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COVERAGE PERIOD **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Thurmont Outside Fire Extinguished; Brush Fire Calls Prompt Mutual Aid

Reported fires also brought mutual-aid dispatches in Carroll and Morgan counties, while evening roadway calls included crashes on U.S. 15, I-270 and I-70.

By The Frederick Watch Desk

An outside fire in Thurmont was reported extinguished Monday afternoon after a response to Rouzer Court. Brush 106 was dispatched to the first block of Rouzer Court at 4:09 p.m. and arrived at 4:13 p.m. to investigate. At 4:18 p.m., the crew reported the fire extinguished.

Building-fire mutual aid to Taneytown

A building-fire call in the first block of George Street in Taneytown prompted a Carroll County mutual-aid assignment at 6:32 a.m. The response listed Engine 61, Tower 6 and Ambulance 68.

Brush fire threatening a structure reported on Keysville Road

Engine 132 was dispatched on Carroll County mutual aid at 5:06 p.m. to a brush fire reported as threatening a structure in the 7000 block of Keysville Road. The dispatch classification describes the reported threat, not a confirmed finding at the scene.

Morgan County brush fire draws mutual aid

Another mutual-aid assignment followed at 5:50 p.m., this time for a reported large brush fire in the 800 block of Cacapon Lodge Drive in Morgan County. Utility 7 and Wildland 7 were listed for the call.

Power outage reported on Buckeystown Pike

A report of wires down or arcing in the 4000 block of Buckeystown Pike sent Paramedic Engine 311 to the area at 4:55 p.m. The unit was investigating at 5:02 p.m. and reported at 5:13 p.m. that no hazards were present. The homeowner had lost power, and the utility company was notified.

Vehicle found on shoulder along Creagerstown Road

The evening's roadway calls began with a reported vehicle accident in the 11900 block of Creagerstown Road at 6:03 p.m. Engine 162 found a single vehicle on the shoulder at 6:08 p.m. and was checking on occupants. Ambulance 169 evaluated one patient, who refused transport, and the units began clearing at 6:33 p.m.

Two vehicles on northbound U.S. 15

Two vehicles were found along the side of northbound US 15 near Elmer Road after a vehicle accident was reported at 6:45 p.m. Rescue Squad 20 reached the scene at 6:50 p.m. and checked on the occupants. Ambulance 209 obtained a patient refusal, and the units were to clear the scene when ready, according to the 7:23 p.m. update.

Possible deer strike reported on southbound I-270

An automatic crash notification brought a dispatch to the 9400 block of Dr. Perry Road at 6:52 p.m. At 6:54 p.m., Frederick ECC advised responders that the location of the cell phone that sent the notification was showing in the area of Interstate 270 at Dr. Perry Road. Tiller Truck 23 found two vehicles on southbound I-270 at 6:58 p.m., one on each shoulder, in what was described as a possible deer strike. At 7:01 p.m., the unit reported one patient refusal and classified the other vehicle's involvement as a property-damage collision. Fire and rescue units were clearing the scene, according to the 7:01 p.m. update.



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

Patient declines transport after I-70 crash

A crash response on westbound I-70 in Braddock Heights followed at 7:45 p.m., between the on-ramp from Route 40 and the Ridge Road overpass. Motorists were advised to stay left to pass the scene. Ambulance 129 and Engine 121 were checking on a patient at 7:50 p.m. Ambulance 129 evaluated one patient who refused transport, and fire and EMS personnel began clearing at 8:01 p.m.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 114 calls: 24 non-medical and 90 medical. The busiest hour was 6:00 pm, with 13 calls.

Crash alert leads responders to phone in roadway

Ambulance 339 and Engine 331 were dispatched to the 9800 block of Old National Pike at 8:09 a.m. Engine 331 found a cell phone in the roadway at 8:13 a.m., but no crash, and the units returned to service.

