

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

Serving Mount Hebron, Patapsco Park Estates, Orchards Community & Everywhere in between!

June 2019

**** Association Meeting ****

June 25th, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church

2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Message from the president

“WHAT’S UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?” is the theme of the next general meeting starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. This is an interactive session where the association board will let you know what it’s accomplished this past year, and you can let board members and your neighbors know your questions, concerns, and needs in an open forum. We’ll structure this so that everyone gets a chance to participate, similar to what we’ve done with candidate forums. County Councilman David Yungmann will attend to learn more about our issues that involve county agencies. Board members and neighbors are working on several traffic issues within the neighborhood, and will give updates at the meeting.

And – annual elections are scheduled for this meeting. Interested in being an officer or a board member of the association? This is your moment. Nominations are open at the meeting, up until the vote for each office. We could use a board member who will cover school issues as the county starts plans to redistrict, and it would be lovely to have a social committee to plan some community-wide events (we’ve already got one idea that I think is really exciting!).

And – please keep up with our Facebook page – Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association. Carl Utt does a fabulous job of posting our events, photos, and you-should-know news. Great resource to keep all of us informed.

See you on the 25th!

Nellie Arrington
President

Zoning and Covenant Issues - Several residents have come to board members with news of possible zoning and covenant violations in the neighborhood. We’ll have that as a topic at the June meeting. However, in response to many questions, commercial vehicles and unregistered vehicles parked at residences may be a violation of county zoning. Please check with county zoning enforcement (410-313-2350) to find out what’s allowed, or to file a complaint.

Bicycle and ATV Safety - If you are new to Howard County, you may not know that we have a law that requires anyone aged 16 or younger MUST wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on county roads. It was the first law of the kind in the United States, and has saved many from traumatic brain injury. Of course, this includes all of the streets in the neighborhood, and can be enforced even if the cyclist ‘only’ rides beyond their driveway in front of their house. Cyclists of all ages follow the same road rules as motorists, including stopping at stop signs, signaling for turns, and yielding to on-coming traffic at driveway ends and intersections.

If you or your children ride scooters, ATVs, or motorized bikes on public roads, please check road laws on the Maryland MVA website for requirements.

Cemeteries in our Neighborhood - Did you know we have 2 small cemeteries in our neighborhood? One that most people know about is located across from the fire department. It is known as the Fuller-Kane-Smith Cemetery.

The other cemetery that is not as obvious is located on the east side of McKenzie Rd, north of the intersection of St John’s Lane & Old Frederick Road. It is referred to as McKenzie Gravestones and is the remnant of a family burying ground, moved to the present site from its original location on the farm of John W McKenzie. Called ‘McKenzie’s Neglect’, the property was the site of a blacksmith shop and overnight ‘stop-over’ for travelers on the road from Hollifield to Frederick.

Visit our website at www.mthoca.org for additional facts and history related to these cemeteries.

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

Nextdoor Mt. Hebron – www.nextdoor.com

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Safety Committee – According to the Howard County Police Department's Annual Report for 2018, crime was down in 2018 when compared to both 2017 and the five-year average. Violent crime is down over 24 percent, robberies are down 46 percent and burglaries are down 50 percent. Arrests of violent criminals by HCPD are up 20 percent. The crime rate, which is crimes per 100,000 residents in Howard County, remains far below the statewide average. More information is available at www.howardcountymd.gov.

Membership Dues –Your \$15 per year goes toward our community-wide events, maintaining the entry walls at Mount Hebron Drive, and association expenses. 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
Vice President, Roger Knight, rogerknight@verizon.net
Treasurer, Tom Holly, ponddweller@comcast.net
Corr. Secretary, Ken Mertz, kenm126@comcast.net
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Board Member, Shelly Mauck, shellyhmauck@gmail.com
Board Member, Paul Anderson, kathpaul51@gmail.com

The Association Board would like to recognize locally owned and operated businesses in our area. For this newsletter, we have chosen Clarks Ace Hardware. Please consider visiting Clarks Hardware for all of your Lawn and Garden, Hardware, Painting, and Houseware needs.

If you would like to suggest a business in the local area, please send an email to mthoca@comcast.net with relevant background and contact information.

Spotlight on locally owned businesses

Clarks Ace Hardware

Established in 1845, Clarks Ace Hardware is owned by Margaret Clark and has been in the Clark family since before the Civil War. "Our store has always been different from 'Big Box' locations because Clarks goes above and beyond to provide exceptional customer service and is home to "hard-to-find" items. Our company cares about our local community and all of the employees within our walls. We strive to always put our employees first, ensuring our customers in turn receive exceptional customer service".

Clarks Ace Hardware

10325 Baltimore National Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Hours –

Monday – Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Sunday from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

410-465-9633

www.clarkshardware.com.



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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