

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

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March 2018

**** Association Meeting ****

March 20th, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church

2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Guest Speakers – County Council Candidates

Message from the president

Dear Neighbors,

Below are updates on matters affecting our Community.

March 20th Association Meeting – The Association Board will host a **COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM** starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. Republicans James Walsh and David Yungmann, and Democrat China Williams have confirmed their attendance as we will use the same format of introductory statements, submitted questions from neighbors at the meeting, and summaries that we used for the School Board Election in 2016. While this will be before the county's primary election in June, it will be the only forum we'll have for the county council representative from District 5 prior to the November election. We've asked the candidates to tell us what they think is important for our neighborhood in their statement, and hope this will be helpful for all of us as we make this very important decision later this year.

Verizon Equipment Shed – We hoped we had convinced Verizon to move its proposed antennae installation 'somewhere else,' but were unsuccessful. Your board totally understands that those using Verizon cell phone service have lousy reception, but their proposal included a large equipment building surrounded by a chain link fence next to the BGE tower where the antennae were being added. This was between the tower and neighbors' houses – in some cases almost at the back edge of their yards. We did get the county project engineer to request changes to the placement and design of the building that will – somewhat – reduce the impact on our neighbors and to eliminate the road going from Furrow Avenue up the middle of the easement.

Route 99 – The county transportation planners and state highways district engineer co-hosted an Open House about Route 99 issues in early February. Both Roger Knight and I attended to represent our association. The session was designed to share information and work toward solutions of

our concerns and was a first for the county. Roger and I were pleased to see that many of our issues were already noted on the posted maps, and those of you who also attended had added more. For some years, the association has been in conversations with state and county staff as well as our state delegation and County Executive Allan Kittleman to address the traffic load that delays us from coming and going every day. There's a lot more to do, however.

School Districts and APFO – Your board also testified and advocated for these 2 important issues. We'll discuss more at our March meeting – come join us!

Nellie Arrington, Association President

Easter Egg Hunt - If you have lived in the community for more than a year, you probably know the Annual Easter Egg Hunt has been a tradition for many years. We have been blessed with volunteers to purchase the candy, stuff the eggs, hide the eggs, oversee the actual hunt, and even wear the bunny costume. While we still have volunteers to purchase and stuff the eggs, **we are in need of volunteers to hide the eggs and conduct the actual event.** If you can help us, please email mthoca@comcast.net or call 443-472-5577.

We currently have the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church grounds reserved for **Saturday, March 31st at 1:30 P.M.** for this year's egg hunt.

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 12th starting at 8:00. The rain date will be Saturday, May 19th.

Membership Dues – For those who paid the 2018 dues since our December newsletter, thank you. If by chance you missed the opportunity, please use the dues form on the reverse side to send your check for just \$15.00.

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Attention neighbors in the Orchards: If you live on Melba, Jonathan, Maple Rock or E.W. Stayman this is for you. It was brought to our attention that there could be some interest in adding a few street lights to our neighborhood. If you have any feelings, pro or con, or would not mind having a street light in your yard, please contact me and I will start an email chain about this. The County is willing to look at the possibility but needs input from the residents.

Thank you. Email Cathy.Melvin21@gmail.com

Yard trim collection resumes in April

For more information regarding recycling, go to www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services/Recycling/Yard-Trim

Spring is just around the corner - Time to think about Spring Cleaning. Start early cleaning a little at a time and enjoy the Summer that will be here soon. Check out our web site at www.mthoca.org for helpful tips to help keep your home the envy of the neighborhood.

Mount Hebron High Mulch Sale – The sale is in progress through March 21st. Orders are due by March 14th. Deliveries will be on March 24th with free delivery on orders of 15 bags or more. For more information and the order form, [click here](#) or go to www.mhhsmlchsale.wixsite.com/mhhsmlchsale.

Safety Committee – Thankfully, things have been quiet in the Mount Hebron area during the first two months of 2018 according to published crime data on the Howard County Police Department's web site. Unfortunately, there have been a total of 8 fatal and 31 non-fatal overdoses in other areas of Howard County since January 1. If you or someone you know in Howard County needs help with an opioid issue, call 800-422-0009, 24-hours a day.

Our current officers and board members are:

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Curbside yard trim collection – Collections will resume March 12, three weeks ahead of schedule, to accommodate residents impacted by March 1st wind storm. Please remember, yard trim items should be placed in paper bags or reusable containers (plastic bags are not accepted) or tied or bundled with sturdy string that will not break. Each item may not exceed 40 pounds and branches must be 4 inches or less in diameter and less than 4 feet in length. Bundles of branches may not exceed 18 inches in diameter.

Please submit your 2018 annual dues of \$15 using this form. It helps support your Community. (201803)

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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