

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Tree Lighting Celebration

Sunday, December 5 at 7:00 pm at the Sudbrook Lane/Windsor Road Triangle



Enjoy a festive start to the holiday season Sunday, December 5 at 7:00 pm at the annual Sudbrook Park tree lighting. This cherished community event starts at the Sudbrook Lane/Windsor Road triangle when Santa arrives to light the tree. Neighbors are invited to stay for refreshments, which will be served on the Brady's porch. Contributions of baked goods or sweets is always appreciated.

Costs for hanging and removing the tree lights and having them lit throughout the holiday season have increased in recent years. **Community support is needed to keep this popular tradition alive.** There will be a box for donations on the Brady's porch at the tree lighting event. Or, donations can be sent to Carolyn Hartloff at 503 Sudbrook Lane. If you enjoy seeing the holiday lights brightening our neighborhood, please make a contribution.

New Plaque at Entranceway

If you haven't yet noticed, the community association has installed a beautiful bronze plaque at our entranceway on Sudbrook Lane, adjacent to the bridge, honoring Sudbrook Park resident Melanie Anson for her hard work in making this bridge a reality, and ensuring that it conform to standards consistent with the historic character of the neighborhood. The plaque is 12 x 10 inches in dimension, with raised bronze lettering over a black background and bronze trim, and sits on a 48 inch aluminum post secured into the ground. Not only is the plaque beautiful in and of itself, it will enhance our entranceway for years to come! We are accepting donations to help defray the cost of the installation. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a check to the Sudbrook Park Treasurer (*made out to "Sudbrook Park, Inc."*) at 503 Sudbrook Lane. *Note: We suggest that donations be kept to a maximum of 50 dollars or less.*

Thanks

Our Entranceway is the first impression of our community that most people see. Special thanks to **Dayton Alford** for aerating and seeding some of our entranceway triangles, and to **Carolyn Hartloff** for soil prep and seeding of our Holiday Tree Triangle bare spots. Continued work will be needed to resolve the major problems created by the poor soil used in the Entranceway Project, but we are very grateful for residents whose on-going assistance makes a noticeable difference.

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SUDBROOK PARK'S ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Thursday, November 18, 7:30 pm at the Bedford Elementary School Library (7407 Dorman Dr).

PLEASE COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! Rather than having a speaker, this year our annual business meeting will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with and get to know your neighbors – many of whom are engaged in interesting projects and activities. **If you're new to Sudbrook Park, or have never come to a meeting**, we extend a special invitation to you to join us on November 18. Our annual meeting also will provide a chance to get acquainted with our officers, board members and committee chairs who work all year long to preserve and improve Sudbrook Park for the benefit of its residents.

All Sudbrook Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great chance to get to know your neighbors and hear about what your community association is doing. We hope to see you there!

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS - NOVEMBER 2010 TO NOVEMBER 2011

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

President: **Bob Caldwell** *Vice President-Civic:* **Stephen Shaul** *Vice President-Social:* **Dana Hendrickson**
Secretary: **Deana Karras** *Treasurer:* **Carolyn Hartloff**

Our deep appreciation to **Richard Gruberg**, our out-going President for volunteering so much of his time, talent and energy on behalf of our community over the past two years. Ours is an active and busy community association and anyone serving as President learns quickly that they have taken on a good deal of work and responsibility in that capacity, not to mention continuing to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President when their term is over. Richard has been at the helm for two terms, dealt with many community projects and issues during that time, and we are most grateful for his leadership and commitment to the community.

Our appreciation also to our continuing and new officers – and our many volunteers – for their willingness to give so much of their time, energy and talents to our community. A community association as active as ours could never function or maintain its holiday traditions and events without the dedication of so many residents. If you're interested in serving on the board, being on a committee or helping with an event, please let any of our officers or board members know.

Any member of Sudbrook Park, Inc. who can't attend the meeting may contact Melanie Anson or Deana Karras, (410.486.6814; 410.653.5010) to obtain an absentee ballot. *Completed absentee ballots must be received by Deana Karras, our current Secretary, by Monday, November 15.*

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. NOV. 18 7:30 pm** **Annual Meeting/Elections**
Bedford Elementary School Library
- Thu. Dec. 16** Bob Caldwell
705 Cliveden Rd. (410.486.0596)
- Thu. Jan. 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.*

- Tue. Nov. 16** Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)
- Tue. Dec. 14** Steve Brown
701 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.3362)
- Tue. Jan. 18** Michael Sotir
709 Cliveden Rd. (410.653.5012)

Farewell

Nita and Jeff Smith moved to "The Howard House" in Sudbrook Park in June 1959, where they raised five children and volunteered a good deal of time over the years to both the Sudbrook Park community association and Milford Mill Church. The Smith's home, built in 1893 for George Shriver of the B&O Railroad, later was purchased by the Howard family, which during the 1940s included daughter-in-law Dorothy Lamour of Hollywood fame. Ms. Lamour and Bill Howard lived in the house for several years and Bob Hope and Bing Crosby were guests there, along with other Hollywood friends of the couple.

