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PLEASE NOTE:

You are receiving this packet in an effort to gather feedback on a possible proposal. There are NO plans to construct. A decision will be made based on your feedback. Please send only one Comment Form. Multiple and duplicate comments will not be counted.

Dear Resident(s):

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has received a request to construct a sidewalk along the following roadways:

- the **west** side of **Marian Drive** from **Weeping Cherry Drive** to **Glen Mill Road**;
- the **west** side of **Glen Mill Road** from **Marian Drive** to **Darnestown Road**.

MCDOT staff conducted an on-site evaluation to identify and determine the feasibility for installing sidewalks.

The Division of Transportation Engineering manages and administers the County's Annual Sidewalk Program for MCDOT. Providing safer access for the disabled and improving pedestrian access to schools and nearby public transportation or public facilities is the major goal for the Annual Sidewalk Program.

Enclosed, please find a project location map identifying the potential limits for the proposed sidewalk, the anticipated construction impacts within the public right-of-way adjacent to your property, the County Arborist's Tree Protection Report, a Fact Sheet describing the process through which this proposal will go, and a **Comments & Feedback Survey Form**. Your comments are beneficial to our office for gauging public reception of the proposal and for addressing any issues or concerns. *Please review the enclosed documents and submit all comments to the Annual Sidewalk Program by **Friday, October 2, 2020**.*

Division of Transportation Engineering

As you can see, the Arborist's Report discloses what trees will need to be removed to make way for the proposed construction, as well as any protective measures that may be taken to maintain existing trees during construction. Please know, the County does *not* take tree removal lightly; *for each tree removed by the County, three new trees are planted.* The County's Arborist oversees placement of the new trees; the goal being to place as many as possible back into the community from which they were removed.

A public hearing may be required to decide on the sidewalk proposal; complete details for any such hearing will be provided at a later date via correspondence, the MCDOT website calendar and press release, and by legal ad posted in the Washington Times online and hard-copy newspaper. If you would like to request a field visit at your property to address any questions or concerns, please contact our Construction Representative, Juan Berrios, at juan.berrios@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal. If you have any questions concerning the proposal, please contact my assistant, Lori Jean Main, at 240-777-7271 or Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,



Frank Kingsley, Manager
Annual Sidewalk Program

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Enclosures