

## Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

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

**June 2018**

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

June 27th, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church

2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Guest Speaker – Shawn Gladden, Executive Director of the Howard County Historical Society

### Message from the president

Dear Neighbors,

Shawn Gladden, Executive Director of the Howard County Historical Society, will be our guest speaker at our **next meeting, starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church.** He will combine the topics of Ellicott City as the 'cradle' of the American Industrial Revolution, and how floods on our area changed that course of history. Yes, we decided on the industrial revolution topic before this flood, but floods in the 1800s and 1900s have been part of that history. It's a fascinating discussion!

On our business agenda is our annual election of officers. We especially need someone to be our recording secretary, which involves taking minutes at four general membership meetings and four board meetings each year. And nominations are open for all officer positions on the board. Also needed are some volunteers for the board itself: we try to have folks from each area, and we are missing folks from the McKenzie/Old Maple section, and the 'loop' of Mount Hebron Drive.

Another traffic study for Route 99 is underway. This includes traffic counts along the road, as well as assessments of the intersections. This effectively updates and expands the one done at the association's request several years ago. We'll get more details to you at the meeting.

Board members continue monitoring the plans for Bethany Glen, the 55+ senior community planned for the corner of Bethany Lane between Route 99 and Postwick Road. Some of the housing mix has

changed very recently, and we hope to have more knowledge by our meeting. As the association, we are primarily concerned with the increased traffic coming from this new development onto Route 99.

Finally, stay tuned for news of our September meeting, when we expect to have another candidates' forum – this one for school board candidates. We've had kudos for our previous events for county council District 5 and 2016 school board elections, for their civility, information, and range of questions.

Happy summer – but we want to see you on the evening of June 27!

Sincerely,  
Nellie Arrington

### Avoid Home Repair Scams After Recent Flooding:

The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection is advising everyone to be aware of home/roof repair scams after the recent heavy rains and flooding in Howard County. They recommend you check with your insurance company to see if they require that you use specific contractors that they have vetted. They also indicate that all door-to-door solicitors must be registered and carry an ID card issued by the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP). For more information, you can call the OCP at 410-313-6420 or email them at [consumer@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:consumer@howardcountymd.gov).

Disaster Recovery Volunteer – Interested in becoming a Disaster Recovery Volunteer in Howard County? Check out opportunities and register at [www.volunteerhoward.org](http://www.volunteerhoward.org).

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**Safety Committee** – The association is not aware of any crimes within the boundaries of our community over the past several months. We have checked the Howard County Police Crime Log back to the beginning of April but see no entries for our community. If you would like to search the crime log, go to <https://www.howardcountymd.gov> and click on Departments, then Police, and then Police-Newsroom, and finally Crime-Bulletin. You will notice the frequency of vehicular thefts, thefts from vehicles, and burglaries. Please be careful to always lock your vehicles and remove anything that would invite a theft. Be on the safe side by keeping your garage doors closed and consider leaving a light on during the night.

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

President, Nellie Arrington, [nelliearrington44@gmail.com](mailto:nelliearrington44@gmail.com)  
Vice President, Roger Knight, [rogerknight@verizon.net](mailto:rogerknight@verizon.net)  
Treasurer, Tom Holly, [ponddweller@comcast.net](mailto:ponddweller@comcast.net)  
Corr. Secretary, Ken Mertz, [kenm126@comcast.net](mailto:kenm126@comcast.net)  
Recording Secretary, Cathy Melvin, [joe16@comcast.net](mailto:joe16@comcast.net)  
Safety Committee, Mike McGinty, [magint@comcast.net](mailto:magint@comcast.net)  
Board Member, Charles Reed, [creed121016@gmail.com](mailto:creed121016@gmail.com)  
Board Member, Carl Utt, [carlutt@gmail.com](mailto:carlutt@gmail.com)

**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.

**Mount Hebron Community Association website** [www.mthoca.org](http://www.mthoca.org). Did you know we post our newsletters on our website? If you didn't receive a copy or would like to get previous copies, just click on the Newsletters tab and download a copy.

**Nextdoor Mt. Hebron:** This is another social media site that many residents within our community are joining. It allows the user to share news and events as well as things for sale. Visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and search for Mt Hebron.

### **Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church presents:**

"Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School  
August 6-10, 2018 from 9am-noon  
Registration is now open on [www.mthebronpc.org](http://www.mthebronpc.org)  
Please email [hebronvbs@gmail.com](mailto:hebronvbs@gmail.com) with questions.

**Mount Hebron Community Association Facebook Page** – Lots of your neighbors and friends are posting on this site. The association also posts events and news in-between newsletters at this site. <https://www.facebook.com/mount.hebron.33>

**Join our Email List** – If you would like to be added to our email database, please include your email address on the dues form below. You can also email us at [mthoca@comcast.net](mailto:mthoca@comcast.net). If you previously signed up for emails but have not yet received any, check your settings and make [mthoca@comcast.net](mailto:mthoca@comcast.net) a trusted source. And remember to please print your email address clearly when using the dues form below.

Please submit your 2018 **annual** dues of \$15 using this form. It helps support your Community. (201806)

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**