

## DRIVING BUSINESS ~

### PARK Roanoke Announces Customer Payment Options



There is a new way to pay for monthly parking in downtown Roanoke. Beginning July 1, 2015, PARK Roanoke will offer new online and pay-by-phone options for payment of the Monthly Parking and Validation Parking initiatives, programs administered by PARK Roanoke. For convenience, customers may now pay using a credit card, debit card or Electronic Check. A nominal fee of \$1.95 applies for all credit or debit card payments which covers the credit-card-processing charge. A \$2.50 processing fee applies for Electronic Check payments.

- 1) By telephone at 1-888-272-9829, using Jurisdiction Code 6246. Select the option for payment of citations, monthly parking or validation parking.
- 2) Online by accessing [www.PARKRoanoke.com](http://www.PARKRoanoke.com).



PARK Roanoke will continue to accept payments by cash, check, bank draft, credit card or debit card in their parking business office located at 117 Church Avenue, SW.

### Economic Indicators Show Strength *Spring home-buying increases in Roanoke*

The Roanoke Regional Partnership reports Roanoke consumers are flexing their muscles as the recovery gains steam, and one place this is quite visible is in the housing market. The latest data from the Roanoke Valley Association of Realtors show home sales are at levels the region hasn't seen since before the recession.

Sales of homes in May 2015 surpassed sales of any May since 2006. Sales are up 10.6 percent year over year from May 2014 to May 2015. In May, nearly \$100 million in overall residential sales volume was reported averaging just over \$207,000 per home sold.



Private sector employment was at its highest level at the end of 2014 since 2007, the Roanoke metro market's growth in per capita personal income exceeded the national growth rate between 2011 and 2013 (most recent data), and interest rates have remained relatively low.

These factors translated into a healthy home-buying season for Roanoke in the spring.

Want to know more? Learn more about housing options in the Roanoke Region, including median prices and comparisons to other metro areas by visiting [www.roanoke.org](http://www.roanoke.org).