

## Mid-County Regional Center

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### Wheaton Urban District

- The pedestrian safety educational outreach campaign continues in downtown Wheaton deploying outreach teams that are working with the Wheaton Urban District team. An enforcement campaign (zero tolerance) will begin in late October for both drivers and pedestrians. In addition, SHA and MCDOT are working on various engineering strategies, including a pedestrian barrier, to improve visibility and safety along Georgia Avenue.
- The Small Business Assistance Program continues to support businesses being impacted by the County construction project with financial support and technical assistance provided by LEDC. Since its inception, the program has disbursed \$439,588; \$174,873 in this fiscal year.
- The consultants are completing the market analysis and benchmarking phase of the Arts/Cultural Facility feasibility study. Meetings are scheduled to brief the stakeholder group and County leaders in November, and the report will be submitted later this Fall.
- Matt Johnson, MCDOT, will be attending the WUDAC November meeting to give update and get inputs on bike path coming through Wheaton.

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- The Planning Department launched the community engagement phase of the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study with a community meeting. This study is a follow up to issues (mostly, but not limited to traffic concerns) that arose during the 2015 Master Minor Plan initiative. The study includes two of the highest injury road segments in the County. The Planning Board will review the results in September 2019.
- The Planning Department held a community meeting to present the Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills economic study results, which highlights market conditions, possible development opportunities, and strategies to encourage reinvestment. This is part of the sector plan update for this area.
- Councilmember Navarro and DHCA meeting with Glenmont Shopping Center businesses is postponed until late November.

### Community Events

- County representatives and Housing Opportunities Commission celebrated the “Topping Out” for the Aspen Hill Pointe View, a 120-unit mixed income apartment community for seniors.
- Avery Road Treatment Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.
- Westfield’s Halloween Boo Bash, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 11 am to 7 pm.
- World of Montgomery – Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at Montgomery College Rockville campus, noon to 4 pm.

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