In addition to caring for five children, Nita was active in The Sudbrook Club, Inc. when it was a women's civic and social community organization. She and Jeff assisted in the early 1980s with association efforts to expand the boundaries of the National Register Historic District and Jeff, a busy attorney, volunteered when help was needed with various civic and zoning issues. After Jeff retired, he served as Civic Vice President, co-chaired our tree planting projects, was often seen picking up litter as he walked, and was a member of the Bridge, Roads and Traffic Committee during development of our Community Plan and as we worked with the county to rehab the bridge. Jeff also beautifully maintained their wooded area along Sudbrook Lane, keeping it open space as an asset for the entire community. Jeff and Nita's combined contributions to our community over many years were substantial, and for that, we are most grateful.

Nita and Jeff recently moved to Sykesville after 51 years living in Sudbrook Park. Nita used to joke that no matter how long they had lived there, some people still referred to their home as the "Howard house." From now on, those who knew Nita and Jeff will remember it fondly as the "Smith house." Jeff and Nita's new address is: 7200 3rd Avenue, C-131, Sykesville, MD 21784. We wish them all the best in their new home.

Beware of Scammers!

Earlier this fall, several residents were solicited by an individual knocking on doors with a gasoline canister, asking for money because he had "run out of gas." This appears most likely to have been a scam artist, given the various accounts of his odd behavior, not the least of which included refusing to accept some gasoline instead of cash! Although we all want to help out someone in need, please be very cautious about giving out money to strangers. If it sounds a little too hard to believe, it probably shouldn't be believed!

BULLETIN TIDBITS

Volunteer Needed to Produce

The Park Bulletin. This newsletter is published five times a year and is a primary form of communication to all of the 500-plus residents in Sudbrook Park. Production includes a bit of organization and coordination, a little desktop publishing skill, and delivery – in person or via email – of the newsletter to Pikesville Office Supply for printing.

While distribution of paper copies of the *Bulletin* is managed by Patrick Lackey and our neighborhood block captains, you'll also need to email a pdf version of each issue to a provided list of Park residents who prefer an electronic copy.

If you have a few extra hours every few months to produce this important community resource, please contact Mary Gasperetti – 410.653.7688; or spbulletin@covad.net. **Thanks!**

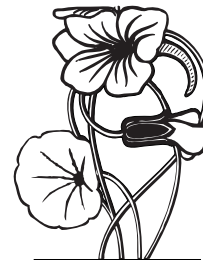
Leafcycling. Fall is here and nature's recycling program has begun. The falling leaves return vital organic material and micro nutrients to the soil. Don't waste this valuable resource – use it! Instead of bagging your leaves and placing them out for collection, run over them with your lawn mower. Leaving a thin layer of this material on your lawn will benefit your soil. Also you can use a layer of 2 or 3 inches of mulched leaves around your plants to help protect the plant roots during the cold winter months.

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.



New Neighbor in Sudbrook Park?

A bald eagle perched in a tree near Olmstead Road.
Photo by Jane Oliver-Vaeth.



Tractor Trailers Cutting Through

Last Spring, the Road & Traffic Committee began receiving complaints about 18-wheeler tractor trailers cutting through the community on Sudbrook Lane, and we traced this to trucks going to or coming from Greenwood Road businesses. When we were able to pin point specific trucking lines violating the “no thru trucks over 3/4 ton” postings, we contacted the trucking lines and local businesses and thought this problem was resolved.

After speed humps were installed on Sudbrook Lane, some of these large trucks continued to cut-through, using Cliveden Road to avoid the speed humps on Sudbrook Lane. When we were able to document some of the offending trucking lines, we again contacted the trucking companies and Traffic Engineering. We are continuing to monitor the situation to determine if the problems have been resolved or if further action is needed.

If you see large tractor trailer trucks, particularly R&L Carriers or New Penn Motors, using Cliveden Road to cut-through the community, please note the date, time, street they were on and direction they were going (and where they went, if possible – for example, across Sudbrook Lane to Greenwood, over the bridge, etc.). If you have a cell phone with a camera, and can quickly snap a photo, that’s most helpful – especially a photo of the cab with the truck’s DOT number. If you see these tractor trailers cutting through, please email this information, and any truck photo, to BRT@sudbrookpark.org.

