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Commonwealth of Virginia Office of Governor Terry McAuliffe

The following is an open letter to all state employees sent on Apr. 8.

During the week of May 1, we will celebrate Virginia Public Service Week to honor your dedicated work as public servants of the Commonwealth. On Thursday, May 12, I will recognize the outstanding employee recipients of the Governor's Awards for Public Service in a ceremony at the Executive Mansion.

These awards highlight the excellence of our state workforce in serving Virginia citizens.

I am honored to present these awards in such categories as career achievement, customer service, innovation and teamwork. You also have an opportunity to participate in the celebration as a state employee Ambassador to recognize the award recipients. I encourage you to consider representing your fellow colleagues in this role at the Governor's Awards ceremony.

If you are interested in serving as an Ambassador, please let us know. You can sign up online at <http://survey.dhrm.virginia.gov/TakeSurveyPage.aspx?s=ee8cb90fbc0a47b3aa48026c4e7d016f&tsid=b419018e885942eebf36f7fc45a920fe&c=en-US> until Friday, April 22, 2016. Everyone who applies will be entered in a random drawing to select 24 employee Ambassadors from all regions of the Commonwealth.

If you have questions about the program, send an email to vpsw@dhrm.virginia.gov or visit the Virginia Public Service Week web pages at www.dhrm.virginia.gov. Thank you for everything you do for our great Commonwealth.

Earth Week 2016 events include activities aimed at building a more sustainable community

Virginia Tech's annual Earth Week celebration, April 17-24, aims to build a more just and sustainable community through education, action, and appreciation for the world.

The Environmental Coalition hosts Earth Week each year with the support of Virginia Tech's Office of Sustainability and more than 10 student and community groups.

This year's events will include tree planting, art, movies, lectures, and games. Each day of Earth Week will feature events focused on a theme: Monday is clean energy, Tuesday is

nature and sustainability, Wednesday is food and farms, Thursday is health, and Friday is social justice.

Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., the week kicks off with a community meal and art auction at Blacksburg United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, April 19, 1-3 p.m., Virginia Tech First Lady Laura Sands will assist with a tree planting initiative Virginia Tech's Office of Sustainability will lead the effort to plant 10 Patriot Elm trees on the east side of West Campus Drive. Volunteers are welcome to help with the effort.

Wednesday, April 20, 1-1:30 p.m., Virginia Tech President Tim Sands will preside over the installation of a solar table outside of Prichard Hall. The idea for the table came from the Students for Clean Energy group.

During the week, individuals who are "caught green handed" doing environmentally conscious activities will receive a sticker. These activities include riding bikes, using reusable water bottles, coffee mugs, and shopping bags, taking the bus, and making use of Dining Service's Reusable ToGo Program. This program is coordinated by the university's Office of Sustainability and the Town of Blacksburg's Sustainable Blacksburg group.

A full schedule of events is available on the Environmental Coalition's website at <https://theecvt.com/earth-week/>.

Parking restrictions to start April 15 for Day of Remembrance events

The Virginia Tech Day of Remembrance will be held Saturday, April 16.

As a result of the planned events and the large number of anticipated attendees, on-campus traffic and parking will be affected. Those planning to attend the scheduled events are strongly encouraged to carpool or use other means of alternative transportation.

Friday, April 15

The Drillfield will be closed beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15. No parking will be permitted. At 10 p.m., parking will be prohibited in the following areas:

- Washington Street
- Beamer Way
- Golf Course Lot along Duck Pond Road
- Kent Street

All vehicles must be removed from these areas including the Drillfield by 10 p.m. Friday, April 15, or be subject to towing. These areas will be restricted until the end of the 3.2 Run in Remembrance at about 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

Saturday, April 16

There will be no through traffic on Alumni Mall from 8 a.m. Saturday, April 16, until the end of the 3.2 Mile Run in Remembrance (www.recsports.vt.edu/events/2016-day-remembrance-32-mile-run-remembrance). Vehicles parked in the following lots will not be allowed to exit until the end of the run:

- Wright House Lot
- Hahn Lot

- Duck Pond Overflow Lot
- Price Hall Lot
- Engel Lot
- Coliseum Lot
- Coliseum East (Basketball Practice) Lot
- Basketball Practice Ext. Lot
- Northern part of Stadium Lot
- Owens Lot
- Bookstore Lot
- Grove Lane
- Davidson Lot
- Smithfield Road Lot
- General Parking

Public parking for all events will be in the large commuter lots between Prices Fork Road and Perry Street. The Rec Sports field and Health and Safety lots (off Research Center Drive), will be available for media vehicles. No visitor parking permits will be required on April 16.

