

Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

Important Events

January

January 10 2011

-NNMC Command Orientation

January 4 2011

-Ridesharing Workshop

Building 1 Room 1643
1300

January 18 2011

-Transit Benefit Workshop

Building 1 Room 1643
1300

Transit Benefit Maximum \$230 Limit Extended

As a result of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010 that was signed into law in Mid-December, the limit for the NCR Transit Subsidy will remain at \$230 until December of 2011.

The limit for the Transit Subsidy was temporarily raised in February 2009 from \$120 to \$230 as a part of the stimulus bill in an effort to assist federal employees on their daily commute. The temporary raise was set to expire in December 2010 but has now been extended.

At the October distribution and subsequent make-up days, participants with a daily commute cost above \$230 were provided the new maximum limit of \$120.

To accommodate those who picked up their benefit for January, the Department of Transportation (DoT) will attempt to provide the balance in transit fare to those affected at NSA Bethesda's quarterly distribution on 20-21 January.

The DoT representatives will provide a prorated amount for the remainder of January at the daily rate with the old maximum limit.

For those participants who use MARC, VRE or a Commuter Bus with a monthly pass, DoT will allow participants to visit the Pentagon Dailyoffice to pick up vouchers that are needed.

To increase your monthly allotment please click [here](#) and make a change in your monthly allotment

Commuting Through The Weather

As the temperature drops and snow starts entering the weather forecasts, it is a good idea to review your commute plan to ensure you can safely commute to and from NSA Bethesda.

If you drive to NSA Bethesda on a daily basis here are a few tips to assist you before you head out to work on a snowy morning:

- [Maryland](#), [The District](#) and [Virginia](#) provide traffic cameras, snow emergency information and road closing reports
- Before you leave, scrape off your roof and side windows for increased visibility.
- Don't crowd the plows and allow extra room for stopping.
- Be extra mindful for pedestrians who may be forced to walk on the streets due to snow packed sidewalks.

For those who decide to take Mass Transit, Metro has a few items about their system to keep in mind.

- Metro clears the areas around rail station entrances but the walks to the entrance may be a struggle.
- The platform can be treacherous when slippery conditions are present.
- Metrorail will shut above-ground service when the snow reaches eight inches.
- Seek out buses that follow emergency routes.
- If you utilize MetroAccess please be aware that as the weather deteriorate trips are canceled.

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Pass & ID roll out will officially end 31 December 2010. Have you updated your badge & vehicle decals? Time is running out. Please go to the Pass & ID office in Building 2 to complete the process.

Changes that affect your commute to NSA Bethesda . . .

Parking News:

- The America Garage, Bldg 63, has reverted to patient parking only.
- Patient Garage, Bldg 55, is now open for all staff to park in the upper levels of the garage.
- Carpool spaces have also moved to Bldg 55 and are located on the upper level, first deck, from the entrance off of RB Brown Drive. Carpool permits are required for these spaces and are open from 0500-0900.
- NNMC Medical Education spaces have moved to the "G" lot, which is located along North Palmer Road, in close proximity to North Gate.
- Repairs are underway on the Staff Garage, Bldg 54. The repairs will occur floor by floor, will last for 8–9 months, and result in an average loss of 100-300 spaces. Once renovations are completed, repair work will shift to Bldg 55.
- North Gate is currently under construction and has resulted in the temporary loss of roughly 45 spaces in the "G" lot.

Metro Holiday Schedule

Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess will have altered schedules for the Holiday's.

On 24 December 2010, Metrorail will open at 0700 and will run until 0300 on 25 December 2010. The same schedule will apply for Christmas Day, New Year's Even and New Year's Day.

Metrobus will operate on a Sunday schedule starting on Christmas Eve through Sunday December 26 and will start the same schedule from New Year's Eve through January 2nd. A modified

weekday schedule will be in effect from 27-30 December.

For those who utilize MetroAccess, all subscription trips on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will be canceled. If you need to use MetroAccess during these times, individual trips must be reserved separately.

For more information please click [here](#) for a press release from WMATA.



Important Links:

-NCR Transit Subsidy Application:

<http://www.whs.mil/DFD/PSD%20Services/Web-basedapplication.cfm>

-Maryland DoT Traffic Website:

<http://www.marylandroads.com/Home.aspx>

-Virginia DoT Traffic Website:

<http://511virginia.org/Default.aspx?r=1>

-District DoT Traffic Website:

<http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT>

-WMATA Holiday Schedule:

http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4769

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