

Mid-County Regional Center

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Wheaton Urban District

- The Wheaton Revitalization project is focused on building frames and columns for the lower floors; currently working on the 3rd and 4th floors. Excavation and demolition of old foundations, stairs, and walkways continue on what will be the Town Plaza. Utility work has been completed along Triangle Lane and will begin on Reedie Ave. to bury powerlines.
- By the end of January, close to \$550,000 had been disbursed to businesses impacted by the construction project through the County's Small Business Assistance Program.
- HOC has begun engaging community and business leaders in Wheaton as they begin the conceptual design discussions for their property at the corner of University Blvd and Veirs Mill (including the Lindsay Ford property). These one-on-one meetings will be followed by a community charrette in March to engage the community for inputs on a mixed-use development.
- Proyecto Salud Flyer – accepting patients

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- A balloon test was completed on Jan 26th for the Public Safety Radio Tower at the ICC/Georgia Ave. site. Some community members continue to express concern about this location. Other members are more supportive when they understand the purpose of the tower system. The concerns are being noted as MCDTS, SHA, and the State Dept of Information Technology continued analyzing other sites. A community meeting will be held on March 5th to review the details and answer questions relating to the proposed Tower.
- DTS is recruiting community members for a dry-run of the presentation. Feb 22 at 1:30 pm at the Montgomery County Radio Shop; 16647 Crabbs Branch Way, Derwood, Md 20855
- MCDOT held an outreach workshop in Wheaton with select community leaders about MicroTransit bus service (FLEX), an on-demand bus service that will be piloted in communities around the Glenmont Metro station. Business owners and residents provided inputs on the marketing & launch. The pilot may be extended to Wheaton.
- The Aspen Hill Vision Zero Advisory Group has been formed (13 members) and had its first meeting to work with Planning Dept staff on the Aspen Hill Vision Zero study, which focuses on identifying barriers to safety and exploring ways to improve conditions in the Aspen Hill for all road users, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan Council Hearing – Update
- Surge inspection of The Enclave Silver Spring (part of DHCA's Bill 19-15 implementation) found 2600+ code violations. By July 2019, all 700 plus multifamily rental properties will be inspected.

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- County is beginning to recruit for a new Police Chief. Part of the Recruitment strategy is to engage key members of the Citizen Advisory Boards and Transition Team to provide their inputs on values, characteristics and competencies of a Police Chief. Identify 2 members.
- CountyStat. MCDOT and PBTSAC are recruiting members for Vision Zero Equity Task Force: will recommend changes to policies and practices to close the gap and eliminate traffic fatalities.
- New Activity Log to track meeting topics, correspondence and follow up.
- Census 2020 – preparation has begun
- NEED to fill out Evaluation Survey