

Car Washing Ban at the Motor Pool

On August 30, 2002, Governor Warner issued an Executive Order, which requires all agencies and institutions (including Virginia Tech) to refrain from any nonessential water use, including washing vehicles. Due to this order, the Motor Pool at Virginia Tech has stopped washing their motor pool rental vehicles. The interiors will continue to be vacuumed and the windshields cleaned, but only vehicles that are extremely dirty will be sent to a commercial site for cleaning. Please bear with us if the outside of your next rental vehicle is not up to our usual standard of cleanliness; we are just doing our part in conserving water.



Parking Ticket Appeals Committee

Are you interested in joining the Parking Ticket Appeals Committee for Virginia Tech? This Committee is made up of volunteer faculty, staff and students who hear parking ticket appeals and decide the final outcome of the ticket. In deciding a ticket, the Committee considers extenuating circumstances surrounding the ticket. If you would like to assist in the appeals process and would like more information about the Parking Ticket Appeals Committee, please contact Parking Services at 231-3200.

Bike Rack Survey

The Office of Transportation has recently completed a survey of bike racks around Campus. Bike rack type (moveable or permanent loops), location and use were identified. Over the next year, Physical Plant will be installing new, more aesthetically pleasing and bicycle friendly bike loops in certain high use and visible areas. These loops have been in storage on campus for awhile, awaiting identification of proposed site locations.

If you know of any bike racks not being used or in a poor location, please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737.

Motor Pool Can Save Your Department Money and Time

The Motor Pool Shop can perform most repairs and maintenance on state-tagged vehicles with labor rates that are more competitive than those offered by a public repair shop. They also offer transportation back to your office or can rent you another vehicle while yours is being serviced. Contact the shop at mpshop@vt.edu or 231-9928.

The Motor Pool Parts Department can order any new parts for state-tagged domestic automobiles, trucks, and vans, going back ten model years. They can also have parts delivered to the Motor Pool from dealers, as well as after-market vendors. In addition, they stock most maintenance items which can be picked up over the counter in the shop. Contact us at 231-2688 or mpparts@vt.edu

Mailing Label

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

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The Transportation Update is published throughout the year to keep you informed of services, changes and improvements in the world of transportation at Virginia Tech. For more information or comments, please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737 or email sducker@vt.edu web site: www.ot.vt.edu



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Derring Parking Lot Improvement

During the construction of the new Chemistry/Physics building, one of the two exits from Derring Parking Lot was closed. This has caused some delays and frustration to those who exit the lot during the evening commute home.

Responding to customer requests, a new temporary exit (only) will be added adjacent to the construction entrance on the north side of the construction site. This will be a right turn, exit only onto West Campus Drive. For more information on this project, contact Dale Huff at 231-7641.



BT Mystery Rider Program

The Office of Transportation is developing a Blacksburg Transit (BT) Mystery Rider Program to assess the level of service provided by BT. A simple survey will be provided to participating riders, which asks a few questions like: Was the bus on time? If not, how late was the bus? Did a

full bus pass your stop? How crowded was the bus? Was the bus clean?, etc.

We envision this to be an on-going program and not just a one-time survey per rider. If you are interested in participating, please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737.

Hop on the Hokie Express

If you need to get around Campus, why not try the Hokie Express? The Hokie Express is a free shuttle service that runs frequently from the Drillfield to the front of Litton Reeves, into the parking areas behind Litton Reeves and Wallace Hall and onto the Overflow Lot off of Duck Pond Drive. It operates from 7:00am to 1:15 am, Monday-Friday with a 8-10 minute frequency from 10:00am until 2:00pm and a 15 minute frequency at other times. Check out the schedule for the Hokie Express and other BT routes on www.btransit.org.



Leave your car in the parking lot and take a free ride on the Hokie Express: Don't forget to show your Hokie Passport at the door!

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