

Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

Important Events

April 2012

Apr 9

Fencing is installed in E Lot to start demolition of Bldg 141

April 11

Transit Benefit Workshop

Bldg 5 Room 1015

1300

May

May 1

E Lot Closes

Due to Construction

Parking Survey Results Are In

A survey to gauge the opinion of all staff onboard NSA Bethesda on ways to improve parking was conducted during the last two weeks of February. We received over six hundred responses and want to thank everyone who participated and provided such valuable suggestions.

We read every response, providing over eight hundred individual suggestions, and would like to share with you the results and provide details on future projects that will help to address some of the questions and/or concerns which were outlined.

Top Responses:

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NSA Bethesda is in process of reviewing current parking locations for potential redesign (more efficient striping) and potential temporary parking lots on the Installation. As soon as we have further details regarding timelines and scope of projects we will release.

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The Commanding Officer of NSA Bethesda is very aware of the desire of staff to have after enforcement hours access to the B17 garage. He is reviewing several options to offer greater access to the B17 garage with the hopes of providing a way forward in the near future.

Can Security better enforce existing parking regulations?

Yes, NSA Bethesda has been actively enforcing existing parking guidelines. While Security

cannot monitor each parking space on a daily basis, Security has been roaming the parking areas and issuing a significant number of warnings and/or citations. Furthermore, NSA Bethesda is currently working on enacting Traffic Court on the Installation, anticipating to be up and running in the next 30-60 days. The purpose of the Traffic Court is to curb unsafe or illegal behavior that may be taken by motorists. These violations may include illegal parking, speeding or reckless driving, to name a few. Each violation is assigned a certain number of points. Once a point total has been exceeded for the period of one year, motorists may lose privileges to drive on the Installation for a period of time to include weeks, months or year(s).

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Construction onboard NSA Bethesda will continue throughout 2012 and beyond. While there are plans to permanently add additional staff parking spaces, there will be additional staff parking loss in the near term. In the short term, "E" Lot, roughly 300 parking spaces, will close entirely in early to mid-May to support construction of Sanctuary Hall - Wounded Warrior Barracks - and associated Garage. In addition, starting in early June, Bldg 55 will undergo construction, resulting in the loss of ~225 staff parking spaces. When "E" Lot closes, we anticipate that parking capacity in all staff parking lots will be at ~117%, meaning we will have no capacity within the existing staff parking areas.

"We greatly appreciate the overwhelming response that Staff onboard NSA Bethesda provided to our Parking Survey", Miller said, "While some of the concerns expressed have initiatives already underway, we did receive many new concepts to consider which may assist with helping to address the parking constraints for our Staff. We are currently analyzing the feasibility of initiating these suggestions and will continue to communicate to Staff our progress through the Command Parking Champions, Postmasters, Journal articles and Town Halls."

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Parking Plan Enters New Phase

E Lot will close on, or about, May 1. . .

A new phase of construction will start at NSA Bethesda this spring which will lead to additional parking losses.

Sanctuary Hall construction will begin Apr 1 with the demolition of Bldg 141 and will close the a portion of 'E Lot'. On, or about, May 1, the entire lot will close. At that time NSA Bethesda will permanently lose 300 parking spaces. To address the loss of parking, the next phase of the parking plan will be implemented.

As a part of the next phase, significant changes to the parking map beginning Apr 1 will include:

- B17 transitions from Blue/Yellow/Red to Blue/Yellow/Purple
- "I" Lot transitions from Purple to Red
- The West side of Stone Lake Road transitions from Purple to Red

In this phase, parking continues to be equitably distributed amongst the Tenant Commands based on their percentage of overall installation population. No 'Turn in' of hanging tags will be required.

To offset demand, NSA Bethesda is currently pursuing the construction of temporary parking on the Installation as well as subsidized transit to/from off-site parking.

Additional construction is on the horizon which will reduce staff parking in the short term. In the future other measures may be necessary to manage supply/demand of parking.

Bike to Work 2012

Bike to Work Day 2012 will be held on Friday May 18, 2012. NSA Bethesda will have a pit stop on the helipad next to South Gate from 0600-0900.

Participants in this event will enter via South Gate on the newly created bicycle lanes and will continue to the helipad.

This event may provide an opportunity to try riding your bicycle to and from work.

To take part in this year's event there are a few things you need to do to prepare:

Register for the event and the NSA Bethesda pit stop= To register for the event please click [here](#). You will receive a t-shirt at the pit stop you select on your registration form. The first 11,000 regis-

trants will receive a t-shirt. Please remember to select the 'Naval Support Activity Bethesda' pit stop. The deadline to register to receive a T-Shirt is May 11.

Plan your route to and from work= There are several resources available to help plan your route. One available resource is the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA).

Recruit your friends, co-workers, neighbors and family= The more riders the merrier. Make up a convoy of your acquaintances to ride to and from work.

After the event is over, consider riding to NSA Bethesda every day. To find all available bike racks please click [here](#).



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