

### COVID-RELATED

#### Wheaton Urban District

- Wheaton Urban District staff is teleworking or on administrative leave except for a skeleton crew of 8 who are rotating three days a week for trash/recycling collection and litter pick-up. This staff rotation is working; no need to increase. No planting nor landscaping happening; however, a contractor is mowing and keeping existing landscape watered. Recent high winds tore some of the banners which had to be taken down – again by contractor.
- Spring pop-up events, Taste of Wheaton, Town Plaza launch events scheduled for May/June have been cancelled/postponed.
- During the first weeks of the stay at home order, many restaurants (essential) remained open for curb-side pickup. As of this week very few businesses, including restaurants remain open. WUD is planning a virtual meeting to touch base and provide updates. Target and Costco still open and adhering to safety precautions.
- LEDC is keeping close communication with the Triangle/Grandview businesses, especially around applying for financial assistance.
- Held meeting with Wheaton-based small businesses, nonprofits, and arts groups to provide information and establish a mechanism for providing updates on assistance programs from the Federal government, State, local and private sectors. A concern that still looms large in Wheaton is covering rent and dealing with potential increased rents.
- Meeting regularly with Westfield tenants: Gilchrist, Proyecto Salud, MUM, Adult Behavioral Health, Montgomery College for updates and sharing of resources and messaging.

#### Mid-County

- Created a map of 54 locations in 20902, 20906 and 20904 for installation of COVID signage and other outreach, collaborating with OCP. Identified houses of worship and large apartment complexes for extra outreach.
- RSC Director is supporting efforts of Special Populations team.
- Working with local nonprofits to connect individuals and families and resolve special urgent cases related to exposure to COVID and/or lack of basic necessities.
- RSC Director is staying in touch with civic associations and Chambers.
- Mid-County e-newsletter: increased issue frequency to 3 times a week with a focus on announcements and resources related to COVID.

### NON-COVID

#### Wheaton

- The Wheaton revitalization project is 97-percent complete. Material and labor shortages are holding steady. Although Use and Occupancy of the building on May 31<sup>st</sup> tracked successfully for 35-months, it is now uncertain. The main uncertainty is the regulatory

inspections by the State of Maryland elevator inspectors; Move-in dates are being re-evaluated and will likely be adjusted based upon the resumption of normal Montgomery County Government and M-NCPPC activities

- Phase I of demolition for the Wheaton Gateway (HOC/Duffie Companies) project is complete, clearing up all sidewalk and road closures. A public online meeting was held to review and provide feedbacks for the initial concept design, which was submitted to MNCPPC late February. Next step is incorporating feedback into the Sketch Plan.
- WUD is working with a contractor in preparation for a rebranding campaign for the new building and Plaza.
- WUD is working with CUPF and Silver Spring Urban District to create protocols, policies for Town Plaza usage, both for County sponsored and third-party events.
- WUD is in discussions with MNCPPC re: potential public art projects in Wheaton.

### **Mid-County**

- Working with Dept of Parks for community input for public artwork at Dewey Park, part of a renovation of that park which includes new amenities for the Veirs Mill Village community.
- Met with AHC, Inc., the lead developer for the Randolph Rd./Bushey Drive redevelopment (site of Recreation Dept) for an overview and community engagement approach. Will be setting up meetings with local community leaders.
- RSC Director continues to respond to non-COVID resident questions/concerns.
- Held virtual meeting of the Mid county CCC for 2020 Census; and planning for second meeting to refine outreach strategies, particularly in the undercounted census tracts.

### **Advisory Boards**

- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee and the Mid County Citizens Advisory Board have met informally online. We are awaiting direction from BCC and DTS to move advisory board meetings online.

### **Administrative**

- Two new RSC staff started March 30<sup>th</sup>; not only was the OHR orientation online, but all their orientation and on-boarding has been online. They will be supporting all five regional directors on community/economic development issues and are now fully deployed on COVID and Census. They will be helping Finance Dept with the PHEG application reviews.