

## **Mid-County Regional Center**

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### **Wheaton Urban District**

- Having reached street level, the Wheaton Revitalization construction project has begun adding floors – now working on the third floor. Utility work continues and will soon occur along Triangle Lane. MCDOT has worked with the Triangle businesses to ensure as little interruption as possible with all work occurring during the overnight hours. The utility work allows for the burying of all overhead lines.
- Small Business Assistance Program Update: 32 disbursements have been made to 17 recipients totaling \$515,000 including \$250,000 in FY19, with six approvals in process. This leaves \$176,000 in the budget for the remainder of this fiscal year.
- WUDAC members and representatives from the Wheaton arts, resident and business communities met with Stonebridge Carras, Gensler, Oculus (the developers team), MCDOT, AHCMC and WUD to review and provide inputs to the final design for the Marian Fryer Town Plaza, including stage features, placement of the public art, and vegetation. A follow up meeting with MCDOT on traffic flow and use of Reedie Drive will be scheduled.
- Wheaton Urban District continues meeting with County agencies (MCDOT, DGS, OMB) regarding budgetary impacts and shared responsibilities related to increased maintenance for the Marian Fryer Town Plaza and grounds along the new building.
- County Executive Elrich participated in the WUDAC January meeting. Over 50 people attended and many issues were addressed.

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- MCDOT installed No Parking signs along Brightview Rd, a request that the Connecticut Avenue Estates civic associations had been making for years.
- Public Safety Radio Tower at ICC: MCDTS, SHA, State Dept of Information Technology and MCRSC have been meeting in preparation for a community meeting that will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> to review the planned Tower to be located inside the northwest cloverleaf of the ICC at Georgia Avenue. MCDTS will perform a balloon test on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at two heights (250 ft and 330ft) to assess visibility of tower from various locations.
- MicroTransit Pilot Outreach: MCDOT will hold outreach workshops with community leaders around a 6-mile radius of the Glenmont Metro station for inputs on the new micro-transit pilot called FLEX. FLEX is an on-demand bus service where riders use a transit app on their phone to request bus service in a defined geographic zone.

UPCOMING BUDGET FORUMS – See schedule