

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Newsletter
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March 2026

**** Association Meeting ****
April 21, 2026 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.
Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church
2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive
Guest speaker – Tracy Rezvani

Next Community Association Meeting

Please join us at our next community meeting April 21, 2026, starting at 7:00 pm at the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker will be Tracy Rezvani, consumer protection attorney and Administrator with Howard County Department of Consumer Protection, and she will speak on AI - The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly and how to Protect Yourself in an AI World.

Year in Review

2025 was a very good year in the neighborhood, let's look back at some highlights.

The year kicked off with our Holiday Mulch Tree Recycling event, accompanied by a snap of cold weather and a snowstorm. Residents received helpful tips on preventing frozen pipes, caring for pets in winter conditions, and tracking snowplow progress.

As spring approached, we shared updates on the Mount Hebron High School PTSA Mulch Sale. Our 1st community meeting was with Howard County Master Gardener Paul Beares, who gave an informative and timely talk on *"Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring."*

We did experience some break-ins, attempted burglaries, and automobile thefts. In response, Howard County government provided valuable guidance on ways to help keep homes and vehicles secure, reinforcing our commitment to safety and awareness. We even had another black bear sighting nearby—always an exciting reminder of our unique surroundings!

We had multiple Co-sponsored events with Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church that included our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Community Yard Sale, a big success. First-ever Neighborhood Block Party. Despite the heat—and getting

rained out—those who attended had a great time, with many asking if we'll do it again in 2026. A beautiful evening for Family Movie Night, it was a relaxing and fun night that brought families together under the stars.

As the year came to a close, we celebrated our favorite traditions, including Trunk or Treat and sharing Halloween and Christmas house photos from around the neighborhood. While our Santa visit had to be canceled due to snow and cold, the holiday spirit was still very much alive.

The Mount Hebron Community Association Board looks forward to seeing everyone in 2026, whether at our community association meetings or at one of our many neighborhood events.

Coming Soon

Egg Stuffers Needed - Be part of the tradition, volunteers needed on **Saturday, March 28 at 10AM for egg stuffing**. Come into the main entrance of the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. Egg stuffing is in the Fellowship Hall. No need to sign up in advance.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4 starting at 11: am. Plans are in motion for the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, co-hosted by the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny. The event will be held rain or shine. We hope you can join us for this wonderful Community tradition!

Community Yard Sale - The Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Yard sale will be held on **Saturday, May 2 from 8 am to 1 pm**. The rain date will be Sunday May 3. As in the past, the Association will post advertisements on the yardsales.com site, Facebook Marketplace, and the Next-Door Mount Hebron site. You are encouraged to do

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the same. We will also advertise on our social media accounts as well as post signs at the main entrances to the community. Please remember to retrieve your signs after the event. And good luck!

Block Party - Mark your calendar, our next Block Party will be held **Saturday June 13** at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. Plans are under way, follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.

Lawn and Garden - Did you know that Howard County Master Gardeners will look at samples of your ailing plants to make diagnosis. In addition, HCMG will give recommendations, answer questions, and provide printed information on a variety of gardening subjects. Master Gardener plant clinics are conducted from April through September at various Howard County library locations. Check library website for dates and locations.

New payment option for your annual dues - We are excited to offer Venmo as a streamlined payment option for this year's dues to make supporting our organization easier than ever. We now accept payments via our official Venmo profile — just scan the QR code below or simply find us at @mthoca21042. Please include your name and address in the payment note for easy tracking.
 QR code for MTHOCA annual dues payment:



Duck to a Blackhawk - Just a short walk through the woods from our community is Daniels, a historic mill town with a few name changes over the years—Elysville, Alberton, and finally Daniels in 1940. It was named for the C.R. Daniels Company, which started by making sailcloth (called “duck”), later producing U.S. Postal Service mailbags and other canvas goods. Today, the company is still doing business as a manufacturer of a wide range of products, including seats for Blackhawk helicopters.

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.

For your convenience, we have provided the following coupon as well as our new QR code for your 2026 Annual Dues. Thank you for your support!

Please submit your \$15 per household/ per year dues using this form or by scanning the QR code below. (202603)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

I can help with: Newsletter Easter Egg Hunt
 Association Board Other Halloween Trunk or Treat

Dues enclosed: _____

If paying by check, 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

