

THE PARK BULLETIN

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Tree Lighting Celebration

**Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 pm
at the Sudbrook Lane/Windsor Road Triangle**

Enjoy a festive start to the holiday season Sunday, December 4 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 are always appreciated.

Please bring a flashlight and use caution crossing Sudbrook Lane. The streets will remain open to vehicular traffic and it will be dark, so watch out for children and use care.

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.



Imagine Sudbrook Park without...

the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Flower & Bake Sale, or the Halloween and Fourth of July Parades, without the Stream Valley Park and its playground, disc golf course, and wildflower garden!

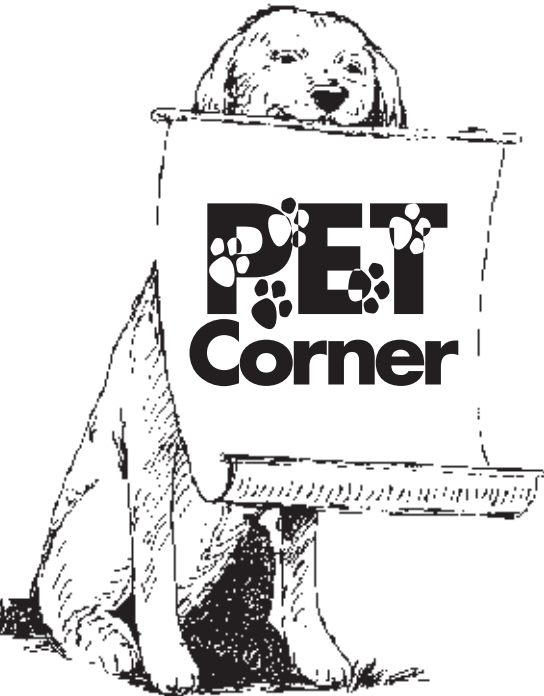
By becoming a member of Sudbrook Park, you help make all this, and so many more of the things we love about our community, possible. Please become a 2012 Sudbrook Park Member. You may choose to send in the form attached to this newsletter, or use the PayPal link on our community website, www.sudbrookpark.org.

2012 is a Member Directory year, and only members of Sudbrook Park will receive a copy of this useful community resource. If you have a local business, consider placing an ad in the Directory. If your children offer baby sitting, lawn care, or snow shoveling services, let us know when you join and we will advertise their services for free!

Invest in Sudbrook Park; join today. You can play a significant part in supporting all the beloved Sudbrook Park traditions and have a role in creating new ones. THANK YOU!

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Spay and Neuter Clinic

To reduce pet overpopulation, the Maryland SPCA provides high-quality, low-cost, high-volume spay/neuter surgery for cats and dogs to **qualified groups and pet owners** (check www.mdspca.org for how to qualify for the low-cost program, or call 410-235-8826). Prices are from \$40 to \$75. The Maryland SPCA advocates spaying and neutering of all pets to combat animal overpopulation. Altering dogs and cats can dramatically reduce the risk of developing certain types of cancers. Additionally, altered dogs and cats are less likely to wander and become lost while searching for a mate, do not spray and are less likely to bite or become aggressive. These are all great reasons to spay or neuter your pet while helping to reduce pet overpopulation.

Concerned about a feral cat?

Become a feral cat caretaker through the MARYLAND SPCA: Provide food and shelter to stray/feral cats and increase public awareness of the plight of stray/feral or un-owned cats. You can help reduce colony numbers by working to spay and neuter animals in the neighborhood as well as providing and participating in stray/feral kitten litter socialization and adoption. For more information about how the Maryland SPCA can help feral cats, please e-mail feralhelp@mdspca.org or call the spay/neuter line at **410-235-8826, ext. 160**. www.alleycats.org is another great resource for assisting feral kitties.

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

TRIANGLE THANK YOUs

We are extremely grateful to these residents (and visitors to our community) who without even being asked, have given so generously of their time to weed, rake leaves, pick up sticks and fallen branches on our community triangles and roadways: **Iulian and Didona Crainiceanu, Carolyn Hartloff, Molly McCall and John Harroun and Sean Sunderland**. Your efforts are a gift to all of us! Thanks also to **Mark Plogman** who so kindly carts our leaf bags to the county landfill and to **Richard Gruberg and John Carter** for help re-installing reflectors. Your time and assistance are appreciated!

Sudbrook Park has a devoted contingent of volunteers, but we need more. There are many ways to assist. Please, if you don't already, consider lending some of your time to your community. IT IS THIS GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT THAT KEEPS SUDBROOK PARK SUCH A VIBRANT, COHESIVE COMMUNITY!

Winova, 16 years old, homeschooled in Sudbrook Park is available to babysit in the neighborhood on the weekends. Winova is certified in first aid and has taken a babysitting course. She is reliable, responsible, and loves children. Her mom will supervise the first few times. \$5/hour. Please call 443-204-7521 or email marielarouge@yahoo.com

paid advertisement

An Ounce of Prevention

There have been some recent home burglaries and thefts from vehicles in Sudbrook Park and adjacent neighborhoods. Thefts of copper pipes and gutters from unoccupied homes have also been reported. Here are some things you can do to keep your home and family safe:

- Watch out for unusual activity. If you see something suspicious – movement inside when a home should be empty... a strange car or truck in the driveway... a loiterer – call the police (911) immediately.
- Consider installing motion-activated lights at the rear or sides of your home. They use less energy than constantly burning lights, and provide light when it is most needed.
- Keep doors and windows locked. Amazingly 30 to 50 percent of burglaries occur because a door or window was left unlocked. Lock doors and windows as a matter of habit – even if going out for only a few minutes.
- When you are planning a trip, ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers and keep them for you until you return. Uncollected mail suggests that no one is home.



Crime Tip

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. *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. Dec. 15** Deana Karras
507 Sudbrook Lane (410-653-5010)
- Thu. Jan. 20** Carolyn Hartloff
503 Sudbrook Lane (410-580-0183)
- Thu. Feb. 16** Melanie Anson
1007 Windsor Road (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.*

- Tues. Dec. 13** Steve Brown
701 Cliveden Rd. (410-653-3362)
- Tues. Jan. 17** Darragh Brady
500 Sudbrook Lane (410-653-6329)
- Tues. Feb. 14** John Carter
745 Howard Rd. (410-486-9455)



Sudbrook Park Community Association

2012 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
- ✓ 2012-14 community directory (distributed to members only)



2012 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 Hartloff, 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 _____
 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!