

Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

Important Events

November

8 November 2010

-Ridesharing Workshop

Building 1 Room 1643

1300

16 November 2010

-Transit Benefit Workshop

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1300

15 November 2010

-NNMC Command Orientation

Clark Auditorium

Annual Commuter Survey

NSA Bethesda will release our fourth consecutive Annual Commuter Survey in November. The survey gathers information that will help NSA Bethesda understand how employees commute to the campus.

The fourth edition of the survey may be the most important to date. With the impending increase in patients, visitors and staff we need your insight and participation to gain the overall picture of current commuting patterns.

The survey has a list of standard questions that takes roughly five minutes to complete. The results of the survey helps NSA Bethesda focus its energy on the transportation related issues that matter to our staff.

As a result of surveys in the past we were able to implement several solutions that have benefited those commuting to and from NSA Bethesda. Some of the results include convenient carpool parking, bus shelters along MD 355 and the start of dialogue with local officials for a traffic light at North Gate.

To take the survey type the following link in your web browser:

<http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/css/>

The survey will be open for a two week period from 1 November through 12 November and will be able to gather information from every employee at NSA Bethesda.

This is your opportunity to make a difference as we plan for the future.

Transit Options You May Have Overlooked

Are you aware that there is a commuter bus program that runs from as far as Hagerstown to Shady Grove Metro?

What about a commuter bus that comes from Kent Island/Annapolis and stops in D.C., steps from a Metro stop?

How about an express Ride-On bus that comes from Germantown Milestone shopping center, to Bethesda ?

There are many transit options that are available that may be hidden gems that you should know about.

Maryland Transit Administration provides a commuter bus service that uses coach buses to service many areas in Maryland. The 991 route starts in Hagerstown MD, stops in Frederick and continues on to Shady Grove Metro. The 922 route starts in Kent Island, stops in Annapolis and continues on towards Washington D.C.

In all, there are 13 buses that come from the following counties: Washington, Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and Howard. Most end up within a block or two of a metro station allowing easy access to the Metrorail system.

In addition, Ride-On provides an express bus that runs from the Milestone Shopping Center to the Medical Center Metro and into downtown Bethesda. The first stop in the AM after leaving Germantown is the Medical Center Metro station and the last stop before heading towards Germantown is the Medical Center Metro Station. Free parking is available and the bus stop is located behind the Target Department Store.

For civilian and active duty military staff most of the options in the area can be paid with funds from the NCR Transit Subsidy Benefit.

To find more information on area transit sources contact NSA Bethesda's Transportation Program Coordinator Ryan Emery at ryan.emery@med.navy.mil or call at 301-319-3818.

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NNMC Directorate for Public Health
Fisher House

5 NOV

Stragglers and Construction Workers

8-10 NOV

NNMC Directorate for Resource Management

12 NOV

Stragglers and Construction Workers

15 NOV-18 NOV

NNMC Directorate for Surgical Services
NIH(National Cancer Institute)

19 NOV

Stragglers and Construction Workers

22 NOV—24 NOV

Personnel Support Detachment
Navy Lodge
Navy College Office

29 Nov- 2 Dec

Navy Central HIV
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction
Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society
United States Marine Corps Liaison
United States Coast Guard Liaison
Navy Legal Service

Transit Subsidy Yearly Recertification

An important step in the NCR Transit Subsidy was brought to the surface this quarter as several staff members were denied transit benefits because they needed to recertify their account and had not done so.

If you take part in the NCR Transit Subsidy Program, and you originally applied using the paper application, you will have to recertify using the online application within the near future. Once you have recertified, your email address will be captured and you will receive a reminder to recertify in the future.

Staff who applied for the benefit with the online application will be reminded once a year via email.

DODI 1000.27 states that where enrollment is automated, 100% of the participants must annually recertify their account information.

To determine what month you have to recertify visit the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) website at :

<http://www.whs.mil/DFD/Info/recertificationschedule.cfm>

To recertify, fill out the online application at:

<http://www.whs.mil/DFD/Info/NCRTransitSubsidy.cfm>



Helpful Links

NCR Transit Subsidy Application and Recertification Form:

<http://www.whs.mil/DFD/Info/NCRTransitSubsidy.cfm>

Find a carpool/vanpool partner:

<http://www.mwcog.org/commuter2/>

MTA Commuter Bus:

<http://mta.maryland.gov/services/commuterbus/>

Ride-On Route 70:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/DOT/transit/pdffiles/route_070.pdf

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