Secondary School Options for Your Child:

(The following is article is part of series on secondary school alternatives that we have been providing to our readers)

The George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology

The George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, located in Towson, is a Baltimore County magnet high school that was founded in 1993. Carver offers curricula in drama, design and production, dance, visual arts, music, culinary arts, business, carpentry, and cosmetology. Students qualify for admission to Carver, based on an “audition” in one of these subject areas. In addition to these focus areas, Carver also offers traditional college preparatory classes, as well as many advanced placement and honors courses. In 2010, 249 Carver students took 477 college advanced placement (AP) exams, with 75% achieving a score of 3 or higher. Carver produced 9 Presidential Scholars in 2008, more than any other school in the county.

For a magnet school, Carver has a fairly extensive athletic program, fielding teams in baseball, tennis, lacrosse, track, basketball, wrestling, golf, soccer, and field hockey (among others). Many Carver grads have gone on to careers in dance, drama, and film, including alumni who worked with the Martha Graham Dance Company, the Royal Danish Ballet, and others who have been television cast members on *The Wire*, *Judging Amy*, *7th Heaven*, and *Mad Men*. *Newsweek* magazine has rated the school as being in the top 5% of the nation’s high schools for the last eight years.

American Education Week

November 15-19 is American Education Week and during this period parents have the opportunity to “observe” at local schools. Sudbrook parents interested in observing at Bedford Elementary, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, Pikesville Middle School or Milford Academy should first contact the school to make arrangements. This is a great opportunity for parents to get a bird’s eye view of what goes on in our local schools, and to provide input to school administrators.

Our Website’s Home Improvement Directory

To assist residents looking for contractors for various home projects, Sudbrook Park, Inc.'s website (sudbrookpark.org) contains a listing of home improvement and landscaping contractors recommended by residents. You can access this by clicking on the “Home Improvement Directory” tab under “Homeowner’s Guide.” (The Homeowner’s Guide section also contains information about Historic Tax Credits, required historic and design review approvals for certain projects, trees and landscaping and links to useful websites regarding these topics.)

If you have recently had a contractor or landscaper do work for you and were pleased with the work, you can add the contractor to the list by emailing contractor.list@sudbrookpark.org with the name of the company/person, their phone number and comments if you have any (i.e., what type work they do or specialize in, etc.). If you use a contractor on the list and have a bad experience with them, please let us know at the same email address. Contractors are placed on the list upon the recommendation of a single resident and removed if we receive two complaints.

Historic District Requirements and Benefits

If you live in the Sudbrook Park County Historic District and are selling your home, remember that Baltimore County law requires you or your agent to inform the prospective purchaser that:

1. The house is in a county historic district, and
2. Owners must get approval from the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) before making ANY exterior changes to the property.

Don't forget to tell purchasers about applicable historic tax credits available for pre-approved rehabilitation and upgrading of homes within the National Register and/or County Historic Districts.

