

Mid-County Regional Center

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Wheaton Urban District

- Small Business Assistance Program for Wheaton Triangle businesses has disbursed \$800,000 to offset impact of County construction project. BUILDING 75% complete.
- WMATA Garage –security upgrade will start mid-October and take 6-9 months; next summer a more thorough upgrade on appearance and access.
- Wheaton Urban District staff have completed a summer-long exercise to develop a draft budget reflecting the additional tasks and responsibilities that will come with the opening of the Wheaton Revitalization building and Town Plaza next year. The process included meetings with multiple County agencies, including OMB, and input from WUDAC. We will continue refining these figures.
- The movement and interaction of traffic and pedestrians in downtown Wheaton, particularly after the opening of the new building, continues to be of concern to residents and business owners. MCDOT is working on an updated plan to mitigate hot spots and that addresses different scenarios (ex: alternative traffic flow when there is an event on the Town Plaza).
- A review of the HOC/DUFFIE COMPANIES Wheaton Gateway project will be provided at the WUDAC meeting in October.

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- In the first two months of this year's Neighborhood Events Matching Fund program, 11 mid-county community groups have requested a total of \$9,400 for a variety of community networking and building events. The popularity of this program continues to grow.
- Mid-County Regional Census Count Committees will have its second meeting on Sept 23rd at the Gilchrist Center.

Advisory Boards

- Member Recruitment: Candidates for the WUDAC small business vacancies were interviewed and recommendations sent to the BCC. Interviews to fill five vacancies on MCCAB are underway.
- Meeting Location: Starting in September, the MCCAB and WUDAC meetings will be held at the new Wheaton Library/Recreation Center. This will be the meeting location until the MNCPPC/County building opens next summer.

Community Activities

- Opening of new Wheaton Library/Recreation Center on Sept 8th attracted 4,000 attendees. During the first week, the Center saw about 3,000 visitors on a daily basis.
- The Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival is scheduled for Sept 22nd. YARN BOMBS are up on Georgia and Price.

NOTE: Press Conference on Bill 27-19 Racial Equity & Social Justice Act was held Sept 17th. For information on upcoming public hearings, go to www.montgomerycountmd.gov/council.