

The Salvation Army accepting energy assistance applications to March 31

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The Salvation Army of the Greater Winston-Salem Area wants families to know they can still sign up for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

The North Carolina Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides eligible residents of Forsyth County a one-time vendor payment of \$200, \$300 or \$400 to help pay their heating bills. The overall time frame to apply for this benefit runs through March 31.

To qualify for this benefit program, you must be a

North Carolina resident living in Forsyth County and you must meet income and resource guidelines.

If eligible and approved, payments will be made directly to the utility companies. Payments will not be made to the applicant. Everyone who is eligible must apply as no one will automatically be approved.

Please call 336-722-8721 to schedule an appointment and for a list of items that you will need to bring in order to process the application. Available appointment times are Monday through Saturday and some evenings.

LIEAP applications Forsyth County are taken at The Salvation Army of Winston-Salem located at 901 N Cleveland Ave.

Area Commander Major James Allison says, "The recent winter storm and colder weather makes it especially difficult for our neighbors in need to keep their families warm. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program will ensure they don't have to choose between heating their homes or feeding their families."

Further information is also available at www.SalvationArmyWS.org.

WS/FCS to hold eight public hearings on possible 2016 bond referendum

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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education will hold eight public hearings to gather feedback about a proposed bond referendum in November. If approved, the bond package would pay for school construction, renovation and repairs. It would be the first large-scale referendum for WS/FCS' school construction since 2006.

The school board has developed a project list based on needs that total about \$325 million in present-day costs. After gathering public feedback, the board will finalize its list before it presents a formal request to Forsyth County Commissioners this spring.

Each meeting will start with a brief presentation about the proposed projects, followed by time for public comments.

The dates, times and locations of the meetings are:

*Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. - East Forsyth High School (2500 W. Mountain Street, Kernersville)

*Wednesday, Feb. 17 at noon - Kernersville Elementary School (512 W. Mountain Street, Kernersville)

*Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. - Carver High School (3545 Carver School Road, Winston-Salem)

*Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. - Parkland High School (1600 Brewer Road, Winston-Salem)

*Thursday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. - West Forsyth High School (1735 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Clemmons)

*Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. - North Forsyth High School (5705 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem)

*Thursday, March 10 at noon - The Downtown School (601 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem)

*Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. - Speas Elementary School (2000 W. Polo Road, Winston-Salem)

More information can be found at <http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us/2016bond>.

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