100, criminal penalties may also be imposed with up to \$1,000 in fines, up to ninety (90) days in jail, or both."

The easy way to avoid these repercussions is to keep your animals where they belong, at home.

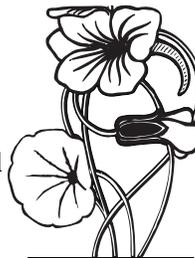
*Respectfully,
Michael Brandjes, 721 Cliveden Rd.*

Four of the ASPCA's Top 10 Tips for Cold Weather

- Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep — off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.
- Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him — and his fur — in tip-top shape.
- Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, can get lost or stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

Visit ASPCA's Pet Care: Cold Weather Tips at:
www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_coldweathertips

Bulletin Tidbits



FREE Home Security Survey
A home security survey conducted by the Pikesville Police can point out weaknesses in your home's security (e.g. places of possible easy entry for a burglar) allowing you to take corrective measures to help avoid becoming a victim. Contact the Pikesville Police at 410.887.6775 to schedule an appointment for your free Home Security Survey.

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Note: No one except the newsletter designer will see the email address you provide; and, it will only be used for the purpose of sending you issues of The Park Bulletin.

See Something, Say Something

If you see something that just seems "out of place" — (e.g. strange cars parked or driving around repeatedly, slow moving cars not marked as COP, persons walking our streets who don't appear to have a purpose (observe their demeanor), someone looking into parked vehicles, a strange car or truck parked in a neighbor's driveway when they're not home, an open or broken door or window to a house, or other such suspicious situation) — say something!

Call the police:
911 for emergencies
410.887.2222
for non-emergencies

*Clip and Save for Future Reference.
Join the Citizens on Patrol. Contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438*

Help keep Sudbrook Park a safe place to live!



SUDBROOK PARK'S

ARTS IN THE PARK



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Arts in the Park perhaps the best one yet...

Dayton Alford and assistant Sue Wachter for providing the wonderful sound system and good vibes.

Musicians: **The Classroom Dragons** (with Park resident Jimmy Brink) – www.classroomdragons.com

Herschel Hoover (with Park resident David Flitt) – www.myspace.com/herschelhoover

The New Ches Kellam Big Band (with Park residents Gary and Loretta Kerner) – For further information contact: Don Arnold, 410.882.0418

Hip Pocket (with Park resident Kurt Hammond) – www.hippocketband.com

The Bay Jazz Project (with Park resident Seth Kibel) – www.seanlanemusic.com/slane/bayJazz.html

Pete Backe and friends with an amazing array of wonderful food • Mr John Eubank and his staff at the Wellwood Office of Baltimore County Recreation and Parks • Bob Caldwell for design ideas for the festival space, and graphics reproduction • Mary Gasperetti for designing the logo, flyers and program • Gary and Loretta Kerner for contributing canopies and tables • Deana and Chris Karras, Carolyn Hartloff, Amy Reynolds, and Jill Savage for contributing art supplies.

For setting-up, tearing-down, running the art events and welcome center, and for their high spirits:
Sandy Alexander • Mary Kay Alford • Melanie Anson • Steven Brown • Steven Doll • David Flitt • Sandy and Ellie Girbach • Amanda Graham • Richard Gruberg • Christopher Hammond • John Harroun • Ann Hoffman • Stephanie Jones • Deana Karras • Michelle LaPerriere • Molly McCall • Dixie Mullineaux • Rebecca Palo • Marjorie Parker • Mark Plogman • Amy Reynolds • Colleen Russell • Jill Savage • Ellen Spokes • Stephanie Tabrisky • Kholiwe Vundla

Thanks to all who attended, supported the craft vendors, bopped to the music, soaked up the sunshine, and reminded us all why we're proud of our community!

And a BIG Hats-Off to Kurt Hammond for orchestrating this year's Arts in the Park. GREAT JOB!

The Park Bulletin...

...welcomes submissions. Communicate any items of relevance or interest to your friends and neighbors in Sudbrook Park. To submit an item for *The Park Bulletin*, call 410.653.7688; or email tpb@covad.net.

2009 Submission Deadlines

Sunday, January 18: to go in the February issue
(for the months of February/March)

Sunday, March 22: to go in the April issue
(for the months of April/May)

Sunday, May 17: to go in the June issue
(for the months of June/July/August)

Sunday, August 16: to go in the September issue
(for the months of September/October)

Sunday, October 18: to go in the November issue
(for the months of November/December/January)

Holiday Tree Lighting Donation Drive

While part of your Sudbrook Park community association membership dues fund the annual Holiday Tree Lighting (one of the community's most popular events!), the expense of decorating and keeping our tree lit throughout the Holiday Season increases each year. Residents can help defray some of these expenses with contributions to the Holiday Tree Lighting Donation Drive. Please contribute to the Drive when our volunteers come to your door this December. Help keep this treasured Holiday tradition alive for years to come!



Receive pertinent information regarding Sudbrook Park – including news about upcoming events, neighborhood security/crime issues, etc. Go to sudbrook@gmail.com to place your name on our community email list.