Reported wire problem traced to phone lines

Engine 172 was dispatched for reported wires down or arcing in the 14800 block of Black Ankle Road at 12:10 p.m. At 12:32 p.m., the unit confirmed that phone wires were involved and notified the utility company.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS
YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED **114** — 24 non-medical · 90 medical	MEDICAL CALLS **90** — Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR **6:00 pm** — 13 calls logged	WEATHER **61° / 36°** — Mostly Sunny

ACTIVITY SCORE **57**/100 — ACTIVE

INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	8
Fire & rescue	5
Hazards & investigations	2
Rescue & special response	1
Service & station support	1
Traffic & accidents	7

MEDICAL CALLS · 90

Advanced Life Support	56
Basic Life Support	25
Other support level	9

MIXED CALLS · 3
Already included in incident categories

Basic Life Support	3

LARGEST RESPONSE
Entrapment - Peripheral
4 units · 6800 Block Woodridge Rd

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	5
2.	Brunswick	1
3.	Buckeystown	1

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Includes aggregate medical call counts. Individual medical calls and follower comments are excluded from stories.

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Yesterday on the Roads

TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS **106** — observed during the day	PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR **8 a.m.** — 16 reports

TOP CORRIDOR **I-270** — 22 reports

Congestion	74
Disabled Vehicles	12
Crashes	9
Debris/Hazards	4
Roadwork	1

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on westbound I-70 near New Design Road ranged from 11 to 32 mph between 3:58 p.m. and 5:59 p.m., versus about 64 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

TUESDAY NOV 10 — **High 69° • Low 39°**
Sunny, with a high near 69. Southwest wind 1 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.

WEDNESDAY NOV 11 — **High 67° • Low 44°**
Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. South wind 0 to 3 mph.

THURSDAY NOV 12 — **High 61° • Low 38°**
Rain likely between 7am and 1pm, then rain and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
Rain chance 80%

National Weather Service

Road Watch

1 road closure update

SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

CLEARED — FREDERICK CITY
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Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. Morgan Keller building construction sidewalk closures

ONGOING — FREDERICK CITY
BLOOMFIELD RD
Closed, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction. CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC. Road realignment. Detour in place.

ONGOING — FREDERICK COUNTY
OLD MILL RD
Closed, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction. Closed for repairs. Major structural component damaged. CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

Frederick County road closure data

Today in Frederick

3 things to know for Tuesday, Nov. 10

COUNTY — 5:30 PM
Council Workshop CANCELLED
Frederick County's Council Workshop CANCELLED meets at First Floor Hearing Room.

COUNTY — 6 PM
Rustic Roads Commission
Frederick County's Rustic Roads Commission meets at Winchester Hall - First Floor Conference Room.

COUNTY — 7 PM
Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee
Frederick County's Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee meets at Virtual Meeting.

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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Frederick County Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer to Retire

2026-11-09 **Source: Frederick County Health Department**

The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) announces that Dr. Barbara Brookmyer will be retiring as Frederick County's Health Officer on January 1, 2027 after 23 years of leading the agency. Additionally, Dr. Randy Culpepper will be retiring as Frederick County's Deputy Health Officer and Medical Officer also on January 1, 2027 after 11 years in that role.

County Executive Jessica Fitzwater expressed her appreciation, "I want to thank Dr. Barbara Brookmyer for her many years of dedicated service and leadership in protecting and improving the health of our community. Dr.
Brookmyer has been a tireless advocate for public health, including her work to advance a Health in All Policies approach that recognizes the connection between health and every aspect of community life.
We are grateful for her contributions and wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement."

Dr. Brookmyer was an early adopter to the idea that health departments should have an accreditation standard, leading to us achieving national accreditation in December 2014.
We were one of only 60 health departments nationally to do so at that time thanks to her initiative.
We have successfully been reaccredited and currently maintain that standard of commitment to quality public health services. Dr.
Brookmyer's time saw the challenges brought to our community with cuts in public health funding and the many infectious disease responses including COVID-19.
She also led the shift of focus to risk reduction and health equity, ensuring that we meet people where they are and work to address structural barriers to improve health and wellbeing for all our community members.
Through her example and work, strong community partnerships were built and many have been impacted by her dedication and passion for public health as our Chief Health Strategist.

Dr. Culpepper's time at FCHD has seen him leading the Medicaid enrollment, transportation, and ombudsman programs as well as Public Health Preparedness and HIV program.
During the COVID-19 response, he served as Incident Commander and was dedicated to keeping local healthcare providers informed in weekly calls for many months.
He has also serves as the Medical Officer, providing direct care for community members with active tuberculosis, which he has done with great compassion and skill.

At this time, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Meena Brewster will be joining FCHD as our new Deputy Health Officer on December 9, 2026. Dr.

