

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Newsletter

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October 2026

Movie Night – Zootopia 2 - was a great success. The weather was fantastic, with over 120 guests in attendance. As in years past, free Kona Ice was available. In addition, snacks were enjoyed by all, with many bringing their own picnic. If you missed the event, visit our community Facebook page to see photos.

Upcoming Events:

Halloween – Trunk or Treat – Monday, October 26, 2026, make a note to attend the Annual Mount Hebron Trunk or Treat Event at Mount Hebron High School. Event time 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Trunk or treating starts *after the parade* which kicks off at 6:45 p.m. This event is designed to celebrate the diverse Mt. Hebron community through a fun and entertaining gathering for our Future Vikings and their families. This event includes Mount Hebron Marching Unit Parade that will perform a short concert. Those in costume will be invited to participate in a special costume parade along with our dancers and guard members. Additional details are available via this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4DA4A92CA0FF2-66251474-trunk#/>

Halloween House Decorating Photos. Again, this year, we will be posting photos of neighborhood homes decorated for Halloween on our Facebook page. Photos will be shared over several days, and we look forward to seeing your spooky, creative, and crazy decorations! We are asking for volunteers to help take pictures. Please contact mthoca@comcast.net if you have time to help.

2026 Holiday Decorating Contest

Our annual Holiday Decorations Contest is coming up. Judging will take place a few days prior to December 25th. Awards will be given by Thursday, December 24th. Happy decorating and good luck!

2026 Santa Visit

Every December, Santa makes a magical stop right here in Ellicott City! He's leaving the North Pole in style — riding through our neighborhood in a sleigh, with Mrs. Claus by his side, spreading holiday cheer to children and families. With help from the Ellicott City Fire Department, Santa will be waving, smiling, and sharing the spirit of the season as he makes his way through the community. Families can listen for the sirens and watch for Santa's sleigh lights to know when he's getting close! At the time of this newsletter, the department has not yet released their official route and schedule. For the latest updates on when Santa's sleigh will be visiting your street, please check their website:

<https://www.ellicottcityvfa.com/content/santa>

Security Alert –

Caller ID can be easily spoofed, making a scam call appear to come from your bank, credit card company, or someone you know. Don't be fooled even if the caller knows personal information about you. Data breaches have made personal information widely available to scammers. If you're told your credit card or account has a problem, call the company directly using the number on the back of your credit card or another trusted source.

Memory Lane - Little-known facts in Howard County:

Samuel F.B. Morse vacationed in the western Howard County village of Poplar Springs during the summers of 1842 to 1844. During this time, he was experimenting with the single wire telegraph.

Edith Clarke from Howard County was an American electrical engineer and academic. Clarke specialized in electrical power system analysis and is credited with laying the foundation for the smart grid.

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New to the Neighborhood? We are the Mount Hebron Orchards your Community Association, and we share neighborhood news, updates, and information through Facebook, email, community meetings and newsletters delivered to your mailbox. We host many neighborhood events.

If you would like to receive email updates, please contact us at our email address listed in the banner above. Our website and Facebook links are also included in our header.

If you did not receive a Community Welcome Letter in your mailbox, please let us know by emailing us at mthoca@comcast.net We're glad to have you as our neighbor!

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.

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 listed above. Neighborhood announcements and information on community events are shared on our social media sites, also listed above in our banner.

Recycling and Household Trash drop off at Alpha Ridge Landfill

Howard County residents can drop off household trash as well as recyclables at the Alpha Ridge Landfill. Items include: Air conditioners & refrigerators, U.S. Flags, Antifreeze, Ash, Batteries, Bicycles, Books, Cardboard, Undecorated Christmas Trees, Compressed Gas Tanks, Cooking Oil, Electronics, and much more. Visit their website at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/bureau-environmental-services/alpha-ridge-landfill/household-hazardous-waste#accepted-material>.

Please submit your \$15 per household/ per year dues using this form or by scanning the QR code below. (202610)

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

