

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Newsletter

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October 2024

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Next Community Association Meeting

Our next Community Association Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024**, at 7:00 pm at the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker will be **Alexis Baber** of Gilchrist. She will give a presentation on End-of-Life Care.

For many, end of life care is as confusing as that statement. Alexis will discuss the similarities and differences between hospice care and palliative care, as well as, when and how to approach end of life care.

Movie Night - Kung Fu Panda 4

Movie night was a great success. The weather was fantastic, with approx. 90 in attendance. We would like to hear your ideas on other events. Discussions have already started for next year's movie night. If you have suggestions or would like to be involved, please contact us via our website <https://mthoca.org/>.

Halloween – Trunk or Treat – October 28th

Mark your calendar for the Annual Mount Hebron Trunk or Treat Event at Mt. Hebron High School. This event is designed to celebrate the diverse Mt. Hebron community through a fun and entertaining gathering for our Future Vikings and their families.

Halloween House Decorating Photos

For the first time last year, we posted photos of neighborhood homes decorated for Halloween on the Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Facebook page. There were so many creative and spooky decorations in the MTHOCA Community! We will continue to share photos again this year and are asking for volunteers to help take pictures. Please contact mthoca@comcast.net if you have time to help.

Santa Visit

Every year in December, Santa makes a special stop in our neighborhood. Santa trades in his reindeer for a fire engine to pull him around the neighborhoods to visit the families. Watch for date and stops on our website and Facebook or <https://www.ellicottcityvfa.com/content/santa>.

Bethany Glen Development update

In 2016 it was first announced that Elm Street Development was pursuing a conditional land use for age-restricted housing on the land north of Interstate 70 and east of Bethany Lane. Infrastructure work has now started on the south section of the Bethany Glen 50+ Community.

Fall Lawn Tips

Grass Seeding: Did you know that October 15th is the cut-off date for fall lawn seeding? It takes about 2 weeks for the seeds to germinate, and killing frosts are possible in November that can damage seedlings.

Fertilizing: According to Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Law - Lawn fertilizer **may not** be applied between November 15th and March 1st.

Fall Leaves: Rake and remove fallen leaves or use a mulching mower to chop the leaves up and let them decompose on your lawn. **Do not blow or rake leaves into the roadway.** Howard County sweepers are NOT designed to pick up leaves in large quantities. Sweeper operators will avoid areas of curb with lots of leaves. Leaves left for Yard Trim Curbside Collections **must be in paper bags or reusable containers.** No plastic bags.

Storm Drains: When rain is in the forecast, check nearby storm drain grates and clear them of debris.

Burning Leaves- NOT ALLOWED: Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services reminds residents the burning of leaves, trash, yard waste, refuse and building materials is not permitted in Howard County

Alice in Wonderland - The 9th-12th Theatre Arts Program provides the opportunity for students to establish life-long relationships with theatrical expression. This year Mount Hebron High Schools students will perform Alice in Wonderland on Nov. 21-23. For a complete list of all schools and shows in the county visit <https://www.hcps.org/academics/fine-arts/performance-schedule/>.

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Volunteers Needed for Holiday Decorating Contest!

- Last year we did not have a volunteer coordinator to manage the MTHOCA Holiday House Decorating Contest. In years past the house decorating contest winners from the previous year would serve as judges to award a first, second, and third place award and a front door award to homes in the MTHOCA Community. **We need a volunteer to serve as the coordinator for this year's contest.** We have the guidelines from previous years. Please contact us at mthoca@comcast.net by the end of October if you are interested in volunteering. If you would like to volunteer to take photos, please let us know at mthoca@comcast.net.

Our current officers and board members are:

President:	Roger Knight
Vice President:	Carl Utt
Treasurer:	Donna Liston
Recording Secretary:	Eric Ulanowicz
Corresponding Secretary:	Ken Mertz
Board Member / Social Media:	Christina Owens
Board Member	Karen Mitchell

You can reach any of these board members by emailing us at the community email address mthoca@comcast.net.

Our website is: mthoca.org

Facebook:

facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064603813033

Memory Lane – Remember When / Our Data

It was not long ago, you would go to the bank to order checks, the banker would ask, *do you want your social security number on the check?* Or you might be making a purchase with a credit card. The card would be placed in a machine to make a carbon copy receipt. The carbon paper would be tossed in the trash. In the 1980's the 1st security measure would be in place. The clerk would ask, *do you want the carbon?* Right before they tossed it in trash. Times have changed, today we would view this as being reckless with our information.

Today we have to be so careful with our information. Even though we do everything right, to protect our information, much of our information is available in the public domain. Many of our records have been leaked and made available online. With this information scammers are able to gain your confidence.

A growing scam is an email that includes a photo of your home to make their threats more frightening and convincing. Not all calls are illegal, but still could fall into the scam category. Do your research before agreeing to anything.

Annual Dues reminder - If you haven't already submitted your ANNUAL dues for 2024, please feel free to use the following coupon. Your support is much appreciated.

Please submit your \$15 per household/ per year dues using this form. It helps support your Community. (202410)

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