

## Mid-County Regional Center

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### Wheaton Urban District

- Wheaton Urban District (WUD) is working with DEP on a maintenance plan for the bioretention system located at the new Marian Fryer Town Plaza. WUD is also coordinating with the Dept of Recreation (and will soon bring in MNCPPC, CUPF and LiveWell) to develop a programming plan for the Town Plaza that accesses and maximizes existing resources.
- MNCPPC hosted a supplier outreach event to inform potential bidders about the space available for a day care operation at the new MNCPPC headquarters building, including an overview of the operational needs of this facility. An RFP will be forthcoming.

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- Public Safety Radio Towers: A follow up community meeting was held in Brookeville regarding the tower to be located in that area. About 20 residents attended. Eleven sites were considered (8 of them proposed by community members). The tower is visible from a few homes near the selected site; this site meets all the technical requirements and is visible from far fewer homes than the other sites.
- Glenmont Shopping Center: The new ACAO for *A Growing Economy* has pulled together MCRSC, DHCA and DGS to support and follow up on Council President's push for enhancements at this shopping center. Two reports will be completed in May; one a stormwater management concept plan, and the other a façade and parking lot improvement plan (the latter funded by Council President Navarro's office). With these results, the County will work with business owners, community members and nearby civic associations to move forward on feasible and much needed improvements in this critically-located shopping center.
- The \$5,000 allotted to Mid County for the Neighborhood Events Matching Fund has been allocated for this year. Ten community organizations applied and 9 received funds for a variety of community-building activities.
- HOC continues to move forward with their plans to redevelop the Lindsay Ford property in Wheaton. Despite Lindsay Ford's recent sale of the BAE building site in Aspen Hill, which was to have been their new location, the community engagement phase of the HOC project is scheduled to begin late April. The Aspen Hill property was purchased by Kaiser Permanente. MCRSC provided community contacts to Kaiser Permanente, as they intend to soon hold community meetings in Aspen Hill to present their plans.

### Advisory Boards

- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee: MCDOT's Traffic Engineering Chief, Michael Paylor, made a presentation on the traffic flow plan post-construction at the March meeting. There were numerous comments and recommendations regarding better flow of traffic and interface between cars and pedestrians. A special WUDAC meeting was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss budget recommendations for the County

Executive. WUDAC submitted a letter with advice on budget priorities they identified for the upcoming fiscal year.

- Wheaton Safety Walk: MNCPPC, PBTSAC and WUDAC are sponsoring a 2019 Wheaton Safety Walk on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Various officials have confirmed attendance.
- Wheaton Pop-up Event: MNCPPC's Energizing Parks team is coordinating with WUDAC and the Wheaton Urban District for a late June pop-up park/event at Veterans Park.
- **Wheaton/Kensington Chamber Annual Community Awards** (Banquet on April 24<sup>th</sup>): Both MCCAB and WUDAC will be selecting awardees from a group of nominations for this year's recognition of community and business leaders making a difference in the Mid County region and Wheaton.