

Crucial Wheaton-area Community Services Open in New Permanent Spot

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The status of the revitalization of Downtown Wheaton seems to be set in construction cranes and a deep foundation in the middle of the Wheaton Triangle Business District as the three-year project continues. However, some permanent parts of the future of Wheaton that have recently been established as critical service providers including Proyecto Salud Clinic, the Gilchrist Immigration Resource Center, the Adult Behavioral Health Program and Mid County United Ministries are now open in their new permanent homes.

The overall project continues to be on schedule for completion in 2020, and continues to be on budget. Part of the plan included for those services, which were previously located in the former Mid-County Regional Services Center, to move to new permanent space that was also easily accessible to public transit. Those services are now open at the Westfield South Tower at 11002 Veirs Mill Road in Wheaton.

Details on the relocated services:

- Proyecto Salud Clinic: 11002 Veirs Mill Road / Suite 700 7th Floor / Wheaton, Md. 20902. Phone 301-962-6173.
- The Gilchrist Immigration Resource Center: 11002 Veirs Mill Road / Suite 506 5th Floor / Wheaton, Md. 20902. Phone 240-777-4940.
- Adult Behavioral Health Program: 11002 Veirs Mill Road /Suite 705 7th Floor / Wheaton, Md. 20902. Phone 240-777-1323.
- Mid County United Ministries: 11002 Veirs Mill Road / Suite 710 7th Floor /Wheaton, Md. 20902. Phone: 301-929-8675.

Over the next two-and-a-half years, the Wheaton Revitalization Project will be transforming Wheaton's central business district with mixed-use, transit-oriented development. In addition to a 14-story government office building, the project will provide about 400 below ground parking spaces, retail and residential space and a new town square.

The most significant area impacted during construction is the Wheaton Triangle area between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. The local roads of the Triangle area include Grandview Avenue, Reedie Drive and Triangle Lane.

Construction got underway in June 2017. This week, work began to demolish the former Mid-County Regional Services Center Building on the Reedie Drive side of the project. That was the building that had been home to

the newly relocated services and was vacated in September. That location will become a town square providing space for public use and entertainment purposes.

The Mid-County Regional Service Office is now operating at a temporary location at 11435 Grandview Ave in Wheaton. The phone number is 240-777-8101. The regional service office will move to the new County Government building when it is completed.

After nine months of excavation, the construction of the building is now underway. The foundation hole is approximately 55 feet deep.

A camera has been installed to view construction on the site and can be accessed via the project's website at wheatonproject.com. Information about the project is available at the web site in English and Spanish.

Additional street lighting has been added along Reedie Drive and Triangle Lane as a measure of safety during the diminished daylight hours of winter.

The Wheaton Revitalization Project will create a more 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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