

April 16 Memorial accessibility upgrades to take place beginning July 11

Beginning July 11 through approximately Aug. 1, the Facilities Department will be implementing a series of accessibility upgrades (<https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2019/05/ops-accessibility1.html>) at the April 16 Memorial. During this period there will be no access to the Memorial.

Parking and access along Drillfield Drive will not be impacted.

Please direct any questions to Anthony Watson at anwatson@vt.edu or Bo Frazier at frazierj@vt.edu.

Virginia Tech community exceeds 2019 Lights Out!/Power Down! goal

For the 10th year in a row, the Virginia Tech community exceeded its goal during the annual Lights Out!/Power Down! event held on June 27 on the Blacksburg campus.

During the one-hour time period (2-3 p.m.) the university reduced its campus electrical demand to an average 20,500 kilowatts from a 28,450 kilowatts peak earlier in the day, almost an 8,000 kilowatt reduction.

The demand goal for the 2019 event was 22,000 kilowatts for the hour, a reduction of 5,200 kilowatts.

Virginia Tech will receive approximately \$128,000 for successfully participating in the program.

Since 2010, Virginia Tech has received more than \$1.8 million by participating in the Interruptible Load Reliability energy reduction program. The program is part of Virginia Tech's agreement with PJM Interconnection, Virginia's regional electric transmission grid operator, and is managed by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy and administered by CPower.

As a large consumer of electricity in the region, Virginia Tech's participation helps mitigate the loss of power in the broader community during times of

peak energy usage, such as hot, humid summer afternoons and early evenings. This program allows the university to test its ability to meet that demand should those conditions occur.

"Lights Out!/Power Down! is a prime example of the university community's commitment to environmental stewardship in action," said Chris Kiwus, associate vice president and chief facilities officer. "Together, we achieved our goal by turning off lighting, turning down air conditioning, and turning off or unplugging computers, appliances, and other electronics during the hour."

Lights Out!/PowerDown! is one illustration of how Virginia Tech is making strides in reducing its environmental footprint and building sustainability awareness. The efforts are also a clear reflection of Virginia Tech's Climate Action Commitment (VTCAC).

Now in its 10th year, the VTCAC serves as a cornerstone for guiding the university toward a greener, more sustainable future. It touches on all aspects of university sustainability and energy efficiency, including campus operations, facilities, curriculum, and research.

The Division of Motor Vehicles returns to Virginia Tech

DMV Connect will return to campus, Tuesday, July 23, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in room 2410 at the North End Center.

DMV Connect will offer a variety of services including but not limited to: Address change, driver's license, ID card (adult, child, veteran), vehicle titles and registrations, Handicap parking permit, and hunting and fishing licenses.

Additionally, DMV Connect can provide the REAL ID. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, Virginians will need a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card - or another federally approved form of identification, such as a U.S. passport or some military IDs - to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility.

All applicants for a REAL ID compliant credential, including current Virginia credential holders,

must apply in-person, and pay a \$10 one-time REAL ID surcharge in addition to standard renewal or replacement fees. Driver's licenses and ID cards may be renewed up to one year before the expiration date.

Several documents must be presented when applying for a REAL ID. Please bring physical documentation of:

- Identity and legal presence - such as an: Unexpired U.S. passport or U.S. birth certificate (original) and, if applicable, proof of name change such as marriage certificates (original signed by clerk of court).
- Social Security Number - a Social Security card or W-2 form that shows all 9 digits.
- Two proofs of residency - this can be your valid Virginia driver's license with your current residential street address, voter registration card, recent utility bills, or rental lease agreement or mortgage statement. No P.O. boxes, your proof must show physical address.

For more information, contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or call 540-231-8878. Read more: bit.ly/2Xjxr78

Hokie Wellness offering rescheduled session on how to purchase a home when you have student debt

Do not let student debt prevent the purchase of a home. If student debt is holding back dreams of home ownership, come join the experts from Community Housing Partners' home ownership team to learn about new and existing mortgage products that are designed to work alongside student debt.

Discussion will include the advantages/disadvantages of these products as well as how to use them to increase borrowing power.

The session, "Purchasing a Home when you have Student Debt," has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 18, from 12-1 p.m. at the North End Center in room 2410. Registration is required at bit.ly/2NtZf4a.

For more information about the program, contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or call 540-231-8878.

Weight Watchers at Work offers new, lowered monthly price

Hokie Wellness and Weight Watchers have announced a new, lower monthly membership price.

Effective July 1, the price for joining Weight Watchers at Work will be \$19.11 per month. The new price for digital membership will be \$8.48 per month. In conjunction with this new rate, reimbursement forms will no longer be submitted.

Employees enrolled in a state health plan are eligible for the new price of \$19.11 per month. Employees not enrolled in a state health plan, spouses, and adult dependents are eligible for the discounted price of \$38.22 per month.

Subscriptions will continue to renew automatically each month at the new rate until the subscription is cancelled. The new pricing on will be on the first billing cycle following the effective date.

Please Note: Because reimbursements will no longer be necessary, Sunday, June 30, is the last day that may be counted toward a reimbursement. Please submit the final reimbursement form by Wednesday, July 31.

Weight Watchers at Work holds two meetings on campus each week. A Tuesday meeting is held at the Student Services Building in room 230 and a Wednesday meeting is held at the North End Center in room 3600. Meetings are noon-1 p.m.

For more information, contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or call 540-231-1228. Read more: bit.ly/2FQaUUH