

UNI-DIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM

Beginning June 27, 2005, The Blacksburg-Christiansburg-VPI Water Authority, the water supplier for the Virginia Tech campus, will change its method of disinfecting drinking water from free chlorine to chloramination. The change is being made to comply with increasingly stringent federal and state regulations on levels of disinfection by-products (DBPs) in drinking water. In an effort to ease the transition of chloramination into the water distribution system, Virginia Tech will be conducting a flushing program that will assist with purging the lines of build-up and excess chlorine that may already be present. This program will involve flushing fire hydrants at different locations across campus until the chloramination transition has been completely moved through the system.



Chloraminated water will affect those who undergo kidney dialysis and all dialysis patients are encouraged to consult their physician prior to 27 June. Chloramines may also be harmful to aquatic life and reptiles so anyone using publicly supplied water in aquariums, fish tanks, or outdoor ponds will need to be aware of this change. It is suggested that owners of aquariums, fish tanks, and outdoor ponds speak with their local pet supply store about the dechloramination options.

Detailed information on the new water treatment process will be posted to the Blacksburg-Christiansburg-VPI Water Authority web site, found at <http://www.h2o4u.org> Questions can be directed to the water authority at (540) 961-1119.

VIRGINIA TECH EARNS BEST WORKPLACE FOR COMMUTERS DESIGNATION

Earlier this year, Virginia Tech was designated one of the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).



Best Workplaces for CommutersSM, a voluntary partnership program designed to cut traffic congestion and traffic-related air pollution, recognizes employers that provide environmentally friendly commuter benefits to employees. Offering these commuter benefits identifies Virginia Tech as an organization committed to reducing pollution, commuting costs, traffic congestion, and employee stress caused by single-occupant vehicle commuting.

Virginia Tech offers an array of benefits that help employees pursue environmentally friendly and cost-effective commuting strategies. As part of the company's comprehensive commuter benefits program, Virginia Tech offers commuting options and support services such as the faculty/staff carpool program, subsidized BT transit fares, carpool matching, and the Commuter Alternatives Program designed for employees and commuting students who don't purchase a Virginia Tech parking permit, visit www.ot.vt.edu for links to more information.

The results of Virginia Tech's efforts will be reflected in the environment and in the bottom line. Virginia Tech's programs reduce commuting costs not only for its employees, but also for all commuters by taking cars off the road and reducing traffic congestion. The production of ground-level ozone, the major component of smog, is reduced as well.

For more information regarding alternative transportation options, please contact Debby Freed - 1-1737 or email dfreed@vt.edu



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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 Debby Freed at 231-1737 or email dfreed@vt.edu web site: www.ot.vt.edu



BUILDING MORE BIKE TRAILS



Ground breaking will take place this summer, for Phase II of Virginia Tech's Hokie Bikeways project, the Cranwell Connection. Virginia Tech was awarded \$167,000 for this phase of the Hokie Bikeways project. Funding is made possible by the federal government's Transportation Enhancement grant program and is designed to improve the university's bicycle transportation system. The Cranwell Connection will be a 10 foot wide asphalt trail, 3/8 of a mile long, linking the Shared Pathway on Washington Street, going past the Cranwell International Center, to the Southgate Drive Huckleberry Trail Spur. A gravel pathway already exists at this location. The trail will also include the installation of lights, signs and new landscaping. Call Debby Freed (1-1737) with questions.

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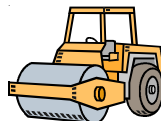
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SUMMER PAVING/SEALING PROGRAM



Following Virginia Tech's commencement ceremony, repaving will begin for many roads & parking lots on the Blacksburg campus. This summer VDOT will pave:

- West Campus Drive between the intersection of Washington Street and Grove Lane
- North Drill Field Drive between the intersection of Kent Street and Stanger to West Campus Drive
- Dairy Science Drive beginning at the intersection of Southgate Drive for approximately 0.25 miles

The parking lots that are scheduled for re-paving and sealing include:

- The back portion of the Food Science Lot
- The old portion of Oak Lane Community (three lots closest to Oak Lane road)
- Litton-Reaves Commuter Lot
- The three lots closest to Prices Fork Road

The paving projects may cause some delay on the roads affected.

All paving and sealing will be completed prior to the beginning of the fall 2005 semester. Call David Dent (1-9326) with questions.

POSSIBLE VAN SHUTTLE TO NORTHERN VIRGINIA



The Office of Transportation, in cooperation with the Office of National Capital Region (NCR) Operations, is exploring the feasibility of a routine van shuttle between Blacksburg and NCR. The service would consist of a van and driver with trips either daily (up and back in one day w/ 2-4 hours on site) or overnight trips (up and back in two days w/ 6-8 hours on site). If you have an interest in this service please contact Debby Freed at 1-1737 or email dfreed@vt.edu. You can also indicate to Debby whether you would like to participate in a survey regarding options for the shuttle.

NEW ROUNDABOUT WEB SITE

The Office of Transportation has established a web site with information about the roundabout. Please visit www.ot.vt.edu/roundabout to see the latest roundabout information and status of the project.

SPECIAL EVENTS – CORRECTION

The email address for special events was incorrect in the last Transportation & Parking Update – please note the correct email address is: GRSMITH3@VT.EDU