

NEWS & INFORMATION

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Parking information for Sept. 17 football game

To accommodate the increased volume of vehicular traffic on campus, the following parking and traffic changes will be in place for the September 17 home football game. Vehicles must be removed from these lots and roads or are subject to being towed.

Friday, September 16

The following lots and roads will be restricted to no additional parking after 5 p.m. All vehicles must be removed from these lots and roads by 10 p.m.:

- Litton-Reaves/Wallace Lots (located off Washington Street and Duck Pond Drive)
- Coliseum Lot (located off Washington Street and Beamer Way)
- Stadium Lot
- Chicken Hill
- Track/Field House Lot (on Beamer Way)
- Vet-Medicine Lot (north-side only)
- Health and Safety Lot (located off Research Center Drive)
- Food Sciences Lot
- Maintenance Lot (located off Southgate Drive)
- Engel/Cheatham Lot
- Price Hall Lot
- Davidson Lot
- Smithfield Lot (located off Smithfield Road)
- Architecture Annex-Media Lot
- Lower Stanger Lot
- Rec Field Lot (off Research Center Drive)
- Wright House Lot
- Hahn Lot
- Duck Pond Drive Lot (the cage) only the commuter/graduate interior section at the south end of the lot near Vet-Med
- Beamer Way
- Duck Pond-Overflow Lot (located off Oak Lane)
- Perry Street Lot #3
- Basketball Practice Facility and Extension lot
- Virginia Tech Electric Service/University Library Storage
- Facility lots
- Washington Street (parallel spaces from West Campus Drive to Kent Street)
- West Stadium Lot (small lot adjacent to the stadium)

Commuter, graduate, and resident student vehicles parked along the outside perimeter of the Duck Pond Road Lot (the cage) must be relocated by 5 p.m. All resident student vehicles must be removed from the Stadium and Chicken Hill Parking Lots by 10 p.m.

Resident students may park in one of the following areas:

- Resident section of Duck Pond Drive Lot (the cage) interior spaces only. (Perimeter of the lot is reserved for RV vehicles)
- Prices Fork Lot 5 and 6

Please note that resident students must be back in the resident lots by 7 a.m. Monday, September 19.

For more information contact Parking and Transportation at 540-231-3200.

Virginia Tech Police Department to hold Community Day Oct. 1

As part of the university's Fall Family Weekend festivities, the Virginia Tech Police Department will host its fifth annual Community Day celebration on Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students, employees, and the general public are invited to attend the free event to learn more about the award-winning and nationally accredited police department.

About 1,000 people are expected to attend the free event, which will take place on Virginia Tech's Drillfield and will include activities for people of all ages. The rain location is War Memorial Hall.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of interactive activities, including:

- Drunk Goggle Carts
- Donut eating contest
- EFFORT Obstacle Course
- DUI simulator
- Dunk-A-Cop
- K-9 demonstrations
- Regional Dive Team
- Bloodmobile
- Night Vision Obstacle Course

A driving simulator will allow participants to measure the difference in their reaction time when they're behind the wheel while intoxicated. Participants will drive a golf cart through a cone course while wearing impairment goggles.

The event will also include free food and prizes. Several community organizations will be on hand to share information and talk with participants about their organizations. The Virginia Tech Rescue Squad, Blacksburg Fire Department, Blacksburg Police, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Christiansburg Police, and Carilion Lifeguard (helicopter) crew will have ongoing demonstrations throughout the day. The Virginia Tech Police Department's Emergency Response Team and K-9 Team will lead demonstrations as well.

The Drillfield is located across the street from Burruss Hall at 800 Drillfield Drive in Blacksburg.

More information is available at www.police.vt.edu/programs-training/community-services-program/community-day.html.

Flu vaccination clinics and shingles vaccinations offered on-campus

Employees and students are encouraged to do their part in keeping the flu from spreading through the community by receiving an annual seasonal flu vaccine.

The 2016 schedule of Hokie Wellness flu vaccination clinics is now available at www.hr.vt.edu/benefits/wellness/flu-shots and registration is open. Clinics will be held at several campus locations from October 5 through November 16. New this year is the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine at Wallace Hall and at the Corporate Research Center.

The vaccine that will be provided at every flu vaccination

clinic will be the Trivalent (3 strain), inactive flu vaccine.

The High Dose Trivalent (inactive) and the Pediatric flu vaccine (inactive) are available by advance request by contacting Hokie Wellness at 540-231-933, provided that the pharmacy hosting the clinic is available to acquire the product.

The Shingles vaccine will also be offered at four of the clinics. Employees should check with their insurance provider to confirm coverage requirements prior to registering. Coverage is generally based on age.

