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**MCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PETITION FOR A PETITION FOR
INCLUSION INTO THE LEAF VACUUM PROGRAM**

Petition Submitted by the Charred Oak Community/North Potomac, Maryland

Pursuant to Montgomery County Regulation 6-99 AM governing the applications to be included in the Vacuum Leaf Collection District, a virtual public hearing will be held Monday, April 19, 2021 at 2:00 PM. The hearing will be broadcast over the internet via Adobe Connect. Residents may pre-register to testify and join the virtual hearing at:

<https://montgomerycountymd.adobeconnect.com/charredoakleafcollection/>

To attend the hearing or sign up to testify, please copy the above link into your browser and download Adobe Connect when prompted. Adobe Connect uses a telephonic bridge via your telephone to eliminate echo and feedback during the hearing. To connect, (1) Please mute your computer speakers; (2) On your landline or cellular telephone, please dial 1-800-832-0736; (3) When prompted to enter the "Meeting Room," please enter 9081014 and press #; (4) You are connected! To reduce the bandwidth of the meeting, we request that you please do not enable your video camera.

The Public Hearing Record Binder and displays will be available for downloading during the hearing. Audio and video of the hearing will be recorded, a link will be posted on the Annual Leaf Collection webpage on the MCDOT website : <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/leafing>.

The sole purpose of this hearing is to allow residents to opportunity to present oral and/or written comments concerning the petition from the Charred Oak Community to be included in the Annual Leaf Vacuum Program. The comments received help to determine if the community's inclusion into the program can be recommended. The hearing will begin at **2:00 PM** and run continuously until all information is presented and the hearing is concluded.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY CARRIES THE SAME WEIGHT AS ORAL TESTIMONY.

Written testimony for consideration may be submitted to:

steven.suprata@montgomerycountymd.gov. Please contact Mr. Suprata to obtain copies of the petition files.

Interpreter services will be provided upon request. Please allow (5) business days advance notice when requesting interpreter services.