

## Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

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**March 2019**

### \*\*\*\* Association Meeting \*\*\*\*

March 20, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church

2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Guest Speaker – David Yungmann, 5<sup>th</sup> District County Council Member

### Message from the president

David Yungmann, our new 5<sup>th</sup> District County Council Member, will meet with us starting at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, March 20**, at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. David's parents were original Patapsco Park Estates residents for many years, so he brings knowledge of our neighborhood. I've had a chance to talk with him since the election about some of our issues, but please attend to add your voice to our list of important topics for all of us.

Your board has been busy on several topics. First, after contacting county police, we have been in touch with State Highways about the number of drivers running the red light as they continue turning from westbound Old Frederick Road onto southbound Route 29. One day, I counted at least 10, including a school bus, and on another, there were at least 5. Our request was for a red-light camera, because the design of the intersection makes it very difficult for police to nab miscreants. Instead, State Highways is reprogramming the light intervals so all of the red signals last longer before the next group of traffic gets the green light. The thought is that will give traffic, particularly drivers making that turn, more time to maneuver through the somewhat lengthy process.

We also have asked for signs alerting drivers on Thornbrook that those traveling on Ashbrook have the right-of-way and do not stop. These would be added to the existing stop sign posts. We've had a couple of near-misses there.

And in response to some requests from residents, we've started requests for street lights on some busy corners within the neighborhood, checking with adjacent residents for agreement. As a result of this effort, and thanks to prompt response from the county Traffic Engineering Division, a new lamppost will be installed at the corner of Mt. Hebron Drive and Furrow Avenue.

You've probably seen a number of trees cut down by the county, especially in the older areas of the neighborhood.

These are ash trees, and they are being removed to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive, destructive insect. This effort is national. Seeds of ash trees have been harvested to restart the species.

Finally, we have just learned that the Bethany Glen development proposal (east side of Bethany Lane, on both sides of I-70), has been resubmitted by Elm Street Development. Details are limited, but one report says there are now two phases, one for 112 individual houses, which are already allowed in the current zoning, and a second for townhouses/villas for 55+ owners, which may be affected by the current development moratorium for the Ellicott City watershed. A community meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 28 at Marriotts Ridge High School.

Want to know more? Join us on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

Nellie Arrington, Association President

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be 1:00 PM on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. There may even be a visit from the Easter Bunny. The event will be held rain or shine. We hope you can join us for this wonderful Community tradition!

**Community Yard Sale** - Time to clean out those attics, basements, and garages to make some spare cash. Our Annual Community Yard Sale will take place on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** starting at 8:00. The rain date will be Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

All community events as well as news relative to our community are listed on the following sites:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/mount.hebron.33>

Web site - [www.mthoca.org](http://www.mthoca.org)

Nextdoor Mt. Hebron - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

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**Safety Committee** – Vandalism and car break-ins have increased through the neighborhood, and surrounding areas. The car break-ins seem to occur between around 2-to-5 am. Please help yourself be safe by removing valuables from your vehicles and locking your cars at night. Leave your outside lights on (switch to LED bulbs for cheaper costs). Consider a video doorbell – our Howard County police can monitor the Ring technology, and these are easy to install.

We've also had a number of paint-ball attacks on cars and houses, and these are happening on afternoons when schools are closed and around 8-to-9 p.m. Victims believe it's been done by local residents. This is not minor, folks. Drivers have had their cars hit while traveling in the neighborhoods, and at the intersection of Route 99 and St. John's Lane. And while the paint MAY wash off, it's at least a nuisance, and often difficult. Please – if you have paint ball equipment, make sure it is locked up.

**Membership Dues** – For those who paid the 2018 dues, we thank you. Your \$15 per year goes toward our community-wide events, maintaining the entry walls at Mount Hebron Drive, yard sale advertising, and the costs of our website. If by chance you missed a previous opportunity, please use the dues form below to send your check for just \$15.00.

**Our current officers and board members are:**

President, Nellie Arrington, [nelliearrington44@gmail.com](mailto:nelliearrington44@gmail.com)  
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**About Mount Hebron and the Orchards**

**Community** - Our community is made up of 3 smaller neighborhoods. County road Route 99 splits our community. Orchards to the South and Mount Hebron and Patapsco Park Estates to the North. U.S. Route 29 is a north-south United States highway that runs for 1,036 miles from Pensacola, Florida and dead ends at our neighborhood.

We have 882 homes, 36 streets and 3 historic homes in the neighborhood:

**Mount Hebron House** was built by Col. John Worthington Dorsey of the Revolutionary war in 1808 for his son Thomas Beale Dorsey. The house is a two-story stone structure located on Calvin Circle. It was designed by N.G. Starkwether, a prominent architect of the day. Starkwether also designed El Monte, where one of the Dorsey daughters lived after leaving Hebron House, and which still stands on Furrow Avenue today.

**El monte** - also known as **Twiford**, is a 2 ½-story country house, built of random ashlar granite in the Italian villa style, and is thought to have been completed in 1858. The House was built for a member of the Dorsey family. Miss Dorsey selected the name "El Monte" because it meant "the wooded mount". This house is a private residence today.

**McKenzie's Discovery** - Aaron Mc Kenzie in 1817 purchased the land from Thomas B. Dorsey, and built a log house. The Mc Kenzie family held the property for 83 years. Today this house is a private residence. Included on the property is an AirBNB

For more detailed information and photos visit our website [mthoca.org](http://mthoca.org).

Please submit your 2019 annual dues of \$15 using this form. It helps support your Community. (201903)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: (Print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with:  Newsletter  Easter Egg Hunt  Halloween Parade  Association Board  
 Yard Sale  Other

Dues enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and check (Payable to Mt. Hebron/Orchards Association) to:

**Mount Hebron-Orchards Community Association, P.O. Box 6810, Ellicott City, MD 21042**