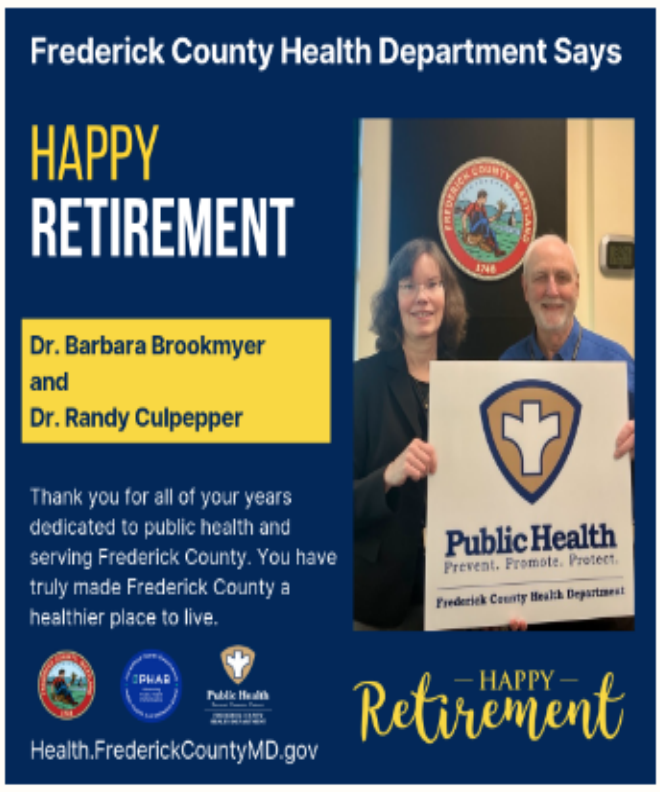


Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

Brewster is currently the Health Officer in St. Mary's County, Maryland and comes with 14 years of experience in that role. She will be taking over for Dr. Culpepper.

FCHD remains committed to protecting and promoting the health and well-being of Frederick County residents. For information on department programs, services, and leadership transition updates, visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Read the original release

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Manufacturing building, self-storage complex face Frederick County review

2026-11-09 **Source: Frederick County Planning Commission**

The Frederick County Planning Commission is scheduled to decide three development applications Nov. 18, including plans for a 140,500-square-foot manufacturing and assembly building and a self-storage complex along Urbana Pike.

Jefferson Tech Park is seeking site development plan approval for the manufacturing and assembly building on a 9.912-acre site on the southeast side of Jefferson Station Boulevard.

The property, identified as Lot B-1 Lincoln West IV, is in the Frederick planning region and is zoned for mixed-use development.

The commission will also consider a site plan for a self-storage facility on 8.02 acres at 1920 Urbana Pike (MD 355) in the Urbana planning region. The property is zoned general commercial.

A third application, the Crum Family Homes Agricultural Cluster Concept Plan, would create one new 1.49-acre lot at 8141 Retreat Road in the Walkersville planning region. The commission will meet at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, in the First Floor Hearing Room at 12 E. Church Street, Frederick. Each application is scheduled for a decision; none has been approved through this agenda.

Read the meeting agenda

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWSFLASH

Frederick County Unveils The Heights on Himes Affordable Housing Development

2026-11-09 **Source: Frederick County Government**

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater today joined the Division of Housing, elected officials, and community partners to unveil the sign for The Heights on Himes and to announce a new partnership with the YMCA of Frederick County that will launch an onsite Head Start center.

This initiative marks the beginning of a major affordable housing development at the County-owned Prospect Center campus on Himes Avenue.

"Today we are marking the beginning of a project that reflects our values and our vision for the future of Frederick County," County Executive Fitzwater said.

"By bringing affordable housing, affordable child care, government services, and transit access together in one location, we are creating opportunity and helping families build a stronger future."

Developed in partnership with Conifer Realty, The Heights on Himes is expected to bring nearly 150 affordable apartment homes to Frederick County.

The project advances a key recommendation of the County's housing needs assessment: using publicly owned land to accelerate affordable housing development and support homes affordable to a wider range of residents.

The development will also address another major pressure on family budgets: childcare.

Frederick County and Conifer Realty are partnering with the YMCA of Frederick County to establish an onsite Head Start center on the building's ground floor.

