

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Newsletter
Serving Mount Hebron, Patapsco Park Estates, Orchards Community & Everywhere in between!
Website: www.mthoca.org
August 2026

**** Association Meeting ****

October 13, 2026 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church

2330 Calvin Circle at Mt. Hebron Drive

Check our Facebook page for latest information on guest and subject.

2026 Annual Community Party Brings Neighbors Together

Our neighborhood came together on **June 13** for our **Second Annual Community Party**. The event was a reminder of what makes our community a wonderful place to live.

Neighbors had the opportunity to catch up, share stories about their families, talk about the kids and school, compare summer vacation plans, and exchange helpful tips on home improvement and gardening.

Entertainment was provided by local band **Viper Brothers**. Many enjoyed the Slip 'N Slide and a variety of games, everyone enjoyed the free pizza. A crowd favorite was **Mike's Gelato**. A special addition to this year's event was the **Green Team from Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church**, who shared ideas for protecting our environment and using environmentally friendly ways to reduce mosquito populations around our home.

Howard County Police Community Outreach Unit spent time visiting with residents and handed out junior police badges and chatted with neighbors, we appreciate their participation and look forward to seeing them again.

We extend our thanks to everyone who helped plan, organize, set up, and make this year's event a success. Planning has already begun for our **2027 Community Party**. If you would like to get involved in future events contact us through our website.

Movie Night - Movie night September 18.

Mount Hebron Orchards Community Association and Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church will hold their family movie night. We are still in the planning stages, please follow us on Facebook for the latest information related to

time and the movie. This is always a fun family friendly event. Community Association neighbors are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets and food. As in years past we will have Free glowsticks, snacks, and water. The Kona Ice truck will return to provide free snowballs for the 1st 100 people.

2026 Farmers Market

There's no reason not to eat fresh. Howard County offers farmers markets multiple days a week throughout the county, meaning that farm fresh produce is much closer than you think. Visit **Ellicott City Farmers' Market** at Miller Branch Library on Frederick Rd. Wednesdays, May 6–October 28, 2 – 6 p.m.

The Howard County Fair

August 8th to 15th, 2026 for summer family fun at the **80th annual Howard County Fair!** This year, they're celebrating big with our nation's 250th birthday. This annual event is the perfect opportunity to honor America's rich history and explore the beautiful countryside of Howard County.

Lawn and Garden - It's hot what do I do?

Howard County Master Gardner Recommendation:

1. Cool season lawns go dormant in hot, dry weather—Do Not Water.
2. Harvest leaves of herbs used in cooking (rosemary, basil, sage) in the early morning, for best flavor.
3. At the end of the month, begin planting cool-season vegetables (turnips, carrots, beets, spinach, Chinese cabbage and kale).

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Memory Lane

You be the Judge - Birth of the Industrial Revolution

Most history books trace the US Industrial Revolution's start to New England in the 1790s, is it possible it was started here in our backyard? According to architectural historian Henry K. Sharp, with extensive research in eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century, Henry K. Sharp research checks all the boxes that says Ellicott Mills and the Patapsco River Valley is the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, years before the Slater Mill (1793) in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Sharp demonstrates how the five Ellicott brothers created America's first factory town in his book **America's First Factory Town: The Industrial Revolution in Maryland's Patapsco River Valley**.

Before the Ranchers

Before H.J. Baker started building homes in Mount Hebron he operated Baker's Newton Farm Dairy. The milk bottles often turn up on auction sites.



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.

Annual Community Dues:

If you have already submitted the \$15.00 annual dues for 2026, thank you. Your dues help us fund the activities that make our community one of the best around. If you haven't already submitted your 2026 dues, and would like to, you have a couple of convenient options.

1. You can use the coupon below and send a check via mail.
2. You can submit through Venmo @mthoca21042 or use the QR code below. Please include your name, address for easy tracking.

Please submit your \$15 per household/ per year dues using this form or by scanning the QR code below. (202608)

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

