

Mid-County Regional Center - MCCAB

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Wheaton Urban District

- The Wheaton Revitalization project is focused on the building frames and columns for the floors; currently working on the 5th and 6th floors. Excavation and demolition of old foundations, stairs, and walkways is almost complete on what will be the Town Plaza. Verizon and Pepco utility work to bury powerlines is done; it was completed along Triangle Lane with minimal interruption to businesses.
- Water main break on Ennalls causing closure. WSSC working on it.
- Go on Wheatonproject.com for updates and the live camera – which is now on top of the Exchange building to get better view of entire construction site.
- Close to \$550,000 has been disbursed to businesses impacted by the construction project through the County's Small Business Assistance Program with 1 disbursement in process for \$13,760. Three businesses have hit the \$75,000 cap.
- The Finance Department is taking the lead on the development of an Enterprise Zone application for Wheaton. The State's EZ designation expires this year.
- MCDOT, their outreach/marketing contractor, SHARP, and Wheaton Urban District staff met to plan out ongoing pedestrian safety education for drivers and pedestrians through engagement with local businesses.
- Wheaton Arts Parade opened an art gallery at Westfield Mall showing and selling works from local, Wheaton-area artists. They also awarded this year's poster art competition to a local high school student.
- RSC Director was interviewed by the Maryland Arts Council for a video being created of A&E Districts throughout the State, and the critical role of the arts.

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- The Aspen Hill Vision Zero Advisory Group (13) is meeting – purpose is to identify barriers to safety and explore ways to improve conditions in the Aspen Hill for all road users, pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, community-wide meetings have held to present concepts and options for improved safety.
- Council hearings on the Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan – short term measures to enhance safety ... and long term measures.
- The County stepped up security measures at places of worship over the weekend; the County Executive's budget includes \$200,000 to help faith-based organizations improve their security.
- A meeting has been scheduled for the Montgomery County 2020 Census Sub-Committee for Mid-County. RSC Director and OCP representative are co-leading this effort.
- Through the Stormwater Drain Art initiative, DEP is partnering with Wheaton Hills Civic Association for the creation of a mural on the Wheaton-Claridge culvert bridge, which is currently full of graffiti. This would be the first project that addresses a culvert bridge through this environmental art program.

- The increased rain this past year created many instances of nuisance flooding throughout the County. This is particularly egregious in older neighborhoods with inadequate drainage, such as Wheaton Hills and Connecticut Ave Estates. Complaints to DEP, MCDOT, RSC and OEMHS are on the rise. All these agencies plus DPS are working together to identify ways to address the issue, starting with identifying existing data and data that is missing in order to map the extent, location and impact of this type of flooding.
- Bel Pre Woods Concrete Replacement Project.
- Dog Park survey. Presentation at our April meeting.
- County Executive launched the Early Childhood Initiative to develop a comprehensive system of high quality accessible and affordable early childhood education.
- CE submitted the FY20 Operating budget to the County Council.
- **CHAMBER AWARDS!! Awards Banquet is April 24th. MCCAB will select two awardees.**