Lights May Be On But Stations Aren’t Open

The lights are burning brightly some days and nights at the six Metrorail stations being built along Phase 2 of the Silver Line.

But those stations are not finished. They are still active work sites and they are not open to the public. In fact, they are dangerous places.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, owner of the project, along with contractors building it, are reminding folks to stay safe and stay out of stations, pavilions and all system facilities. The at-grade stations are: Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center, Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn. There are some signs warning people not to enter these facilities. But there are other signs, such as those bearing station names and changing traffic patterns, that may be confusing.

The opening date for Phase 2 remains months away. There will lots of advance notice before that happens. Meanwhile, you shouldn’t be tempted by the lights.

MWAA Tours Phase 2 of Silver Line

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Board of Directors had the opportunity to participate in a tour of Phase 2 of the Silver Line. The tour traveled the rail line from Reston Town Center Metrorail Station to the future terminus at Ashburn Metrorail Station. While at Dulles Airport, the Board Members had a chance to explore the future station and posed for a photo.
During the holiday season, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project was proud to participate in the Hunter Mill District’s Annual Winter Coat Closet Drive.

With the help of the Phase 2 contractor, Capital Rail Constructors, the communications and outreach team collected an impressive haul of winter clothing items to help keep local families warm and toasty during these cold months.

Our donations came to a total of 114 items collected including:

- 35 men’s coats
- 20 women’s coats
- 27 children’s coats
- 2 pairs of pants
- 23 hats and scarves
- 3 pairs of gloves
- 4 blankets

Simultaneously, the outreach team hosted another donation fundraiser on behalf of Comfort Cases, which is a regional charity dedicated to helping children entering the foster care system.

Whether it’s the first time or not, starting with a new family can be a difficult time for many young kids. The team was tasked with collecting new, unused pajamas, backpacks, toys and blankets.

Once again, the project team did not disappoint! A total of 61 items were collected on behalf of this organization including:

- 19 toys and stuffed animals
- 8 blankets
- 11 sets of pajamas
- 23 hats and scarves

Tis the Giving Season in Northern Virginia

Left to right: Dusty Smith, Amanda Scarangella, Marcia McAllister and Syrina White pose with the winter collection. (Courtesy of the DCMP)

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