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September – October 2018 **www.wkchamber.org**

"What's Next for Wheaton?" Community Forum Hosted by WUDAC

The meeting room was packed for the community forum, "What's Next for Wheaton" held on July 18. The focus was to share community insights and priorities from a panel of experts, elected officials and community members on their respective visions for Wheaton redevelopment in the coming years.

Community Forum photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

Participants included M-NCPPC Director Gwen Wright, Director of the Mid-County Regional Services Office Luisa Montero-Diaz, Westfield Vice President for Development Jim Agliata, County Councilmembers Marc Elrich and Nancy Navarro, and Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Director David Petr.

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The 51st Annual Kensington Labor Day Parade and Festival

The 51st annual Kensington Labor Day Parade and Festival was held on Monday, September 3rd. The Parade began in St. Paul Park at 10 am, went down Connecticut Avenue and wound around town. The Festival was in the area surrounding Town Hall, with music, food, and exhibitor tables.

Kensington Festival photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

Members of the WK Chamber rode in the parade in a convertible provided by Fitzgerald Auto Mall-Wheaton. There were marching bands from area schools, and dance groups, floats, the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department,

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MUM's Bold Initiative: The Non-Event Fundraiser of the Year

Help MUM Reach their $25,000 Goal!

(Instead of the Annual Gala Fundraiser)

MUM has held an annual gala in the fall for many years. Although they have been enjoyable for attendees and successful, they have their limitations. For one thing, given most people's busy lives there are many who are unable to attend. Then there are the logistics.

Any gala requires a lot of planning, preparation, and that means calling upon volunteers who are already doing so much for MUM and the clients. Last but not least, there is the cost, not just for MUM, but to attendees.

Although galas can make for an enjoyable evening, MUM's friends, donors, and patrons know that MUM does everything they can to channel all their focus, attention, and resources — minimal staff, volunteers, donations of food, services and money — on their mission of serving clients in Montgomery County to help them makes ends meet.

So, for all those reasons, this year MUM is trying something new. MUM is proud to announce: **MUM 2018 Non-Event Fundraiser of the Year with a goal of raising $25,000 by October 20.**

Help MUM reach their goal, so they can assist neighbors in need with:
- Eviction Prevention
- Food Assistance
- Utility Cutoff Prevention
- Emergency Prescription Drug Assistance

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MUM is home to the Captain Joseph A. Mattingly, Jr. Food Pantry.

Mid-County United Ministries (MUM) gratefully accepts freewill offerings. It is an independent nonprofit agency that helps low-income resdents with food and emergency assistance.

With your generosity, Mid-County United Ministries can continue to assist neighbors in need.

MUM's office ist 301-929-8675; email **office@mumhelp.org**

Visit MUM's website for more information **www.MUMhelp.org**.

Thanks to These Member Renewals! (Continued)

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Hosted by the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC), the discussion centered on topics such as the revitalization project, traffic, pedestrian, bicycle and public safety, green spaces, needs of small businesses and Wheaton as an arts and entertainment district, and support for an arts and cultural facility.

In addition, the evening addressed how to build a better link between the Westfield Wheaton Mall and the many small businesses that are located nearby. Improvement of transportation routes for vehicles and bicycles and sidewalks for pedestrians was an important topic.

Community Forum photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

In preparation for the forum, WUDAC collected input on those issues through surveys and focus groups. The surveys received more than 300 responses.

Feedback from the surveys and the meeting was reviewed at the next WUDAC meeting on Tuesday, September 11. WUDAC consists of eleven residents and business representatives appointed by County Executive Ike Leggett and approved by the County Council. The committee provides guidance and advice on matters affecting the Wheaton Urban District and closely monitors the Wheaton Revitalization Project.

Wheaton is a diverse, transit-accessible community currently undergoing significant changes as part of the Wheaton Revitalization Project. The County is building a 14-story government office building that is scheduled for completion in 2020. In addition to the construction of the office building, the project will provide 397 below ground parking spaces, first floor retail space and a new town square.

Most significantly impacted during construction is the Wheaton Triangle area between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. The local roads that form the Triangle area include Grandview Avenue, Reedie Drive and Triangle Lane.

The event was held at
Ana G. Méndez University
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with a networking reception sponsored by the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber.

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For further information about Forum topics, contact Leah Haygood of WUDAC at **leah@buzzword.com**, or Luisa Montero-Diaz, Director of the Mid-County Regional Services Office, at **luisa.montero@montgomerycountymd.gov**.

WHEATON ***Revitalization Project Website***

The Wheaton Redevelopment Project at Reedie Drive near the Wheaton Metro Station will be a 14-story LEED Platinum-rated, mixed-use building, a town square and an underground public parking garage.

