The GFNCA Gazette

Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association

A Wheaton North Community

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Welcome to this timely edition of The Glenmont Forest Gazette…a collection of news, stories and events of interest to our neighbors brought to you by your Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association (GFNCA). Lots of opportunities to participate in your community. Please make sure you are aware of the available support resources for those in need for vaccinations, food security, health care, addiction and more.

Upcoming Events (see stories below for more details)

- Apr 3 @ 7:00 pm: New 'Action Sports Park' in Wheaton Regional Park
  (To join the online meeting via Zoom, go to mocoparks.org/WheatonASPZoom}
- Apr 10 @ 7:00 pm: Community Gardens Phase 2 Kickoff Meeting
  (Join via Zoom & (301) 715-8592 ID: 980 4378 3141 Passcode 004612)
- Apr 11 @ 6:30 pm: Glenmont Forest Apartments Redevelopment meeting with Developers
- Apr 12 @ 5:00pm: Deadline to submit for A&E District 501c)3 Nominating Committee
- Apr 24 @ 6:00 pm: Conversation with DGS about the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center

What's Happening @ the
Glenmont Forest Community Park

We have been guiding the community gardens and public art projects at the Glenmont Forest Community Park at the corner of Georgia and Randolph roads. We are currently seeking your input and help with the Serenity Community Gardens and the Gathering Tree public art projects.   Join our Gardens Kickoff Zoom meeting on April 10th! And a big Thank You to Tree Montgomery for planting 25+ new trees at the park!

Serenity Community Gardens

Phase 2 Kickoff Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, April 10th @ 7 pm
Join via Zoom & (301) 715-8592 ID: 980 4378 3141 Passcode 004612

GFNCA is honored to be awarded a $10,000 Environmental Stewardship grant from Excelon/Pepco to help us move into Phase 2 this Spring. We will be making decisions on improving items including fencing, rodent control, tool shed, trellises and more.
Join us to help make the gardens a valuable cooperative farming resource for the community.

The Gathering Tree

Thanks to the support of the Maryland State Arts Council, this beautiful sculpture and sitting area, designed by local artists Sandra Perez-Ramos and Stuart Diekmeyer, now graces the entrance to our neighborhood park next to Fire Station 18.   The sculpture is installed, boulders added as natural elements to sit and reflect and some of the mural has been created.   Colorful landscaping will be added and look for updates as the weather warms to be involved in the painting of "welcome" in languages representing our diverse neighborhood.

In Wheaton Arts & Entertainment news…

Wheaton Arts & Entertainment District

In an effort to take Wheaton's diverse cultural identity to the next level, local artists, community and business leaders joined forces with Councilmember Natali Fani-González - and with the strong support of County Executive Marc Elrich - to create a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to nurture, promote and celebrate the rich global heritage of arts and entertainment experiences that make Wheaton such a jewel in our region.

Applications to join the nominating committee are **due on April 12 by 5 p.m**. via email to Councilmember.Fani-Gonzalez@MontgomeryCountyMD.Gov.

A press release can be read here: WheatonArts and Entertainment District Establishes Advisory Board(montgomerycountymd.gov)

Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center

Public Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday April 24 at 6:00pm
In Person at the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center Social Hall (2nd floor)
11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, 20902
Please join the project team, along with Councilmember Natali Fani-González, on April 24th at 6:00pm to hear an update on the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center project. The community will have an opportunity to provide feedback to the team.

Registration is encouraged. Dinner will be provided. To register, please click here .
to learn more about the project please click here

Wheaton Urban District (WUD) Events Survey

The Wheaton Urban District wants your opinion and encourages you to fill out this brief survey to share your thoughts on how WUD can serve you better. Scan the QR code above or click on the flyer to access the Wheaton Urban District Events Survey.
Complete the survey by Friday, April 5th! Wheaton Urban District | Events Survey (office.com)

Design of a New 'Action Sports Park' in Wheaton Regional Park Will Be Focus of Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, April 3

Montgomery Parks is in the early design stage of a new "Action Sports Park" at the Rubini Athletic Complex in Wheaton Regional Park. Two design concepts will be shared at the virtual community meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. The goal of the Action Sports Park will be to deliver safe, inclusive and engaging action sports experiences that serve a diversity of ages and skill levels from beginner to advanced.

To join the online meeting via Zoom, go to mocoparks.org/WheatonASPZoom. Registration for the online meeting is optional, but encouraged. Attendees will be updated on future developments in the project. Register by completing this form.

Take the survey about the proposed park at online survey.

In pending development news…

Glenmont Forest Apartments Redevelopment

The Glenmont Exchange invites you to our **April 11th community meeting** with the team helping to plan the redevelopment of the Glenmont Forest Apartment site. The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM at the Poplar Run Clubhouse, 13500 Stargazer Ln, Silver Spring, MD 20906. This will be an in-person meeting. If you plan to join us, please RSVP here. While an RSVP is not required to attend, it helps us plan the event. The RSVP asks for your name, the Glenmont area neighborhood, association, or business you represent (or live in), and your email address so we can more easily reach you if there are event updates.

That complex is behind the police station in the southeast corner of Georgia and Randolph. While this is just a Forest Conservation Plan, not a Site Plan, it appears that the project will replace the aging garden apartment complex on the site. The developer is proposing that 15% of the units will be MPDUs. As with all redevelopments, the site will have much higher density after the proposed redevelopment. While planning for the redevelopment remains in its early stages, the team plans to talk about how their current plans address the recommendations of the 2013 Glenmont Sector Plan for redeveloping the site.

You can find all the details for the Forest Conservation Plan application at https://eplans.montgomeryplanning.org/daiclinks/pdoxlinks.aspx?apno=F20240450&projname=Glenmont%20Forest.

Glenmont Corridors Opportunity Study

The team at Montgomery Planning presented the scope of work for the Glenmont Corridors Opportunity Study to the Montgomery County Planning Board at its March 7 meeting. The purpose of the study is to identify actions necessary to support Thrive Montgomery 2050's principles of corridor-focused growth, complete communities, and 15-minute living in the study area.

The study will also evaluate which recommendations from the 2013 Glenmont Sector Plan have been achieved, identify the barriers that are preventing recommendations from being implemented, and identify strategies to further Glenmont as the walkable, diverse, and sustainable community envisioned in the 2013 Plan.
To learn more about the project please click
Glenmont Corridors Opportunity Study - Montgomery Planning.

Stay tuned for more news and updates about activities of the Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association (GFNCA). Let us know what is important to you. We can be reached at glenmontforestnca@gmail.com or send us a message on the website at https://gfnca.org. We are also looking for a volunteer to help translate this newsletter and other communications into Spanish.