

# THE PARK BULLETIN

The Community Newsletter for Sudbrook Park, Pikesville, Maryland • [www.SudbrookPark.org](http://www.SudbrookPark.org) November, 2009

## Tree Lighting Celebration

Join your neighbors on **Sunday, December 6** to kick off the holiday season with the annual Sudbrook Park tree lighting. **Festivities begin at 7 p.m. at the Sudbrook Lane/Windsor Road triangle.** Greet Santa as he arrives to light the tree (*with help from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department*) and stay for refreshments. The Brady's porch by the tree is the gathering place for refreshments – (*contributions of baked goods or sweets are greatly appreciated*). Remember to dress for the weather, carry a flashlight and stay alert for traffic.



## SUDBROOK PARK'S ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

will be held on **Wednesday, 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 to elect officers to the Sudbrook Park Board, and to discuss important neighborhood issues. This year, Richard Layman, from the County Planning Dept., will speak on walkable communities and what the county is doing to promote them; and our own Darragh Brady, who is on the board of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, will give a slide presentation about the arboretum and youth training programs it is sponsoring! All members of Sudbrook Park Inc. are welcomed, and are encouraged to attend. (*Please check our website – [www.SudbrookPark.org](http://www.SudbrookPark.org) – for any meeting changes.*)

### 2009 NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

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

*President:* **Richard Gruberg**

*Secretary:* **Deana Karras**

*Vice President-Civic:* **Bob Caldwell**

*Treasurer:* **Carolyn Hartloff**

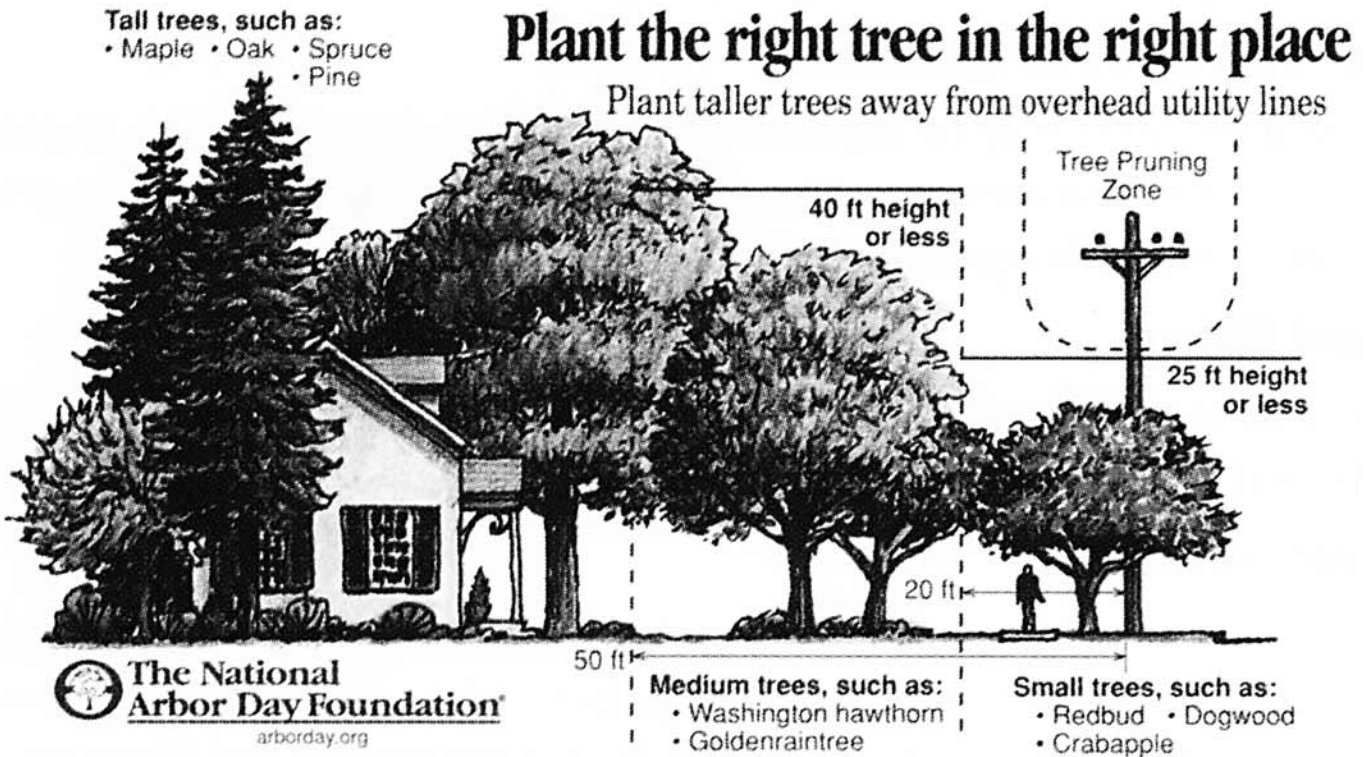
*Vice President-Social:* **Sandy Alexander**

Our appreciation to **Steve Doll**, our out-going Vice President/Civic - And to our continuing officers for their willingness to volunteer so much of their time, energy and talents to our community.

