

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

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

June 2017

**** Association Meeting ****

June 29th, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church
2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Message from the president

Dear Neighbors,

Solar energy will be our program at our next meeting, starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. Speakers will be Glen Hastings from Union Electric, who donates our lighting for our Halloween parade, and representatives from Solar City and Solar Energy World. Beyond choosing the energy source, homeowners have important decisions to make when they add solar systems to their houses, and we hope this will help neighbors understand those options.

On our business agenda is the election of officers. All our positions are open for nominations up until the votes are taken, and include president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. We also need some additional board members, preferring to include someone from each section represented by the association. Again, all areas are open, but we have vacancies for Patapsco Park Estates, the Mount Hebron Drive 'loop,' and the McKenzie Road area.

If you'd like to know more about serving as an officer, or on the board, please contact any of the current officers or board members.

Our current officers and board members are:

President, Nellie Arrington, nelliearrington44@gmail.com
Vice President, Roger Knight, rogerknight@verizon.net
Treasurer, Tom Holly, poddweller@comcast.net
Corr. Secretary, Ken Mertz, kenm126@comcast.net
Recording Secretary, Cathy Melvin, joe16@comcast.net
Safety Committee Chairman, Mike McGinty, magint@comcast.net
Board Member, Barry McQuay, Bpmcq16@comcast.net
Board Member, Charles Reed, creed121016@gmail.com

Other topics will include updates on area road plans including I-70, Bethany Glen, the Verizon cellular tower installation, and security and parking issues in the area surrounding the high school.

Your board members are actively working to improve the neighborhood website and Facebook page. We know we'll never be able to eliminate this paper newsletter, but you can help by 'liking' our Facebook page at Mount Hebron (not the high school page!), and we promise to post more frequently.

See you all late this month for another informative meeting!

Nellie Arrington
President

Safety Committee - We have received reports of a couple vehicles being vandalized in May and early June and one vehicle theft on Suland Circle. As a reminder, please keep vehicles locked (even in your driveway and garage). Keeping your garage door closed will help keep the opportunities down. And as always, please call the Howard County Police whenever you see any suspicious person or activity.

Keeping bushes and trees trimmed back from windows will in most cases improve your curb appeal and help make your home a less attractive target for burglars. Likewise, keeping trees and bushes trimmed around traffic signs will help keep our streets safer.

Many of the residents enjoy a walk or a bike ride through the community. If you are walking or cycling at night, please remember to wear something reflective or carry a small light so drivers can see you.

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Mount Hebron Community Website - The following articles and more can be found on our community web site at www.mthoca.org. Carl Utt, one of our volunteers has been maintaining the site with current and fun facts along with helpful links that will help you enjoy our community and your summer. Thanks Carl! Keep up the great work.

Fourth of July Celebrations - Wikipedia states "Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States". However you choose to spend the day, please be safe and enjoy. [Click here](#) to find Independence Day celebrations.

Howard County Fair – The best week of the summer starts August 5th with Midway rides, exhibits, concerts, games, 4-H and open class competitions, and so much more. Impressed by the 4-H members' work and knowledge? Did you know we have a club based here in Mount Hebron? Patapsco Valley 4-H Club meets at the church monthly, and has members learning about photography, foods and nutrition, crafts, woodworking, sciences, gardening, fashion, computers, and pets and livestock. Alumni have received scholarships, and created rewarding careers from their 4-H projects and public speaking and project management skills learned along the way. For information, contact club leader Heather Helm at helm624@gmail.com.

Looking for some fun things to do? Consider these ideas near Downtown Ellicott City.

- Howard County Historical Society Museum - <http://hchsmd.org/>
- Walking Tours - <http://hchsmd.squarespace.com/events-tours#Walking>
- Ellicott City B&O Rail Museum - <http://www.borail.org/Ellicott-City-Station.aspx>
- Catonsville Rails and Trails - <http://catonsvillerrailstotrails.com/trails/>
- Pick your own farms - <http://www.pickyourown.org/MDbalt.htm#listings>
- How about a day trip? Consider a drive through the county and cross into Pa to visit a potato chip factory. Utz and Snyder's have factory tours in Hanover.

Mount Hebron Community Association Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/mount.hebron.33>

Join our Email List – If you would like to be added to our email database, email us at mthoca@comcast.net.

Membership Dues – If you missed paying your dues using the form from the March newsletter, please use the dues form below to send your check for just \$15.00. The Association Board would like to thank all the residents who pay the annual dues.

Please submit your 2017 annual dues of \$15 using this form. It helps support your Community. (201706)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: (Print clearly) _____

I can help with: Newsletter Organizing Events Association Board Other

Dues enclosed: _____

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

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