

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

Serving Mount Hebron, Patapsco Park Estates, Orchards Community & Everywhere in between!

July 2022

Message from the president

The Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association will be hosting our next Community Association Meeting on Tuesday July 26th at 1900 hours (7 pm EST) at the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church located at 2330 Mt Hebron Drive in Ellicott City. The meeting will include Community Association Board updates, talking about recent changes/issues in our area, taking questions, re-election of board members/any new nominations, and talking about past and future events. We are looking forward to seeing you there and having your input on the future of our community.

The first half hour we will have our normal community meeting items to discuss. After that we will have the Board of Education nominees speak with us, and answer questions. Every nominee will be given a randomly selected number shuffled from a hat, then the people in attendance will submit questions that will be asked, and to keep it completely fair I will select a number out of the hat then that person will get to respond (everyone gets to answer every question). Usually we have a 2 minute introduction, then one minute answer session to try, and keep it to approximately 1 hour length but might go over based on answers/amount of questions.

We also wanted to send a special thank you to Paul Anderson for his time as a Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association Board Member. Paul recently decided to step down from the Board upon the completion of his term on July 1st, 2022. After that occurs, we will have two empty board member spots available, and would really appreciate it if someone stepped up to assist us. We also wanted to send out a special thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt, and Yard Sale Event a success. Since the first event was affected by rain, we will hold another Yard Sale Event this fall. Without the help of the Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association Board Members, Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church Members, and members paying their voluntary community dues, this event wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help accommodate the large turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt, and thank you to all the parents who

brought their kids. Photographs of the event can be viewed at

<https://www.davidritch.photography/Neighborhood/2022/Community-Easter-Egg-Hunt/>

The Password is HebronNeighborhood2022.

The Association Board holds community meetings approximately 4 times per year at the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church. These meetings are the best way to keep informed about issues affecting our community and for you to communicate what is on your mind. If you haven't attended in the past, we encourage everyone to join us. The meetings are usually announced on our social media sites as well as emails and signs.

Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association Board Members up for Re-Election:

- President: Charles Reed
- Vice President: Roger Knight
- Treasurer: Cindy Riedy
- Recording Secretary: Carl Utt
- Corresponding Secretary: Ken Mertz
- Past President/Board Member: Nellie Arrington
- Board Member: Demetrios "Jim" Matsakis
- Board Member: Emily Watsic
- Board Member: Vacant
- Board Member: Vacant

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

HALLOWEEN PARADE CHANGE OF VENUE

Assuming the coronavirus does not have a major resurgence in the fall, the Halloween Parade will be scheduled for late October. This year and going forward, the parade will be moved to the grounds of Mount Hebron High School. Details of timing and exact location of activities have not been worked out yet. However, all the essential elements of our previous parades will continue. This includes a performance by the MHHS marching band, the parade of costumed children, hot chocolate, and a

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Newsletter

Serving Mount Hebron, Patapsco Park Estates, Orchards Community & Everywhere in between!

July 2022

Trunk or Treat sponsored by Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church. This has always been a very popular community activity and should continue to be.

Memory Lane by Carl Utt

It was 250 years ago when the Ellicott brothers arrived in the Patapsco River Valley, and decided to settle in the wild place some folks called 'the Hollow'.

John, Andrew, and Joseph Ellicott founded "**Ellicott's Mills**", which became one of the largest milling and manufacturing towns in the East.

2022 is the 250th anniversary of historic Ellicott City. Events are happening all year long. Experience historical exhibits and interpretive reenactments, educational curriculum and lectures, special contests, and cultural activities, and an assortment of fun, entertaining, and educational activities both in the town and at nearby venues throughout Howard County. For more details visit <https://ec250.com/>

It was about 75 years after the Ellicott's came to our area, John L. Clark opened a store called Clark's Farm Supplies in 1845. Ellicott City was a thriving delivery and shipping center for local farmers and businessmen.

Common items purchased at the Clark business ranged from leather harnesses and tack for farm animals to Ontario Drill Carts, nails and many other items. Old ledger notes show that nails were very expensive because they were handmade.

In addition to stocking products farmers and other locals needed, the store also provided many services, and in 1866, a blacksmith shop was added in the back of the store.

In the 1920s, Pops Clark made innovations such as switching from wagons to trucks to deliver coal to local residents. He brought modernization to the business to keep pace with the changing times and economy.

1950's, E. T. Clark, Jr. further modernized the business by changing from coal to oil and started the first fuel oil delivery service in Howard County and surrounding counties. which could be quite treacherous on the snow and ice-covered, narrow, hilly streets of Ellicott City and Oella.

1972 Agnes flooded lower Ellicott City and the store, in 1973, Clarks Hardware reopened at St John's Plaza.

Today, 8 generations later, Margaret Clark owns and runs Clark's Ace Hardware on Route 40. While they may no longer have coal for sale or a blacksmith shop, you can still get keys cut, knives sharpened, gas for your grill, a window screened, your mower repaired, and just about everything else needed to keep a modern household going.

Source

- EC250.com
- Hardwareretailing.com
- Clark's Ace Hardware website
- Howard County Historical Society Newsletter

Please submit your 2022 annual dues of \$15 using this form. It helps support your Community.

(202206)

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