

Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

Important Events

May 2012

Late May

E Lot Closes

Due to Construction

May 18

Bike to Work Day

Helipad

0600-0900

May 23

NSA Bethesda Town Hall

Clark Auditorium

1200-1300

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 will 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](#). The first 11,000 registrants will receive a t-shirt at the pit stop that they select on their registration form. Please remember to select the 'MD-Bethesda-Naval Support Activity Bethesda' pit stop. The deadline to register to receive a T-Shirt is May 13.

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). For a list of resources please click [here](#).

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](#).



New Ride Sharing Matching Service

Are you in search of a carpool partner or would you like to start or join a vanpool? Would you like to reduce your commuting costs and gain free time while you commute?

NSA Bethesda has developed a carpool application form that can be the start of a new commute.

Click on the link to access the site:

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

The form asks basic questions about your work schedule, home zip code and town and average arrival and departure time.

Once you fill out the form, you will be contacted to discuss possible carpool partners located onboard NSA Bethesda.

Carpools and vanpools are a great way to save time and money for many commuters in our area.

Carpool hang tags are currently not being distributed but there is an ongoing study that is looking at the possibility of expanding

the program and distributing tags once again. A carpool is defined as two or more staff members commuting to work together. Parking is currently allocated for carpools in Bldg 55 and in the 'I Lot'.

Vanpool hang tags are currently available. To start a vanpool, a group of seven or more employees contact a vanpool provider and lease a van. Once the lease has been signed the group will need to stop by the Pass & ID office to obtain a Parking Tag. Vanpool parking is located in the 'G Lot'.



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Reminder: E lot Closure

E Lot Closes Mid-May. . .

A new phase of construction has started at NSA Bethesda this spring and a new phase of the parking plan has been put in place to accommodate additional parking losses.

Sanctuary Hall construction began in early April with the abatement and demolition of Bldg 141. A portion of the E Lot closed to support the demolition. In mid to late May, the entire lot will close. At that time NSA Bethesda will lose 300 spaces. To address the loss of parking, the next phase of the

parking plan was implemented on April 1 and includes:

- 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.

Transit Benefit Tips

- If you transferred from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and you are Active Duty Army or a Civilian, you must update your Transit Benefit Account to the proper organizational code.

Active Duty Army = WRNMMC (Army Active Duty)
DOD Civilian = JTF CapMed/WRNMMC

To change your organizational code please submit a change application at:

<https://mtbp.whs.mil/Participant/Welcome.aspx>

- On a yearly basis, each transit benefit account must be recertified on or before the recertification date. This date is the anniversary date of the application or the previous recertification. Failure to recertify will result in the withdrawal from the system. To check your recertification date click on this link: <https://mtbp.whs.mil/Participant/Status.aspx>



Choices for Departure: Options to Consider

Are you headed to I-495 or I-270 at the end of your work day? Does your exit routine lead you to North and South Gate?

To avoid congestion, try to exit NSA Bethesda using one of the gates on Jones Bridge Road. The two gates include the NEX Gate on Gunnell Rd and the University Gate

The hours of operation for Jones Bridge Rd gates:

NEX Gate (Gate 3)= 0500-1900

University Gate (Gate 5)= 0500-1800

Both gates have traffic signals and may provide a faster way to exit the installation at the end of the day.

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