

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

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

November 2019

**** Association Meeting ****

November 20th, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church

2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Guest Speaker: Ellen Nibali, University of Maryland Extension Service

Message from the president

“**Dealing with Invasive Japanese Stilt Grass**” is the topic of our meeting program starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20. Ellen Nibali, who is part of the Maryland Home & Garden office of the University of Maryland Extension Service and who writes those question-and-answer columns on gardening for the Baltimore SUN, is our speaker. Ellen asks that you do a few minutes of homework by going to the site at extension.umd.edu/hgic and entering ‘stilt grass’ in the search box. You’ll see a picture of it. This is the weed that is invading lawns, gardens, and woods, and chokes out desirable plants by covering them and smothering them. Of course, it’s the one plant that deer don’t eat.

We’ll also bring you up-to-date on what else the all-volunteer association has been doing on your behalf, supported by the \$15 annual dues that you graciously donate every year. Please use the coupon on this newsletter to donate for next year.

Our spectacular **Halloween Parade** came about thanks to the efforts of the Mount Hebron High School Marching Unit parent volunteers, Cindy Anderson and Marilyn Brown, and director Joe Fischer who coordinated the band and performance teams; Glen Hastings of Union Electric who generously donated the lights; Rev. Adrian Pratt and David and Ronda Ritch Of Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church who provided the performance space and the Trunk or Treat; and Roger Knight, our association vice president who coordinated the lighting for us. We also thank the neighbors along the parade route who remembered to turn on outside lights for the event. Also, thanks to Lisa Wentzel and her neighbors, who orchestrate pre-parade eats for the band in her front yard (yes, she invites about 200 teens to her front yard!)

If you haven’t attended this major event for a few years, you really should come see it next year! It’s due to the efforts of Bud and Rita Wyble, and the late Walt Savage, that a Halloween parade started more than 50 years ago.

Our annual **Holiday Decorations Contest** is coming up in December. Thanks to Brian Eisentraut for being our contest coordinator, and thanks to Mike McGinty for taking on that fun task! Winners from previous years judge for the 3 best houses and one best door, and award the plaques. Having won in the past, I can say it was really fun to come home and find the plaque on my porch. And because the judges also need time to ride around our neighborhood to see all of the houses, we’re moving up the deadline to be decorated for consideration to December 15th.

Also coming is **Santa Ride**, when the Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department sends the fire engine with Santa and Mrs. Claus around the community. The department volunteers have given us the following schedule:

The Orchards – Friday, 12-6-19 starting at 6:00 P.M.

Mt. Hebron / Patapsco Park Estates – Sunday, 12-8-19

The times are approximate, so please listen for the sirens. Should you miss him, you can also see Santa at the Long Gate Firehouse on 12-15-19. While there, check out their **Annual Train Garden**.

See you on the 20th for an informative program that should help all of us fight this invasive weed!

Nellie Arrington
President

Now that darkness falls earlier, it’s more important for everyone to be careful driving, walking, and biking through the neighborhood. Remember that we have students walking home from afterschool activities after 4:30 p.m., as well as neighbors walking dogs and exercising. So, drive slowly and please come to a complete stop at corners. If you are a pedestrian, please walk against traffic, wear reflective clothing, and carry a light. Keep your dogs between you and the curb to protect them. If you are biking, please stay with the flow of other vehicles, and make sure you have working lights on the front and back of your bike.

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Memory Lane by Carl Utt

I remember going there, it was so far! I can't count the times I have heard that spoken. What were people referring to?

It was traveling from Baltimore city to Ellicott City for a visit to the **Enchanted Forest**.

When the subject of the Enchanted Forest comes up, it becomes a contest of people sharing their memories at the park.

Those who are new to the area may think the Enchanted Forest is just the name for the Safeway shopping center, there is more to it. For those that grew up going to the park, I hope to bring back good memories.

History

The Enchanted Forest was a theme park located at the current Safeway location on U.S. Route 40. The park opened in 1955, a month after Disneyland Park's opening. The park had a nursery rhyme theme with fairy tale buildings and characters. Admission was fifty cents for children.

The park has been featured in many movies; probably the most famous was Cry Baby with Johnny Depp.

The owner of a nearby farm has moved and preserved many of the pieces of the park.

Visit our website at www.mthoca.org for additional facts and history related to the Enchanted Forest, Also find out the location that is keeping memories alive.

Our current officers and board members are:

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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

Volunteer needed – We are in need of an Area Rep who can help us deliver newsletters to specific assigned routes. This is a great way to give back to the community and only takes approximately 45 minutes to distribute the newsletters. If you can help, please send an email to mthoca@comcast.net and include "Volunteer" in the subject line.

Please submit your 2020 annual dues of \$15 using this form. It helps support your Community.

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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: _____

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