

MIDCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Mid-County Regional Center

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Wheaton Urban District

- To date, \$880,000 has been distributed to Wheaton businesses through the Small Business Assistance Program; \$271,000 of this has been disbursed the first three months of FY20.
- Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. (JLL) has begun marketing the retail space on the ground level of what will be the new government office building in Wheaton. 11,337 s.f. is available, divisible from 831 to 11,337 s.f. More information and how to contact JLL can be found on the wheatonproject.com website.
- Wheaton Urban District staff continue to work with OMB for the FY21 Operating Budget.

Mid-County

- The second meeting of the Mid County Regional Census Count Committees was held with 15 members attending. Members provided inputs for the outreach events calendar, paying special attention to the hard-to-count areas. They also discussed various strategies to bring attention to the Census, including recruiting more “census ambassadors.”
- Kaiser Permanente has been meeting with Aspen Hill residents and business owners for inputs on their re-development of the BAE site with a 130,000ft facility. They are also looking to improve the entrance/egress to this site from both Connecticut Ave and Aspen Hill Rd.

Member Recruitment: Interviews to fill 6 vacancies on MCCAB were held and recommendations made for appointments. The appointments will be reviewed by County Council on Oct 22nd.

Administrative & Community Activities

- The Mid-County Budget Forum was held, the first of five, the first week of October. Approximately 50 people attended.
- The new Wheaton Library/Recreation Center which opened Sept 8th has had a steady stream of visitors (2000 – 3000 daily since opening). Over 4,000 people attended the ribbon-cutting event.
- The third annual Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival was held on Sept 22nd.
- The Wheaton/Kensington Chamber hosted Jerome Fletcher, Ash Shetty, Grace Denno and Daniel Koroma for a discussion about the 4Business initiative and how the County can support small businesses and utilize the smaller Chambers of Commerce.
- Meeting of the Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.
- Walk to School Day was held at Arcola Elementary School.
- A second Wheaton pop-up Family event at Veterans Park is scheduled for Nov 3rd.