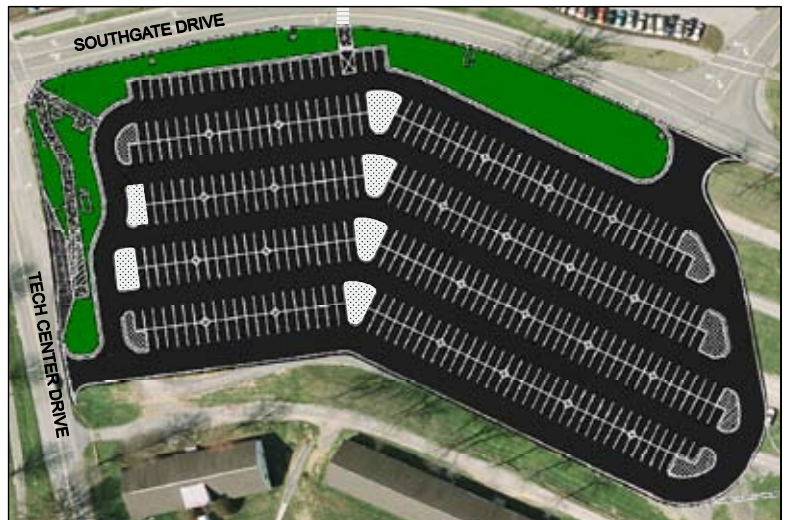


Chicken Hill Parking Lot Construction to Start, Spring 2008

The Office of Transportation recently received authorization to construct a new parking lot. The Chicken Hill Lot, will be located at the south east corner of the intersection of Southgate Rd and Tech Center Dr. This lot is currently unpaved and used for construction and football parking.

When completed, the lot will accommodate approximately 475 vehicles and be served by Blacksburg Transit's CRC Route. The Chicken Hill Lot will include a sidewalk along Tech



Chicken Hill Parking Lot

Center Drive and will be part of the regional storm water management plan. Construction on this lot is scheduled to start in spring, 2008, with completion in August, 2008. For more information on this project, contact Mike Dunn at 231-7641 or by e-mail at midunn2@vt.edu.

“The Hokie Express Bus Wrap Contest was a great collaboration between BT, the Office of Transportation and the Virginia Tech community.”

- Steve Mouras, Director, Office of Transportation.

Hokie Express Winning Design Announced



Dave Elmore's Winning Design

We asked the campus community to submit artwork for the “Design Your Ride: Show Hokie Pride” bus wrap contest. As a result, we received many great designs. Now the votes are in. Dave Elmore, employee of VT’s Professional and Continuing Education Department, had his design chosen as a result of an open on-line voting process. Dave’s winning design will be “wrapped” on the Hokie Express Route buses, with an unveiling ceremony scheduled for February, 2008. His artwork will remain on the buses for approximately 3 years.

Thanks to the generosity of BT, Dave will also receive a \$200 gift certificate for the Downtown Blacksburg Merchants. Carter Reed won second place and will receive a \$150 gift certificate, and Benjamin Hannam won 3rd place and will receive a \$100 gift certificate. To view the winning designs, visit www.hec.travel.vt.edu.

Congratulations to all three, and thanks to everyone who participated!



Appeals Hearing Subcommittee Needs Members

Students, faculty and staff are needed to become members of the Parking Appeals Hearing Subcommittee. This committee makes final decisions on the appeals of customers that receive a ticket at VT. The volunteers will be expected to attend a 1-2 hour committee meeting every 2 weeks, when classes are in session, and occasionally during the summer. As an incentive, all committee members who attend at least half of the hearings in a semester will receive a free semester parking permit. For more information, contact Kathryn Dew at dewk@vt.edu, or call 231-7055.

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Site and Infrastructure Development completes Duck Pond Retrofit project



The Site and Infrastructure Development team recently completed the Duck Pond Retrofit project, which focused on reducing runoff and improving Stroubles Creek. Site and Infrastructure Development is responsible for, among other things, the management of stormwater runoff in the local watershed.

In order to improve stormwater management at the Duck Pond, the team installed equipment to control runoff velocities, reduce channel bank erosion and provide additional "pooling" time in the upper Duck Pond, decreasing sediments before the water makes its way to Stroubles Creek.

Alternative Transportation celebrated the Second Annual Active Commute Day on October 22

The Alternative Transportation department celebrated the second annual Active Commute Day on October 22, kicking off Sustainability Week 2007.

We welcomed more than 100 faculty, staff and students to breakfast on the Drillfield as a way of thanking those who choose to participate in the Commuter Alternatives Program, through the Bike, Bus, & Walk, Carpool, or Vanpool programs.

This year, East Coasters Cycling, CommonHealth, Blacksburg Transit, the Smart Way Bus and RIDE Solutions provided information related to their services. And, the Virginia Tech Police Department registered more than 30 bikes.



Active Commute Day 2007

For more information regarding Alternative Transportation Programs at Virginia Tech, visit www.ot.vt.edu, or contact Debby Freed, Alternative Transportation Manager at dfreed@vt.edu.

