

# Wheaton Hills Civic Association

Annual Meeting  
November 2017





# Agenda

- Welcome
- President's Report
  - Update on WHCA 2014 Priorities
  - Website Updates
- Elections
- Volunteers for Committee Assignments
- Establishing Priorities for New Term
- Streetlights
- Adjournment



# President's Report

- Membership is at its largest since 2014 founding
- Built collaborative bonds with surrounding neighborhoods
- Partnered with local non-profits to support the community
- Forged strong, professional relationships with County departments and officials
- Achieved success or substantial progress across major priority areas identified

# Priorities – Enhance Walkability



Priorities	Actions/Progress
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sidewalks on all major neighborhood roads.</li><li>2. Speed bumps and traffic calming measures.</li><li>3. Better street lighting.</li><li>4. Clearly-marked crosswalks at major intersections.</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MCDOT approved 2.5 miles of new sidewalks for Wheaton Hills<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sidewalk construction expected to start in Spring 2018</li></ul></li><li>• MCDOT Traffic Workgroup (Traffic Study)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated Crosswalks</li><li>• New Crosswalks</li><li>• New Stop Signs</li><li>• “Edge” lines</li><li>• Repainted double-yellows</li><li>• Streetlights</li></ul></li><li>• Advocated bike-share for Wheaton</li></ul>

# Priorities – Quality of Life



Priorities	Actions/Progress
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Keep our neighborhood streets clean and trash-free.</li><li>2. Restrict commercial vehicles on neighborhood roads.</li><li>3. Maintain safe living conditions.</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wheaton Safety Task Force</li><li>• DOT Traffic Workgroup (Traffic Study)</li><li>• Neighborhood Action Teams (Bill 25-16)</li><li>• Litter Clean-Up Days (coord. w/ County)</li><li>• Representative on the Citizen’s Advisory Council for BRT for Viers Mill Corridor</li><li>• Community Events, including Blooming the Block (w/ MHP)</li><li>• Strongly advocated for Wheaton Redevelopment</li><li>• Actively pushed for increased community input on Wheaton Library/Rec Center</li><li>• Initial discussions with Rainscapes and Green Streets programs</li><li>• UMD-partnership on Water Runoff Grant</li></ul>

# Priorities – Wheaton-Claridge Park



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Priorities	Actions/Progress
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Replace the play area.</li><li>2. Restore the stream's health.</li><li>3. Increase park safety.</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1.8 Million renovation underway</li><li>• New play area</li><li>• Improved lighting</li><li>• Invasive plant management</li><li>• Upgraded trails</li><li>• Storm water management and erosion control</li><li>• Began advocacy with park police for increased patrols</li><li>• Formal Opening Ceremony: April 2018</li></ul>

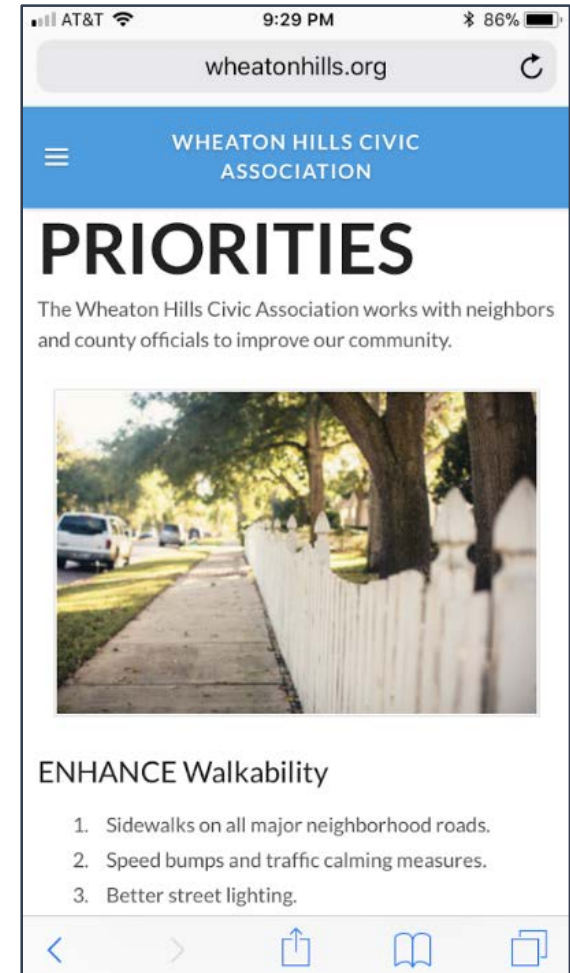


# Website Updates

- Added meeting agendas, presentations, that were missing (meeting minutes are coming)
- Social media feeds (Facebook, Twitter)
- Fixed the Calendar
- Added mobile-accessible version

## To Do

- Spanish version
- Wheaton Hills Photos





# WHCA Elections

- Officer Nominating Committee (ONC)
- Overview of Voting Process
- Vote Order: Secretary, Treasurer, VP, President
  - Presentation of Nominees
  - Nominee Speaking Time (3 minutes each)
  - Vote
  - Vote Results





# Committees & Chairs

- Standing Committees
  1. Committee on Communication and Bylaws
  2. Committee on Beautification, Environment, and Land Use
  3. Committee on Traffic, Crime, and Safety
  4. Committee on Public Schools and Education
  5. Committee on Membership
- Committee Chairs are members of the Executive Committee (along with the elected officials)



# Moving WHCA Forward

## Internal Priorities

- Increase engagement through greater outreach
  - Fully use the committees to achieve
  - Reconsider by-law language to encourage donations
  - Translations to encourage and improve diversity
- Complete non-profit status for WHCA
- Frequent updates to the WHCA website



# Moving WHCA Forward

## External Priorities

- New County Program – Matching Funds
- Open Question: What priorities should we consider for the neighborhood?
- Committees will refine recommendations
- Executive Committee will approve priorities
- Approved priorities will be communicated with members, partners, County officials



# Streetlights

- Part of the MCDOT Traffic Study/Workgroup
- 11 intersections throughout “Wheaton North” to have corner streetlights installed
- Installation of mid-block lights require petition
  - 12040 Claridge Road (joint effort with CAE)
  - 11704 Grandview Avenue
  - 11712 Grandview Avenue
  - 2808 Dawson Avenue
  - 2914 Dawson Avenue
  - 2709 Henderson Avenue (joint effort with GFNCA)
  - 2706 Hardy Drive\*

# MoCo 2017 Resident Survey



WHCA

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett announced the County has launched an online survey to gauge residents' assessment of their local government, its services and their quality of life

<http://bit.ly/MCMD2017>

Complete between Nov 1 and Nov 15

English, Spanish, or Chinese

# Adjournment



Thank you for participating and being active members of our community

*Wheaton Hills Thrives When We Come Together*