The center is expected to serve approximately 88 children, and Frederick County Government will support the YMCA with the cost of outfitting the interior space to meet program needs.

Frederick County has prioritized housing affordability by establishing the Division of Housing and updating the housing needs assessment with the City of Frederick, which found that nearly one in five County households faces housing affordability challenges.

Related studies show that families spend nearly 19% of household income on childcare, which is almost three times more than the federal affordability benchmark.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Government.

This project addresses these needs by connecting affordable homes with childcare, public services, and transit.

Heights on Himes will be located on the Prospect Center campus, a County-owned property being transformed into a hub for government services, emergency preparedness, and community resources.

It will be Frederick County's first affordable housing development built on County-owned land.

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

City Offices Closed and Service Schedules Adjusted for Veterans Day

2026-11-09 **Source: City of Frederick**

The City of Frederick offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Residents are encouraged to review the following holiday-related changes to service schedules and facility operations.

There will be no trash collection service on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

If you normally set your household trash out on Tuesday evening for Wednesday

collection, please set your trash out on Wednesday evening for Thursday collection.

All other trash routes are as scheduled.

Commercial Downtown Business District:

Commercial Business Trash Service: Trash will be collected on normal schedule.

Commercial Business Recycling Service (not residential): Recycling will not be collected on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. It will return to the normal schedule on Friday, November 13, 2026.

Read the original release

Residential Recycling-reference Frederick County Recycling holiday schedule at:

https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/1764/Recycling-Information

There will be NO yard waste collection for NAC's 9, 10, 11 & 12 on Wednesday, November 11,2026.

NAC's 9, 10, 11 & 12 yard waste collection will resume regular schedule on Wednesday

The Department of Housing and Human Services, including the food bank and Community Health Center, will be closed on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026. There will be no intake appointments on November 11th.

The Community Table will operate on its normal schedule.

The parking garages will be open for free parking on Veterans Day and on- street parking will be free as well.
The gates will go down by 7:00 AM on Thursday, November 12th and patrons need to be out of the garages by 7:00 AM on Thursday, November 12th to avoid paying a parking fee.



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COVERING **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Monday, November 9. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS **12:40 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

5200 block WESTVIEW DR — RESIDENCE INN

UNITS: RE74, WCQ27

12:48 am RE74 on the scene, 4-story hotel. Nothing evident.

1:06 am RE74 reports a faulty alarm. Units in service.

ALARMS **5:03 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

500 block HIGHLAND ST — HIGHLAND TECHNOLOGY PARK (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE23, TT4

5:09 am PE23 on the scene, large commercial warehouse. Nothing evident.

5:11 am TT4, PE23 investigated, no hazards present. Alarm system reset.

ALARMS **5:51 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

11700 block OLD ANNAPOLIS RD

UNITS: E172

5:52 am Frederick ECC advises E172 that the alarm company is reporting an accidental alarm. E172 in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **6:32 am**

Building Fire

FIRST block OF GEORGE ST (TANEYTOWN)

UNITS: E61, TW6, A68

PUBLIC SAFETY **6:49 am**

Unit Transfer To Other Station

FIRST block OF E. BALTIMORE ST — STATION 5 (TANEYTOWN VFC)

UNITS: E91, E132

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:09 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS (Automatic Crash Notification)

9800 block OLD NATIONAL PIKE

UNITS: A339, E331

8:13 am E331 located a cell phone in the roadway, no crash. Units in service.

ALARMS **10:25 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

300 block MAGNOLIA AVE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, R2

10:27 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. Units in service.

ALARMS **12:03 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

400 block N. MARKET ST — CUSTOM IMPRINTS (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, TT4

12:05 pm TT4 on the scene, 2-story structure. Nothing evident.

12:09 pm E33 reports accidental alarm. System has been reset.

PUBLIC SAFETY **12:10 pm**

Wires Down Or Arcing

14800 block BLACK ANKLE RD

UNITS: E172

12:32 pm E172 on the scene, confirming phone wires involved. Utility company notified.

FIRE & RESCUE **1:35 pm**

Outside Fire

1300 block W. PATRICK ST — BOSCOVS (FREDERICK TOWNE MALL / DISTRICT 40)

UNITS: E11

TRAFFIC & ROADS **3:21 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

WAYNESBORO PIKE / HARBAUGH VALLEY RD

UNITS: TW6

FIRE & RESCUE **4:09 pm**

Outside Fire

FIRST block OF ROUZER CT (THURMONT)

UNITS: BR106

4:13 pm BR106 on the scene, investigating.

