Marc Elrich County
Executive



Christopher Conklin *Director* 

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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 be not be counted.

## Dear Property Owner(s):

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has received a request for sidewalk installation 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.

The sidewalks will <u>not</u> impact your side of the road, however, I wanted to alert you to the potential construction in your neighborhood.

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 that identifies the limits for the *proposed* sidewalk construction, a Tree Report prepared by the County Arborist, a Fact Sheet describing the process through which this proposal will go, and a *Comment and Survey form*. Your comments are beneficial to our office for addressing issues or concerns prior to the public hearing process. Please review the enclosed and submit all comments to the Annual Sidewalk Program by *Friday, October 2, 2020*.

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 scheduled in the coming months to decide on the enclosed sidewalk proposal; complete details for the hearing will be provided under separate cover.

You may see our Field Supervisor and/or Construction Representative in your neighborhood. Please note, though your comments regarding the proposal are welcome and encouraged, MCDOT field meetings are reserved only for those whose property is adjacent to the potentially impacted right-of-way by sidewalk construction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning the enclosed 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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