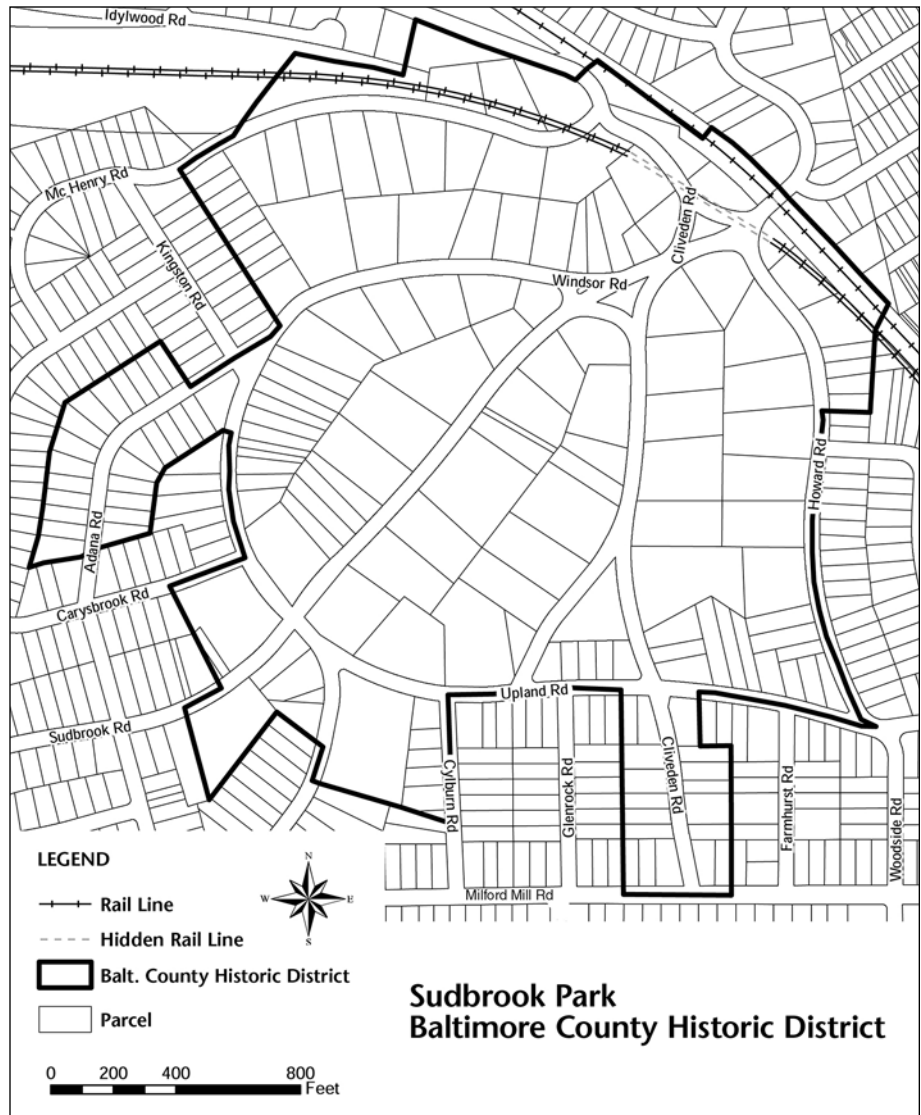
If your property is within the county historic district and you are uncertain whether an exterior change requires review and approval, remember: When in doubt, ask. Always check before signing contracts or initiating work.

The LPC can insist that projects be removed if they are initiated without required approvals, and the process can result in fines for persons who violate these laws.

Our Landmarks Committee meets monthly and will be happy to provide information to assist you through the regulatory process. Call or email Charles Locke, Chair of the Sudbrook Landmarks Committee (410-580-0342 or landmarks@sudbrookpark.org), if you have questions or want additional information. Our local committee can also give you information about the State and County Historic Tax Credits.

Detailed information on review requirements and tax credits also can be found in the Homeowner's Guide section of our website: www.sudbrookpark.org.

IMPORTANT HISTORIC TAX CREDIT NOTICE: Due to staff shortages and volume, the Maryland Historical Trust is taking four months or more to respond to approval requests for the State historic tax credit, so early submission is advised.



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 Elissa Hozore at 410.580.0342 to ensure our newest residents get an official welcome to the community.

FALL 2010 WALKING TOUR
 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DESIGNED
 BY FREDERICK LAW OLNSTED SR.

SUDBROOK PARK

Sunday, November 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Meet at 1014 Windsor Road, Baltimore, MD 21208 at 12:45 PM.

In 1876, James Howard McHenry contacted Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. to design a suburban village on a portion of his estate abutting the Western Maryland Railroad. By 1889, the Sudbrook Company brought to fruition the Olmsted design on 204 acres purchased from the McHenry estate. Olmsted Sr.'s only residential design in Maryland, Sudbrook Park celebrates its 120th anniversary this year. The naturalistic charm exemplifies the key design characteristics of an Olmsted community. Styles of houses include late Victorian, Colonial Revival, Shingle, Dutch Colonial and Four-Squares built from 1889 to 1920, as well as Neo-Colonials from the wave of late 1930–50s suburban expansion on the perimeters of the original Sudbrook Park development.

Guided walking tour by Sudbrook Park residents, **Melanie Anson**, author, *Olmsted's Sudbrook: The Making of a Community*, and **Roger Katzenberg**, Windsor Associates, an architect specializing in historic preservation architecture.

Tours: \$15 each. \$18 day of tour. Limited to 20.

Advance Registration is strongly encouraged. Please mail check at least 5 days in advance to:
 FMOPL, P.O. Box 16244, Baltimore, MD 21210-0244.

Tours are given rain or shine — refunds only if cancelled for extreme weather conditions.

**For information and to make reservations, contact
 Heide Grundman at hgrundot@aol.com or 410-945-0586.**



Autumn in Sudbrook Park continues to offer respite for the spirit 120 years after Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. designed this residential development.



This 1897 house is one of several in Sudbrook Park designed by Baltimore architect George Archer.

**For information on the
 Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks
 & Landscapes, and to order books,
 go to www.olmstedmaryland.org.**

