



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Government closed Wed, Feb. 10

Due to the impending snowstorm and dangerous conditions predicted by the National Weather Service, St. Mary's County Government is closed tomorrow, Feb. 10.

There will be no Meals On Wheels delivery on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Recipients of home delivered meals should use the emergency meals previously provided. Future cancellations of meal deliveries will be determined on a day-to-day basis. The Senior Activity Centers and Ripple Adult Day Center will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 10; continue to check the Department of Aging website at www.stmarysmd.com/aging for updates.

St. Mary's County is in a **Winter Storm Warning until 7 p.m. tomorrow.** The National Weather Service is calling for 7 to 14 inches of snow with the heaviest snowfall expected overnight.

Winds tomorrow may be between 15 to 25 mph. Be prepared for possible electric outages. All are encouraged to do visual checks on facilities in light of the roof collapses/structural issues. Please do so during and after this event. It is expected that the snow accumulation on roofs will remain for days after this snowfall event due to at and below freezing temperatures.

The Governor of Maryland has issued an Emergency Declaration and all state and local emergency response agencies will be working throughout the duration of this storm. Citizens are encouraged to monitor weather conditions by watching the Weather Channel or by visiting the National Weather Service web-site at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. During the storm the Emergency Information Hotline will be updated with information at 301-475-4200 Ext. 4911 and you can also visit the county web-site at www.stmarysmd.com for Emergency Advisories.

Phone Numbers

301-475-4200 Option 6 then Option 3—Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm regarding County Emergency Management.

301-863-8400-- Inquiries regarding snow removal (Citizens are reminded that it may take days

to cleanup after this storm.)

911-- Individuals with medical or other emergencies.

301-475-8016—Non-Emergency 24 hour number for citizens.

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