

Mount Hebron / Orchards Community Association Newsletter
Serving Mount Hebron, Patapsco Park Estates, Orchards Community & Everywhere in between!
January, 2023

Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association Updates from The President:

The Mount Hebron/Orchards Community had a very busy holiday season hosting/assisting with the following events:

- Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association hosted a community yard sale on Saturday 10/15/2022
- Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association hosted a community Halloween decorating contest. The winners were:
 1. 2537 Ashbrook Drive
 2. 2533 McKenzie Drive
 3. 8980 Furrow Avenue
- Mount Hebron High School hosted a Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat event on Tuesday October 25th that our Community Association participated and hosted a vehicle in. Check our Facebook page or YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a5aJrY7AX0>) for video and photos of the event.
- Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department with Santa drove by waiving/visiting The Orchards area on Friday, December 16th, and Mount Hebron area on Monday, December 19th. They also hosted a Breakfast with Santa event on Sunday, December 11th.
- Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association hosted a community Christmas decorating contest, the winners were:
 1. The Whitings at 9350 Tiller Drive
 2. The Dohertys at 2877 Thornbrook Road
 3. The Appiahs at 2709 Thornbrook Road
 4. Door winner: the Aufieros at 2537 Ashbrook Drive

We are also in the process of having our iconic Mount Hebron sign located at Mount Hebron Drive at Route 99 fixed. The O in Hebron broke in half (unknown how), and should be repaired in the near future.

We have also had a recent uptick in theft from vehicles all over the county, and our area was recently hit on Monday January 2nd, 2022. They are targeting vehicles that are left unlocked, so please lock your vehicle doors, and take all of your valuables inside the house with you. If you happen to be a victim, or have video surveillance please make sure you contact the Howard County Police Department.

Mount Hebron/Orchards Community Association Board Members:

- 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: Christina Owens
- Board Member: Eric Ulanowicz

Upcoming events:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – The location will be at the Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church grounds. The date and time have not been confirmed as of this newsletter.

Annual Yard Sale – This usually occurs in May of each year but the exact date has not been confirmed as of this newsletter.

For more information on these events and articles, please refer to our website and Facebook site for more specific and timely details.

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The Great Race, by Carl Utt

If you live in the Mount Hebron community, it is possible you are able to experience a very relaxing sound at night. It is also possible you might hear a very annoying sound. It's the same sound, what could it be? It is the sound of a CSX train snaking its way through the neighborhood along the Patapsco River.

There are many unique facts associated with the railroad that passes by our neighborhood.

The B&O Ellicott City Station is the oldest surviving railroad station in the country. Built in 1831, Ellicott City (then Ellicott's Mills) was the first stop on the B&O Main Line.

The station was the terminus of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's first 13 miles that ran from Baltimore to Ellicott's Mills, Maryland.

The B&O's inaugural trip from Baltimore to Ellicott's Mills took place on May 22, 1830 using horse-drawn rail cars.

Engineer Peter Cooper built a locomotive to impress the B&O barons called the Tom Thumb. The B&O arranged a demonstration of the Tom Thumb in 1830. Hauling a car full of 40 officials, dignitaries and social notables, the little locomotive covered the distance from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills in an hour, reaching the unheard-of speed of 18 mph.

On the return trip, the driver of a passing horse-drawn carriage challenged the locomotive to an impromptu race. The challenge was accepted. Tom Thumb was able to pull away from the horse until the belt slipped off the blower pulley. Without the blower, the boiler did not draw adequately and the locomotive lost power, allowing the horse to pass and win the race.

Visit our website at www.mthoca.org for additional facts and history related to Ellicott City and the Railroad.

CPR Training, by Christina Owens

According to the American Heart Association, less than 1/3 of those who suffer cardiac arrest at home, at work, or in a public place receive CPR. Thousands of people die each year because bystanders don't know how to provide CPR. And for those who took a CPR class years ago, it may be time to take a refresher course.

In 2020 guidelines issued by the American Heart Association in collaboration with several other major medical organizations recommended that the general public use "compression or hands only CPR" on an adult who suddenly collapses outside a hospital setting.

If you want to learn CPR or just update your previous training, visit our website and Facebook for links to helpful sites. You can also get valuable information at <https://cpr.heart.org/>

Please submit your \$15 per household/ per year dues using this form. It helps support your Community. (202301)

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:

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