The Shingles vaccine is a live, subcutaneous injection. Individuals with a weakened immune system, anyone who has had shingles previously, or anyone with an allergy to any vaccine component cannot receive the vaccine. Common side effects include redness, irritation, or rash at injection site, headache, malaise, and fever.

Detailed information about the various products is available at www.hr.vt.edu/benefits/wellness/flu-shots.

Registration is required for both the flu vaccination and the shingles vaccination. To register, visit www.training.vt.edu, click "View by Alpha" and search for "Flu Vaccine."

The flu vaccination is free for benefitted employees and the cost for non-benefitted employees and students remains \$21.

New this year, wage employees are eligible to receive a free vaccine at the employee flu vaccination clinics.

For more information about the flu vaccination clinics, contact Hokie Wellness at 540-231-8878 (employees) or 540-231-2233 (students).

Register for National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebration event

In celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, ADA and Accessibility Services in the Office for Equity and Accessibility hosts an event each October that celebrates and highlights the university's commitment to build and maintain a culture of inclusion and diversity.

All employees are invite to attend this year's event, Animals and the Americans with Disabilities Act, on Friday, October 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena (500 Plantation Road Blacksburg, VA 24060). Saint Francis Service Dogs and Healing Strides of Virginia will present and provide demonstrations.

The event is free, but seating is limited. Registration is required by October 7. To register, visit <http://oea.vt.edu/ada-accessibility-services/ndeam.html>. Individuals with a disability who desire an accommodation should contact Mike Kutnak at 540-231-2010 by 5 p.m. on October 5.

For more information contact the Office for Equity and Accessibility at 540-231-2010.

Huckleberry Trail detoured, visitors asked to pay attention to changes

The Huckleberry Trail is undergoing construction as part of the Southgate Interchange Project, and public safety officials are asking visitors pay attention to changes.

The roughly seven-mile nature path connects the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library on Draper Road in Blacksburg to the Christiansburg Recreation Center in Christiansburg. Each year, thousands of people walk, bike, run, shoot nature photography, and sightsee along the trail.

An underpass for the new Research Center Drive is being built in the same location of the trail's old underpass that went under the farm road. During construction detours will be in place to ensure the safety of trail users. The detour will be in place until the trail is completed in December 2017.

When finished, the trail will have a new tunnel under the new Southgate

Drive. The tunnel under Route 460 will be extended, improving sight distance for trail users, and three new trail roundabouts will be installed to improve flow across trail-to-trail intersections.

During construction it is important for visitors to travel at safe speeds and pay attention to changes in the road surface and any heavy machinery that may be in operation.

The Virginia Tech Police Department recommends that individuals employ the buddy method when using the trail and avoid the area at night. When an in-person buddy is unavailable, Virginia Tech's LiveSafe mobile app has a SafeWalk feature that allows users to send a virtual request to a buddy who can monitor their location on a real-time map. SafeWalk users can also chat with one another or call 911 in the app environment if needed.

A variety of resources, including maps and a listing of things to do on the trail, are available on the Friends of the Huckleberry Trail website at <http://huckleberrytrail.org/>.

Annual event celebrates those who bike, walk, vanpool, and carpool to campus

Virginia Tech students and employees will have the opportunity to learn more about the various commuting options available at the Active Commute Celebration on Sept. 21.

The Active Commute Celebration, which is held annually during Virginia Tech's Sustainability Week, recognizes those who choose to bike, bus, walk, carpool, or vanpool to campus, and also serves to educate the community about transportation options.

In support of the Heads Up Hokies Campaign, this year's event will emphasize safety.

The celebration will be held on the main Squires Plaza from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include free breakfast from Panera Bread. Individuals will be able to participate in a helmet decorating contest and a free bike helmet giveaway courtesy of The Gregory Weiner Foundation.

Several campus organizations will participate in the event, including Hokie Wellness, the Virginia Tech Police Department, the Office of Emergency Management, Dining Services, the Office of Energy and Sustainability, and Parking Services.

A number of community groups will participate as well. They include Blacksburg Transit, RIDE Solutions, Sustainable Blacksburg, and Zimride.

Update on email threats received Aug. 29 Friday, September 9, 2016, 4:35 p.m.

Working with state and federal partners, the Virginia Tech Police Department has been able to identify that the threatening emails originated from a South American country. Both federal and foreign authorities have been involved in the investigation and have now assumed primary roles. The Virginia Tech Police Department continues to provide assistance to those agencies, as needed.

Safety is the responsibility of everyone and community members are encouraged to report suspicious behavior, including emails and social media posts that raise concern. Information should be reported to the Police Department at 540-382-4343 or emailed to threatassessment@vt.edu. Anonymous reports can also be made on the Police Department website.

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