



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Residents can get detailed report on Wheaton Revitalization Project progress at Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, March 13

Meeting at Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad will include progress update on construction so far and updated milestone dates as project heads toward completion in 2020

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and project developer Stonebridge Carras will provide a detailed update on the progress of the Wheaton Revitalization Project to the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee at 6:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, March 13, at the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad. Residents are invited to attend to learn what has been accomplished thus far in the project and what are the upcoming—and the long-term—steps toward completion.

The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad is located at 2400 Arcola Ave. in Wheaton. The meeting will be held in the “Green Room” on the second floor adjacent to the interim Wheaton Library.

Major steps in the revitalization of Downtown Wheaton are evolving around the Wheaton Triangle Business District as the three-year project continues to be on schedule for completion in 2020—and continues to be on budget.

Over the next 2 ½ years, the Wheaton Revitalization Project will be transforming Wheaton’s central business district with a mixed-use, transit-oriented development. In addition to the construction of a 14-story government office building, the project will provide 397 below ground parking spaces, first floor retail space and a new town square. Most significantly impacted during construction is the Wheaton Triangle area between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. The local roads that form the Triangle area include Grandview Avenue, Reddie Drive and Triangle Lane.

The main occupant of the building will be the relocated Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which is now in Downtown Silver Spring. The new 308,000 square-foot, LEED platinum certified Wheaton office building, which will include retail operations on its ground floor, will also be home to several County departments including Permitting Services, Environmental Protection, Health and Human Services, Recreation and Community Use of Public Facilities. Also relocating to the new building are the Wheaton Urban District and the Mid-County Regional Services Center.

Construction got underway in June 2017. With each significant step, some aspects of the area are occasionally impacted. The schedule for significant project milestones includes:

- Demolition of former Mid-County Regional Services Center (March-April 2018)
- Foundation construction completion (Summer 2018)
- Town Square completion (Summer 2019)
- Building top-out (August 2019)
- Building close-in (October 2019)
- Interior build-out (Spring 2020)
- Substantial completion (May 2020)
- Move-in: occupancy (Summer 2020)

The new town square of approximately 20,000 square feet will be built on the site of the former Mid-County Regional Services Center Building on the Reddie Drive side of the project. The town square will provide space for public use and entertainment purposes. It will include an amphitheater and covered stage.

A camera has been installed to view construction on the site and can be accessed via the project's web site at: wheatonproject.com .

The Wheaton Revitalization Project will create a walkable, pedestrian friendly community with access to public open space. The project aims to increase use of the Wheaton Metro Station, reduce traffic congestion, increase employment opportunities and services in the area as well as introduce outdoor entertainment opportunities on the new town square.

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