

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Newsletter
Serving Mount Hebron, Patapsco Park Estates, Orchards Community & Everywhere in between!
Website: www.mthoca.org
July 2025

**** Association Meeting ****
October 14, 2025 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.
Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church
2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Next Community Association Meeting

We are planning to have our next community meeting **October 14th 2025, starting at 7:00 pm at the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church.** Check our Facebook page for latest info and speaker info.

It's that time of year

- Howard county Farmers Market open Wednesday from 2pm to 6PM at Miller Library
- Howard County Fair August 2-9
- August is a great time to save seeds from flowers that have finished blooming.

Block Party

Although thunderstorms brought the evening to an early close, we had a wonderful time at our first block party! Neighbors enjoyed music from a live DJ, who played great tunes and took song requests, along with some fun karaoke. Everyone cooled off with fresh gelato on a warm night and had a chance to connect and visit with one another.

Movie night - Save the Date: Friday, September 12!

Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly evening that everyone—young and old—can enjoy. Bring a pizza, spread out a blanket, and have a picnic with friends before the movie starts!

Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.

Road work on Furrow Avenue.

Howard County Public Works is extending the sewer lines from houses at 9183 Furrow to 9051 Furrow Avenue. The job will take 4 months and is expected to tear up the road, limiting access to one lane. The impacted neighbors still have to pay to get hooked up to the public sewer if they choose to switch.

Neighborhood Safety Update

While we all value the sense of community in our neighborhood, it's important to stay aware—our area has experienced a few incidents in recent months, including trespassing, break-ins, and vehicle theft.

We can all play a role in keeping our homes and streets safe. Here are some practical tips to help protect your property:

- Lock doors and windows
- Install motion-activated lights.
- Use security cameras or video doorbells
- Always lock your car
- Never leave valuables in plain sight

If you notice parked cars with no clear purpose or individuals driving or walking slowly through the area, these could be signs of potential activity. The police are aware and said to call 911.

Opportunities to volunteer - Are you looking for a way to connect with your community? The Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association is looking for Board members and volunteers to help plan fun activities and events for our community! Our Association includes Patapsco Park Estates, the Mount Hebron loop, The Orchards, homes off Tiller and all the way to Thornbrook, Ashbrook, McKenzie and beyond! There are typically 4 board meetings and 4 community association meetings per year. Our events are discussed and planned during the board meetings. Additional planning can occur between board meetings by volunteers who have offered assistance. Email us at MTHOCA@comcast.net if you want to volunteer.

Volunteering opportunities continued - The association could use assistance from someone who can maintain the grass area around our entrance walls at Mount Hebron Drive. If you own a battery-operated (or gas) weed eater and could assist approximately once every two weeks, please let us know.

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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	Erin Mossberger

You can reach any of these board members by emailing us at the community email address mthoca@comcast.net. And visit our website at <https://mthoca.org/> and our Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/p/Mount-Hebron-Orchards-Community-Association-100064603813033/> for neighborhood announcements and information on community events.

Memory Lane by Carl Utt

What is in a Name? When I hear someone say Mount Hebron, my mind starts firing images, the green sign with bronze letters, a map of our community from Furrow East to Makenzie and the high school. Where does this name come from?

In 1808, Col. John Worthington Dorsey constructed a two-story stone house near what is now the site of Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. He built the residence for his son, Thomas Beale Dorsey. The home was named *Mount Hebron*, though it is also commonly referred to as *Hebron House*. There is no known documentation explaining why Col. Dorsey chose the name *Hebron*; if you have any insight, please share.

The Orchards, located on the south side of Route 99, is named after the apple orchards that once covered the area. To see an aerial view and explore how the neighborhood has changed since 1943, visit our Facebook page for a short video.

Did you know? There is a missile site in our backyard, in Woodstock. You can tour the facility and go into the magazines. BA-79 was an anti-aircraft missile site tasked with defending Baltimore from long-range nuclear-armed Soviet bombers. Open house tours are held once a month. For more information Google "BA-79 Nike Missile Site". After your tour visit Braglio Farms for some ice cream or the stand on Route 99 for a snowball.

Hot August Days and Nights - Looking for fun ways to stay cool this August? Whether you're curious about your plants, want to learn how to mend clothing, or need help with a knitting project, the library has something for you! Drop by "Ask a Master Gardener" for expert plant advice or brush up on your sewing skills. You can even create custom cake toppers using a laser cutter! Enjoy games, music, and so much more. There's something for everyone—check out events for all ages at the Howard County Library!

Annual Dues reminder – If you haven't already done so, please submit your 2025 voluntary Annual dues to help us continue funding our community events.

Please submit your \$15 per household/ per year dues using this form. It helps support your Community. (202507)

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