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- Ag Quad Lot (behind Hutcheson Hall)
- Coliseum Lot
- Dietrick
- Engel/Harper
- Owens

In addition, parking and traffic on the following streets will be affected:

- Ag-Quad Lane
- Drillfield (War Memorial Gym side)
- Kent
- Old Turner
- Washington

Washington Street will become one-way from Duck Pond Drive towards Kent Street and downtown Blacksburg. Very slow moving traffic is expected and the university community is strongly urged to avoid Washington Street during move-in.

Faculty and staff should park in unaffected areas such as Litton-Reaves, Perry Street, and Prices Fork lots.

For more information on campus parking, visit www.parking.vt.edu or call 540-231-3200.

Changes for parking at North End Center parking garage

Beginning August 11, those who do not have a university parking permit will have to pay to park in the North End Center parking garage.

In addition, all faculty and staff will be directed to park on levels P3 – P7. Retail customers will be directed to park on levels P1 – P2.

Visitors to university departments should park on levels P3 – P7 and can be given validation. Otherwise they will be required to pay upon exit.

Rates for parking will range from \$1 - \$4 and might vary depending on events. A lost ticket will be charged \$4.

Payment will be made upon exit at level P3. Only cash, MasterCard, or Visa will be accepted. Booths will be staffed 6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. on weekdays, and at night and weekends during certain events. The pay on foot stations on level P2 are not currently in operation.

The center lane on level P3 will no longer be used as an entrance.

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Faculty and staff should check their entries in the 2014-15 University Directory

Individual faculty and staff listings (the orange-bordered pages in the current University Directory) are generated directly from the HRIS Banner System.

All faculty and staff members are encouraged to double-check their entries online by using Virginia Tech People Search.

Faculty and staff can change some errors by logging on to My VT using their PID and password. In the event of errors that cannot be changed (e.g., job title), please contact your Banner representative immediately.

All corrections must be completed by 5 p.m. Sept. 5, at which time the data for faculty and staff listings for the 2014-15 University Directory will be extracted.

For more information, contact the Human Resources Service Center at 540-231-9331.

Job applicants and employees invited to disclose disability and protected veteran status

In accordance with new federal legislation, individuals applying for a job at Virginia Tech will now be asked to voluntarily disclose whether they are an individual with a disability and/or as a protected veteran at the same time they are asked to identify their race/ethnicity and gender. Current employees will be surveyed periodically and reminded to update this information in Hokie Spa (https://banweb.banner.vt.edu/ssb/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWW>Login).

Once logged in, employees can click on "Hokie TEAM" and then select "Update Disability Information" toward the bottom of the page.

The fine print: The U.S. Department of Labor recently announced additional rules regarding a federal contractor's affirmative action and nondiscrimination obligations for individuals with disabilities and for protected veterans. The new Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 outline specific activities in the areas of recruitment, training, record-keeping and policy dissemination.

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Award-winning dining centers open for fall semester

Residence halls open and students begin moving in on Wednesday August 20, 2014. All fall semester dining plans begin Thursday, August 21 at 4 p.m.

Here is a list of dining centers that are open as students begin returning to campus:

www.dining.vt.edu/hours/index.html. All dining centers begin regular operating hours on Monday, August 25.

Remember: Hokie Spirit Picnic, Sunday August 24. Dinner will be FREE from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Lane Stadium. Campus residents, bring your room key for entry and a great time.

For more information, contact Bill Foy at 540-231-5258.

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Prevent mulch and grass fires

Summer in Virginia means dry grass and mulch. During this time, it's especially important for all smoking materials to be disposed of properly. Otherwise, fires can be the result.

Remember:

- Always use appropriate receptacles for disposing of smoking materials and matches.
- Don't discard cigarettes into mulch or potted plants.
- Do not throw lit smoking materials out of the car window.

-- Summer weather can make a small fire grow quickly. Call 911 immediately if you see a mulch or grass fire.

Visit the Office of Emergency Management website (www.emergency.vt.edu/) for more safety information or contact them at 540-231-2438.

Legislation requires all employees to report suspected child abuse, neglect

While everyone should be concerned about child abuse and neglect, certain individuals are required by law to report suspected instances.

As an employee of Virginia Tech, you are a mandated reporter as set out in §63.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia and in Policy 4815, Minors on Campus or Participating in University-Related Programs.

Mandated reporters, including all Virginia Tech faculty

and staff, are those people who, in their professional or official capacity, are required to report instances of suspected child abuse and neglect to the local Social Services Department or to the Department of Social Services toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline (1-800-552-7096).

A list of questions and answers specific to Virginia Tech employees related to the law is available at www.hr.vt.edu/employeescorner/policy/child_abuse_and_neglect_reporting.html.

For more information, contact the Human Resources Service Center at 540-231-9331.

BT4U mobile app provides real-time bus information

Blacksburg Transit's BT4U mobile app for iPhone and Android makes it easier for riders to plan trips and eliminates the need for bus schedules.

Features of the app include:

- Real-time bus departure information.
- The ability to plan trips now or at a future date/time.
- The ability to save favorite trips.
- Review detailed trip information such as directions from current location to the closest bus stop.
- Total time and maps for trips.
- An alarm to alert you when you need to begin your trip.
- A "Go Home" button that automatically plans a trip home from any location in Blacksburg.

Call 540-961-1185 for more information.

Riding in a vanpool can save money

The Virginia Tech Vanpool Program is available for full-time, permanent employees for commuting purposes.

Benefits:

- Share the cost
- Share the ride
- Monthly cost is payroll deducted using pre-tax dollars
- Reserved parking space for your van
- Fuel for less at Fleet Services' pump
- Van maintenance included in monthly cost
- Qualified vanpool drivers ride free

Call 540-231-0248 for more information.

2015 holiday, winter closing schedule announced

The 2015 holiday schedule was recently released by the governor's office and is now available online, along with the 2015 winter closing schedule. The combined document is available at

www.hr.vt.edu/benefits/leave/holiday_schedule/index.html

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