Visit the website to stay up to date on information: **www.WheatonProject.com**

The Second Annual Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival

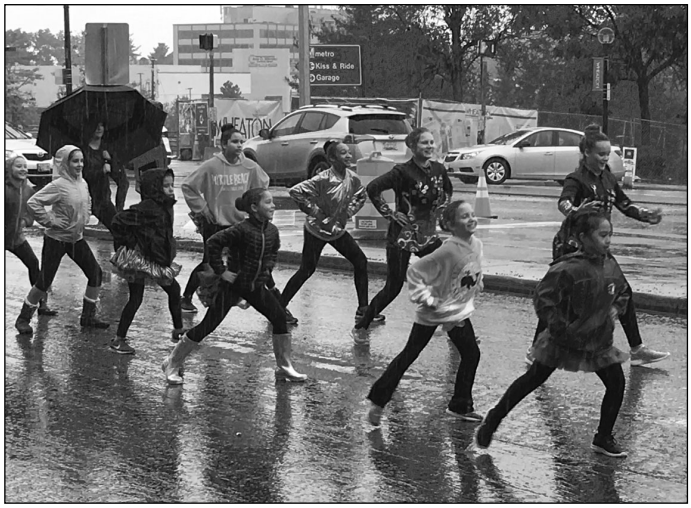
WHEATON ARTS PARADE

The Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival was on Sunday, September 23, from 10 am - 5 pm — it took place "Rain or Shine" — and boy did it rain on our parade!

Everything went as scheduled, but the parade participants didn't stop to do their short performances in the heavy rain, so that made the parade finish up earlier than planned. More than 45 artists, marching bands, dance companies, arts floats, and costumed performers were scheduled to March for Art.

More than 50 artists and arts organizations displayed and were selling their work in a tented exhibition area. The Festival featured 3 stages of local performers, food, and a local film and literary tent. Visit the parade website **www.WheatonArtsParade.org.**

Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival photos courtesy of Vicky Surles



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Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, businesses, and local, state, and federally elected officials and candidates.

The WK Chamber had a booth at the festival, where we distributed copies of the new 2019 Community Guide & Membership Directory, as well as member's brochures, flyers, postcards and business cards.

Also on Labor Day weekend was the annual "Paint the Town" Art Show at the Kensington Town Hall/Armory.

This Montgomery Art Association show was on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The reception and artist's awards ceremony is a popular event on Saturday evening, with a large audience of art-appreciators.

Kensington Parade & Festival photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

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MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

The Montgomery County Neighborhood Events Matching Funds Program (administered by the Regional Services Centers) was created to promote community engagement, encourage capacity building, networking and stimulate the local economy at the neighborhood level.

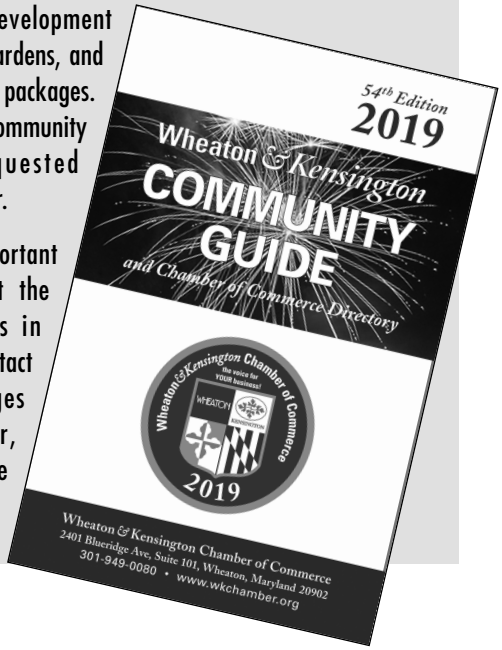
- The FY 2019 program funds are now available. Each grant must be matched dollar for dollar with cash or in-kind donations, and the event must take place by June 30, 2019.

See application for more details and instructions:
http://files.constantcontact.com/7f79d8b8201/2628bbee-45e1-4531-b6e0-dd71dcf39ccf.pdf

2019 Wheaton & Kensington Community Guide and Chamber of Commerce Directory now available!

The new 2019 Wheaton & Kensington Community Guides are being distributed to all members, and to libraries, local government centers, business development centers, Brookside Gardens, and in new home-owner packages. Extra copies of the Community Guide can be requested throughout the year.

The Guide is an important resource throughout the year. For updates in case a member's contact information changes during this year, check our website *www.wkchamber.org*.



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