4:18 pm BR106 reports fire extinguished.

ALARMS **4:26 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

5900 block QUINN ORCHARD RD — COUNTRY MEADOWS OF FREDERICK

UNITS: E331, TT4

4:32 pm E331 on the scene, normal exterior conditions. Investigating.

ALARMS **4:51 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

900 block N. MAPLE AVE — BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

UNITS: PE52, TW7

4:55 pm PE52 on the scene, 2-story commercial building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

4:58 pm PE52 placing TW7 in service.

5:03 pm PE52 reports alarm system has been reset.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:55 pm**

Wires Down Or Arcing

4000 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE

UNITS: PE311

5:02 pm PE311 in the area, investigating.

5:13 pm PE311 reports no hazards, however, the homeowner has lost power. Utility company notified.

FIRE & RESCUE **5:06 pm**

Brush Fire Threatening A Structure

7000 block KEYSVILLE RD

UNITS: E132

FIRE & RESCUE **5:50 pm**

Large Brush Fire

800 block CACAPON LODGE DR

UNITS: U7, WILDLAND7

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:03 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

11900 block CREAGERSTOWN RD (CREAGERSTOWN)

UNITS: A169, E162

6:08 pm E162 on scene, single vehicle on the shoulder. Checking on occupant(s).

6:33 pm A169 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Units clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY **6:04 pm**

Entrapment - Peripheral

6800 block WOODRIDGE RD

UNITS: E111, R24, A249, RE171 (updated)

6:13 pm A249 reports no patients required EMS services at the dispatched location. All units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:45 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

US-15NB / ELMER RD, IAO

UNITS: A209, R20, EK204

6:50 pm R20 on scene, US-15NB in the area of Elmer Rd; 2 vehicles on the side of the roadway. Checking on occupants.

7:23 pm A209 obtained a patient refusal. Units clearing the scene when ready.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:52 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS (Automatic Crash Notification)

9400 block DR PERRY RD (URBANA)

UNITS: A238, TT23

6:54 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that the location of the cell phone that sent the ACN is showing in the area of I-270 at Dr Perry Rd.

6:58 pm TT23 on the scene, I-270SB at Dr. Perry Rd; 2 vehicles involved in a possible deer strike, each vehicle on opposite shoulders.

7:01 pm TT23 reports one patient refusal, other vehicle is a property damage collision. Fire/Rescue clearing the scene.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:44 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS (Police On Scene)

I-70WB / 49MM (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: A129, E121

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:45 pm**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

I70WB / 48MM, I70WB / 48MM (near US 40, Exit 48)

UNITS: A129, E121

7:50 pm A129, E121 on the scene, checking on patient.

8:01 pm A129 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Fire/EMS clearing the scene.

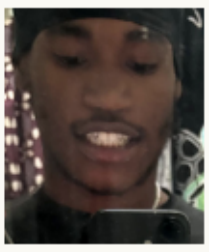
ALARMS **8:12 pm**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

6000 block GARDENIA MEWS (JEFFERSON TECHNOLOGY PARK)

UNITS: E11

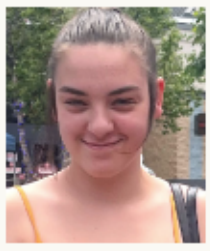
8:22 pm E11 reports an accidental alarm activation. E11 in service.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Missing: Jaden Downes (MD) - Jaden Downes, Age Now: 17, Missing: 10/22/2026. Missing From Baltimore, MD. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT: Baltimore City Police Department
(Maryland)
1-410-396-5312
. #PleaseShare http://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2107394/1

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PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Missing: Kaylee Albright (MD) - Kaylee Albright, Age Now: 17, Missing: 10/31/2026. Missing From Bel Air, MD. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT: Harford County Sheriff's Office
(Maryland)
1-410-838-6600
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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
61° / 36°	69° / 39°	67° / 44°	61° / 38°	47° / 32°	49° / 31°	52° / 32°
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Light Rain	Light Rain Likely	Slight Chance Light Rain then Partly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
ISSUE DAY	2% precip	14% precip	85% precip	64% precip	15% precip	1% precip

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