

Mid-County Regional Center

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Wheaton Urban District

- Traffic flow/Closures: Reddie Drive continues to be one-way due to underground construction related to the Town Plaza. Sanitary sewer construction will start on Veirs Mill Rd early January 2020. This work will take place along northbound Viers Mill Road between the entrance to the WMATA bus loop to Reddie Drive and will require two-months to complete. Early Spring will bring other closures for repaving, etc. as the Revitalization project reaches the last phase. Additional closure in downtown Wheaton includes one lane of westbound University Blvd at Veirs Mill, and sidewalk, for demolition of Ambassador Apt building by the Duffie Companies.
- The SBAP passed the \$1 million in disbursements the last week of December. The first half of this year (July – Dec) saw more funds disbursed than the full year for the last two years.
 - Full year FY2018 = \$264,077 in disbursements
 - Full year FY 2019 = \$344,599 in disbursements
 - First HALF FY 2020 = \$400,720 in disbursements
- Latino Economic Development Center partnered with the Wheaton Urban District and the Triangle businesses for a “Cocoa Crawl” before the Holidays to incentivize shopping at the small businesses around the Triangle. Holiday sales were low due to both limited parking and traffic access for some, but some actually did better than expected.
- Representatives from the County and Westfield/Wheaton mall continue to meet regularly with WMATA to discuss and resolve issues (related to public safety and infrastructure) connected to the Metro station/garage. December’s meeting lead to an agreement between Westfield and the MCDOT for the County to take over the signal at Reddie Dr and Ring Rd to control synchronization with surrounding signals that are controlled by the County. The security upgrades to the WMATA garage have begun. The elevator is working. --- WMATA PIO and the County’s PIO are working on a press release.
- The Wheaton Recreation Center’s Senior Program Center is offering programs starting first of January. On Jan 24th, the County Executive will host the formal kick-off of these programs.

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- A 4Business public charrette was held to follow up on key issues that were identified through the listening sessions. Attendees divided into small groups for a targeted review and refinement of the issues with a focus on possible solutions.
- The Mid-County Complete County Committee met to develop strategies for the identified low Census response areas in mid-county. Additional partners and upcoming promotional events were identified.

Administrative & Community Activities

- The County Executive released the FY21-26 CIP budget following up with the State of the County address