

Mid-County Regional Center

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Wheaton Urban District

- The final report of the arts/cultural facility feasibility study was submitted to the County Executive and Council President and is available online.
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS/OPD/FacilityPlanningandSiteSelection.html>
The next step in the process is to complete a Program of Requirements (POR), which will go into more detail about the specific space needs of the facility such as sq. footage and equipment requirements. DGS will engage an architect and a specialty theatre consultant to develop the POR.
- A ceremony was held at the Wheaton Revitalization project building to mark reaching the top floor and completion of the major infrastructure of the project.
- HOC/Duffie Companies held two community engagement sessions to begin obtaining ideas and inputs from residents for the 5-acre site at the corner of University and Veirs Mill. HOC will build multi-family dwellings (30% MPDU) with commercial and public space and underground parking.
- Wheaton Urban District is again partnering with Arts on the Block's summer artist program to complete the last medallions on the Wheaton Clock Tower with funds from the Maryland State Arts Council.
- 57 new non-rush hour parking meters were installed on Georgia Ave in Wheaton.
- WUDAC and the Wheaton Urban District partnered with Montgomery Parks and the Dept of Planning for a pop-up family event at Veterans Park. Over 80 people attended. Attendees were able to provide input for Thrive Montgomery 2050.

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- The Mid County Regional Complete County Committee held its first meeting with 14 participants. Thirty-five people were invited and many expressed interest. A calendar of events and suggested outreach strategies began to be developed for education and outreach in the Mid County region. Next meeting will be in August.
- The County's Public Safety Radio Tower (one of a system of 22 towers) will be co-located with the State at the ICC and Georgia Ave.
- MCDOT/Ride-on's new on-demand bus service (FLEX) launched with pilots in Wheaton, Glenmont and Rockville
- End of WMATA's Red Line turnbacks benefiting thousands of Forest Glen, Wheaton and Glenmont residents and businesses
- MCDOT's TRiPs Mobile Commuter Store begins offering services at the Westfield/Wheaton Mall on a weekly basis
- Wheaton Library/Recreation Center ribbon-cutting scheduled for September 7th.