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 13.*

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## Planting a Tree Next Spring? Plant the Right Tree

It's important to plant the right tree in the right place to reduce the potential for power outages. Follow these tips:

- Trees that grow tall should never be planted near power lines
- Never trim a tree that is growing near a power line. Consult a professional.
- Don't plant trees or shrubs near power poles. Doing so could hamper the flow of electricity, and may slow or interfere with the restoration process in the event of a power outage.

To learn more about the planting and care of trees, visit the Arbor Day website at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

*Thanks to Lines, the newsletter from Potomac Electric and Power Company (PEPCO)*

### 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!

**WED. NOV 18 Annual Meeting/Elections**  
7:30 pm Bedford Elementary School Library

**Thu. Dec. 8** Melanie Anson  
1007 Windsor Rd. (410.486.6814)

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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. 17** Keith Weaver  
604 Upland Rd. (410.486.3996)

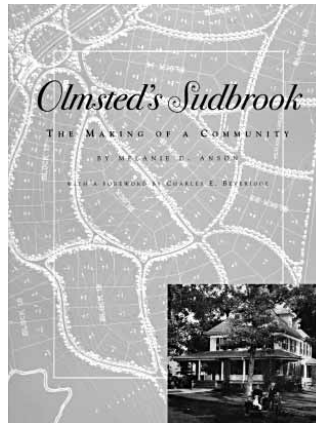
**Tue. Dec. 15** Steve Brown  
701 Cliveden Rd. (410.653-3362)

**Tue. Jan. 19** John Carter  
745 Howard Rd.

## Think "Sudbrook Park" for Your Holiday Gifts

We have available a limited number of **19"x25" prints of Frederick Law Olmsted's August 24, 1889 design for Sudbrook**, in black ink on glossy white heavy weight paper, and suitable for framing. These would make a very nice gift for someone who grew up or lived in Sudbrook Park, lives here now, or simply admires the beauty of Olmsted's design. The cost with tax of each print is \$15.75. Proceeds go toward landscaping our triangles. To purchase a print contact Melanie Anson at 410.486.6814 or melanieanson@comcast.net.

For the reader on your gift list try a copy of ***Olmsted's Sudbrook: The Making of a Community*** by our SP historian, Melanie Anson. This is a wonderful story of Sudbrook's origins and its evolution as a planned suburban village designed in 1889 by Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., America's first landscape architect. The soft cover book is 248 pages with many archival photos of the neighborhood and illustrations. Each book is \$26.20 (\$24.95 plus tax).



Another great book on Sudbrook Park is ***Way Back When in Sudbrook Park***, by Beryl Frank.

It is a richly textured account of some of the people who chose to settle in Sudbrook Park and the houses they built for themselves. Mrs. Frank's colorful vignettes recount life in early twentieth century Sudbrook Park and bring to life traditions that have continued from the early days of our community to the present. The price for this soft cover book of 72 pages with black and white photographs is \$13.60 (\$12.95 plus tax).

All profits from the sale of these books go toward the preservation of Sudbrook Park. To order either book, please contact Deana Karras at 410.653.1010, or Carolyn Hartloff at 410.580.0183.

And for the cooks on your gift list – ***Favorite Recipes from the Sudbrook Park Citizens on Patrol***. This 100-page cookbook has delicious recipes contributed by COP members, family and friends – as well as, recipes from some great local restaurants and businesses. Cookbook sections include: Appetizers and Beverages, Baked Goods, Soups and Salads, Main Dishes, Vegetables and Side Dishes, Sweet Treats, Diabetic and Vegetarian Recipes, and This and That. There's a recipe for just about every taste! (Also to enjoy are the beautiful color photos taken around our community by Sudbrook Park residents.)



The price for this spiral bound cookbook is just \$10.00. Proceeds will help the Sudbrook Park COP in its community crime prevention efforts. To purchase a copy, contact the COP at 410.484.8438.

## BULLETIN TIDBITS

### Holiday Tree Lighting Donation Drive

The Holiday Tree Lighting is one of the community's most popular events! The expense of decorating and keeping our tree lit throughout the Holiday Season increases each year. You can help defray some of that expense by contributing to the Holiday Tree Lighting Donation Drive. When our volunteers come to your door this December, please contribute to the Drive. Help keep this treasured Holiday tradition alive for years to come! Thank you.



