

## MCCAB Meeting Minutes 2023.10.19

### Mid-County Luisa

DGS is beginning a major HVAC project at the 4<sup>th</sup> district police station in 2024 so during that the functions will be moving to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Wheaton HQ building. Holding cells, processing and similar functions will go to other stations for 12-14 months. The question police wants to pose is whether to move the whole precinct functions into the Wheaton HQ building retail space.

Gary – we should think about the spaces required for police vehicles and what’s needed for that. Also the question of what kinds of offenders would be in place there, since it’s a fairly exposed location with lots of glass. I imagine it would be a lot more expensive to be done right.

Rob – To confirm, holding cells would be in there as well?

Luisa – yes they would

Arquilla = I’d like to see them stay where they are and am against them moving. In that area of Glenmont there’s a safety light there so there’s a need there.

**Kathia for CM Nati Fani Gonzalez** – Drone program went to the public safety committee and passed. The next vote is coming up early November so we’ll find out what happens then. Exploring a Wheaton A&E advisory board group as well.

**David Lorenzo for CM Glass** – Safe streets act finally became law. This will improve traffic safety around the county in a variety of ways. Suicide awareness and firearms prevention act, requiring gun retailers in MoCo to provide information at the point of sale on suicide prevention. Firearms are the leading source of suicide in MD and Nationwide.

Serge – With regard to the gas powered leaf blowers, how is the county helping businesses that have a lot of people using the old blowers?

David – that is central, and part of why we waited so long was to make sure we had something good for a reimbursement program. We’re looking to reimburse someone up to 60 or 80 percent for the cost of a replacement.

Ana Arriaza, DEP – we are working really hard to get information out and to make sure whatever program is designed it takes into account some of the challenges smaller companies will be facing. We just put a link to the survey into the chat.

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# Overview

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The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) works to enhance the quality of life in our community by protecting and improving Montgomery County's air, water and land in a sustainable way while fostering smart growth, a thriving economy and healthy communities.

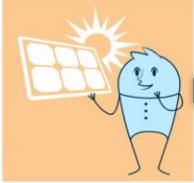
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**Programs of Interest**

- **Energy**
  - Solar co-ops throughout the year
  - Educational resources available including lightbulb exchanges - [MontgomeryEnergyConnection.org](http://MontgomeryEnergyConnection.org)
- **Energy Benchmarking: Tracking buildings' annual energy use**
  - Commercial buildings 25k ft and greater
  - Previously exempted buildings of all sizes [Montgomerycountymd.gov/Green/Energy/Benchmarking.html](http://Montgomerycountymd.gov/Green/Energy/Benchmarking.html)
  - Official Guide for Building Compliance Benchmarking in Montgomery County – [here](#).
- **Energy Incentives for Businesses**
  - Incentives and Resources [Montgomerycountymd.gov/Green/Energy/Commercial-Incentives.html](http://Montgomerycountymd.gov/Green/Energy/Commercial-Incentives.html)

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Programs of Interest

### • Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Inspections

- Owners are responsible for maintenance of stormwater facilities
- DEP conducts triannual inspections
- [MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Water/Stormwater/Maintenance.html](http://MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Water/Stormwater/Maintenance.html)

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### • Tree Montgomery

- Shade trees on private properties
- Free - [TreeMontgomery.org](http://TreeMontgomery.org)



### • RainScapes

- Outside of municipalities: Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Takoma Park
- Landscape or design technique that helps reduce stormwater runoff from properties
- One example the Wheaton Veterans Park
- [RainScapes.org](http://RainScapes.org) - up to \$20,000 for commercial, HOAs, multi-family or institutional properties



Enforcement

### Enforcement of Ordinances such as:

- [Noise](#): quiet hours
  - Weekdays: 9pm to 7am
  - Weekends and holidays: 9pm to 9am
- Illicit discharge:
  - [Illegal dumping](#)
  - Broken sanitary sewer line
  - Unknown substances in local rivers and streams
- In 2017 – oil in storm drains
  - 2018 storm drain art contest launched specific to Wheaton
  - [Wheaton](#) area storm drains
  - [County storm drain art](#)

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- Recycling



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Community Engagement

- Encourage community to buy local
- Encourage community to be “green”
- Engage diverse communities
- At Wheaton:
  - Wheaton Veterans Park RainScapes – 10 + years partnership with RainScapes and One Montgomery Green
  - 2022 Holiday Markets
  - Hispanic Heritage Month activities – joined forces
- Upcoming Gift Outside the Box holiday campaign

The amount of household waste in the U.S. increases about 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day!

This Holiday Season  
**Gift Outside the Box!**

Jim Frank DEP – Recycling investigations unit with himself and 5 additional staff

Recycling is mandatory in MoCo for everyone here.

Recent developments of the polystyrene bans and plastic straw law.

We have annual reporting requirements for multi family properties and for small and large businesses. There's an escalating process for things, where first we want to have discussions with folks and inform them what to do to get into compliance.

Community Concerns

None

19:34:07 From Ana Arriaza, Dept. of Environmental Protection to Everyone:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/leaf-blowers.html>

20:27:36 From Ana Arriaza, Dept. of Environmental Protection to Everyone:

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/search.aspx?utm\\_source=HowDoI&utm\\_medium=DEPsearchbutton&utm\\_campaign=DEPsearchHowDoI](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/search.aspx?utm_source=HowDoI&utm_medium=DEPsearchbutton&utm_campaign=DEPsearchHowDoI)

20:28:22 From Ana Arriaza, Dept. of Environmental Protection to Everyone:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/tree/index.html#StumpRemoval>

20:28:36 From Ana Arriaza, Dept. of Environmental Protection to Everyone:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/Tree/index.html>

20:38:48 From Dan Obrzut to Everyone:

No concerns, thanks