For information about the routes and schedules visit Blacksburg Transit at www.blacksburg.gov/index.aspx?page=791 or call 540-961-1185. For more information concerning parking, contact Parking and Transportation at 540-231-3200 or parking@vt.edu.

Parking restrictions to start April 22 for Relay for Life

The Virginia Tech Relay for Life will take place on Friday, April 22, at 5 p.m. through the night until 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 23.

As a result of the planned event and the large number of anticipated attendees, on-campus traffic and parking will be affected. Those planning to attend the scheduled event are strongly encouraged to carpool or use other means of alternative transportation.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, the Burruss side of the Drillfield will close. No parking will be permitted. All vehicles must be removed from the Drillfield by 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, or be subject to towing. These areas will be restricted until the end of the Relay for Life event at 5 a.m. Saturday, April 23.

General Parking

Public parking for this event will be in the large commuter lots between Prices Fork Road and Perry Street.

No visitor parking permits will be required after 12 p.m. on April 22.

For information about the routes and schedules visit Blacksburg Transit at www.blacksburg.gov/index.aspx?page=791 or call 540-961-1185.

For more information concerning parking, contact Parking and Transportation at parking@vt.edu or 540-231-3200.

Learn to serve your community during an emergency

Learn more about personal preparedness and how you can help to serve your community during an emergency by participating in the Office of Emergency Management's Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) training.

This summer's training will be held from May 25 to July 27. Classes will meet from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the Public Safety Building. Registration is required, and early registration is recommended. To register visit, https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e98rZserJrv1vm.

C-CERT training teaches volunteers about responding to disasters in their communities and about the first response and community service opportunities available in the New River Valley area. The course involves both hands-on and lecture opportunities to learn skills and knowledge associated with emergency response.

Each lesson provides a glimpse into a different area of emergency

management and response. Topics include:

- Disaster preparedness and C-CERT organization
- Hazard Identification
- Fire safety
- Urban and wilderness search and rescue
- Terrorism awareness
- Portable radio use
- Disaster psychology
- CPR and First Aid certification
- ICS 100 certification
- Additional emergency knowledge, skills, and abilities

The C-CERT Training course is taught by experts in the field, so volunteers will have the opportunity ask questions of police officers, firefighters, EMTs, incident management experts, and members of Virginia Tech's Office of Emergency Management.

For additional information, or if you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at oem@vt.edu during regular business hours at least 10 business days prior to training.

Save the date: Staff Appreciation Day scheduled for May 18

On May 18, Virginia Tech will celebrate the hard work and dedication of nearly 3,500 staff members. Staff Appreciation Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rector Field House. All staff, non-student wage employees, and emergency hires are invited to participate.

This year's event will offer a wide range of activities to include campus tours, bingo, stress-relieving massages, team competitions, and more. Supervisors are encouraged to allow all staff employees to attend for a minimum of several hours to participate in the activities. Please refer to the memorandum from the President's Office at https://vtnews.vt.edu/content/dam/vtnews_vt_edu/articles/evergreen-briefs/hr/sadmemofrompresident.pdf.

Further information will soon be available on the Staff Appreciation Day website at www.hr.vt.edu/employeescorner/staff-appreciation/index.html.

For more information, contact the President's Office at 540-231-7111.

Discover how to save for vacation

Everyone needs a vacation from time to time, but saving the money to pay them can be difficult. On April 28, Alex White, professor of dairy sciences, will present financial tips and guidelines to help employees successfully save for vacations.

The session, which is part of the Hokie Wellness Spring Wellness series, sponsored by Carilion Clinic and the Department of Human Resources, will be held from 2-3 p.m. at North End Center (room 2440).

Registration is required. To register, visit www.training.vt.edu, click "view by alpha" and search for "Spring Wellness Series 2016: Tips to Successfully Save for your Next Vacation."

For more information, contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or 540-231-8878 (employees) or 540-231-2233 (students).

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