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

**Want It Fast?** A PDF of the *Bulletin*, delivered via email, gets to you faster than the paper copy delivered to your door. To receive each issue of the *Bulletin*, as a PDF, just email [spbulletin@covad.net](mailto:spbulletin@covad.net) - subject line "Email TPB" - and give your name, email address and street address (so we can stop paper delivery). *This is a great way for Sudbrook Park to save money, paper, and a tree!*

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TREE PLANTS HOPE

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SUDBROOK PARK'S  
**ARTS  
 IN THE PARK**



Thank you to all the volunteers who made Arts in the Park a fun, festive and entertaining day, and to our musical guests and crafts vendors for sharing their talent and creativity. A special thanks to...

**Dayton and Mary Kay Alford** for providing the wonderful sound system and good vibes. They're the first to arrive and the last to leave!

Musicians: **The Classroom Dragons** (with Park resident Jimmy Brink) • **Hoosier Buddy** (with Park resident Bob Caldwell) • **Seth Kibel and Friends** (with Park resident Seth Kibel) • **The New Ches Kellam Big Band** (with Park residents Gary and Loretta Kerner) • **Hip Pocket** (with Park resident Kurt Hammond)



*Above: Young artists contributing to this year's community mural*

*Right: Just two of the many great musicians filling the afternoon with song*



Musician photo courtesy of Mark Baird

**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 • **Mary Gasperetti** for designing the logo, flyers and program • **Gary and Loretta Kerner** for contributing canopies and tables • **Deana and Chris Karras** for contributing art supplies • **Sandy Alexander** for providing items to be raffled.

For setting-up, tearing-down, running the art events games, and welcome center, and for their high spirits: **Mary Kay Alford** • **Steve Brown** • **Bob Caldwell** • **Steven Doll** • **David Flitt** • **Richard Gruberg** • **Christopher Hammond** • **Deana Karras** • **William Kibel** • **Michelle LaPerriere** • **Rebecca Palo** • **Mark Plogman** • **Amy Reynolds** • **Stephen Shaul** • **Josh Spokes** • **Stephanie Tabrisky** • **Kholiwe Vundla** • **Hana Clemens**

**And a BIG THANKS to Kurt Hammond and Sandy Alexander who did such a great job orchestrating this year's Arts in the Park!**

Mark your calendars when next year's date is announced so you don't miss one of Sudbrook Park's great events of the year!

**THE PARK BULLETIN...** welcomes submissions. Marriage? New Baby? Awards? Other important news? Communicate any items of relevance or interest to your friends and neighbors in Sudbrook Park. Submit an item to *The Park Bulletin* by calling 410.653.7688; or emailing [spbulletin@covad.net](mailto:spbulletin@covad.net).

**2010 Submission Deadlines:**

**Sunday, January 17:** to go in the February issue  
*(for the months of February/March)*

**Sunday, March 14:** to go in the April issue  
*(for the months of April/May)*

**Sunday, May 16:** to go in the June issue  
*(for the months of June/July/August)*

**Sunday, August 15:** to go in the September issue  
*(for the months of September/October)*

**Sunday, October 17:** to go in the November issue  
*(for the months of November/December/January)*

Barry and Cathy Smiler Present an  
Intimate Acoustic Houseconcert with

## Lui Collins

Sunday, November 15 8 to 10 p.m.  
505 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD



For over thirty years and on dozens of recordings Lui Collins has been offering heartfelt songs and stories of what it means to be a person, and a woman, in this world. Her music ranges through contemporary, spiritual, passionate and playful, but always it is a real, honest, and deeply moving expression of the complex and insightful woman she is: whimsical spirit, wise

elder, mother, grandmother, woods walker, writer, poet, teacher. Somehow all these parts and more emerge in her concerts as she engages the audience in an intimate dialogue of song and poem, voice, guitar and banjo.

Collins is highly regarded by both the press and her fellow musicians. *The Boston Globe* dubs her "one of New England's brightest stars," and *Sing Out! Magazine* calls her "incomparable." Renowned guitarist Dave van Ronk called her "one of the best guitarist-arrangers I have heard in years."

As a mother with a family, Lui also has a strong interest in music for children, and in addition to this evening's concert she will be doing a kid's concert 4-5 pm at St. Mark's Church in Pikesville (410-747-4920 for info).

For more information on Lui Collins, visit her website – [www.luicollins.com](http://www.luicollins.com).

We will have a maximum of 25 people in this intimate unamplified setting so **advance reservations are strongly suggested** – 410-753-2351; [bsmiler@bardon.com](mailto:bsmiler@bardon.com).

