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[FNSB to Open Warming Shelter during power outage](#)

September 30, 2015, Fairbanks, Alaska – AT 3:00 PM

Fairbanks North Star Borough Administration and the American Red Cross of Alaska will open a warming shelter at 3:00 PM today. The warming shelter will be hosted by the University Community Presbyterian Church located at 3510 College Road in Fairbanks, AK. The warming shelter will have a rest area for residents who may need to stay overnight due to the power outage. The Red Cross requests that if residents are able to bring toiletries, sleeping bags and pillows to help make their stay there more comfortable. If residents bring children with them, it is strongly suggested to bring items that will make the children feel more secure, such as a book or favorite stuffed animal.

FNSB Mayor Luke Hopkins said, "We are opening this warming shelter because we know there are many people without heat and power. The warming shelter is a short term solution for our residents while Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) crews continue to work around the clock to restore electricity due to the recent heavy snowfall and winter storm event. It is heartwarming to see the support that our residents have for their neighbors by helping with snow plowing, transportation, etc. This is the spirit of the Golden Heart City."

Here is some additional information for residents:

Borough facilities with showers include: Big Dipper, Hamme Pool, and Mary Siah Pool. For hours and locations please visit: <http://www.fnsb.us/ParksandRecreation/Facilities/Default.htm> or call 459-1070.

For internet service and charging stations, the Noel Wien and the North Pole Libraries are open. For hours please visit: <http://fnsblibrary.org/>.

For current information on the GVEA power outage, visit: www.gvea.com/outages or to report an outage call 452-1151.

To contact the Tanana Valley District of the American Red Cross, call 456-5937 ext. 5102.

The Fairbanks Police Department/NIXLE service is advising residents that GCI has reported that cell tower sites are down due to the power outage and you may not be able to call 911 from a cell phone. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 from a "landline".

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