## Alert to Possible Census Scams

In April, U.S. Census workers began verifying the addresses of households across the country. Unfortunately, people may also be contacted by scammers impersonating Census workers in order to gain access to sensitive financial information such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. The big question is, how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. **Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions.** Remember, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone,** even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. They will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the look out for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. **Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.**



THE BEST TIME TO PLANT  
A TREE WAS 20 YEARS AGO.

THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW.

ANONYMOUS QUOTE

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

**The COP is currently seeking nominations** for the following volunteer positions – *Director, Secretary and Treasurer*. Nominations must be submitted by our Holiday celebration/meeting on December 10th. The election will then take place at the January 28, 2010 COP meeting. If you're interested, or want details of the duties of any of these positions, please contact Loretta at 410.580.1493.

**Don't wait for a spike in neighborhood crime to get involved. Be proactive not reactive. Join the Sudbrook Park COP. All it takes is a car and as little, or as much time as you can afford to give on a regular basis – even just once a month!**

*For more info, contact Loretta at 410.580.1493, or Pearl at 410.484.8438*

## 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.

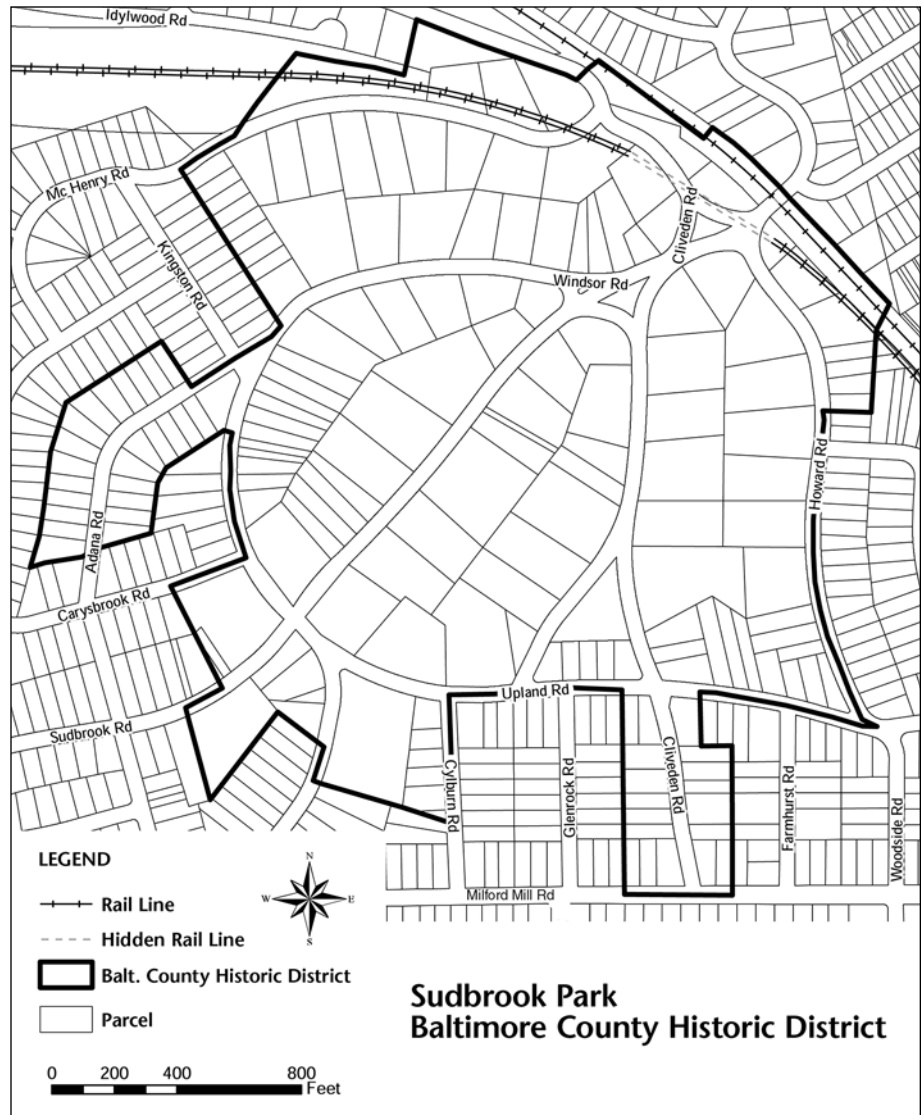
**If your property is within the county historic district and you are uncertain whether an exterior change requires review and approval, remember: When in doubt, ask.** Always check before signing contracts or initiating work.

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](mailto: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](http://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.