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PARK ROANOKE ANNOUNCES ITS NEWEST MURAL AT CAMPBELL GARAGE

Virginia Tech Senior, Brynn Busher, majoring in Visual Communication Design recently completed Campbell Garage's newest mural: "Broken Crayons Still Color." Brynn chose this design because of the positive message that it instills in people; giving people hope no matter the obstacles that life puts in your way. Thank you Brynn for your hard work and artistic talents. This mural is located on the Salem Avenue side of Campell Garage—Go Check it out!



In a Hurry? Need to Pay After Hours? ... Problem Solved.

PARK Roanoke has a secure drop box just outside the main doors for payments. Whether you are paying a citation or monthly parking, this feature is available to you 24/7.



Attention!

Residential Decals Expired May 31, 2017

To renew your decal, It's Easy
Visit www.PARKRoanoke.com
Download and complete the applicable residential decal application form. Mail the \$5 decal fee along with the completed application and a copy of your vehicle registration. If you are a down-

town resident, please also include a copy of your lease or utility bill as proof of downtown residency.

Mail to or visit us at
PARK Roanoke
117 Church Ave SW
Roanoke, VA 24011
M-F 8-5





Payments for Monthly Parking and for Citations may now be paid on-line or over a toll free telephone line.

www.PARKRoanoke.com/payments or dial 1-888-272-9829 Use Jurisdiction Code 6246

A nominal processing fee of \$1.95 applies to credit/debit card payments.

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Phone: 540-343-0585 Fax: 540-342-6447

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IT'S EASY TO PARK ONCE AND ENJOY ALL THAT DOWNTOWN ROANOKE OFFERS

CHURCH AVENUE GARAGE ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

We are pleased to announce the elevator modernization will begin Monday, May 15, 2017. We have been working through the logistics for mobilization and timeframe for each elevator and our final meeting was today at 9am. One elevator will be down beginning Monday and out of service for approximately 8 weeks. Once the vendor begins working, they will provide a progress report and we will be able to send an update. After the first elevator modernization is completed, they will bring that elevator back to service, and place the other out of service. There will be short periods of time when they are linking the two elevators that both will be out of service, but I have requested they avoid the morning, lunch, and evening time slots. We know there is a concern about what happens if a second elevator goes down unrelated to the work, but we have requested that one of the technicians onsite be available to service the down elevator versus contacting dispatch for a service call. We are working to ensure the construction runs as smooth as possible. There will be inconveniences along the way, but the end result will be more efficient and consistently working elevators. We will provide updates along the way to keep you informed. We appreciate your patience during this process and please contact our office AT (540) 343-0585 with any questions or concerns. As

Tell me who is at fault in this story:

Sam works downtown. It's 5 o'clock and he's getting off. He has to walk a couple of blocks to the garage where he parked his car. He's excited because it's Friday evening, and since his work won't allow him to check Facebook during the day, he hurriedly pulls out his smart phone to see what Eddie has posted about the guys plans for tonight to watch the game.

All the sudden... a man is right up in Sam's face asking for money to buy a bus ticket to see his dying mother in Martinsville. He doesn't have any weapons and he's not threatening, but



Now... who's at fault here? The guy making Sam nervous when asking for money? Or Sam for not being aware enough of his surroundings that he let the guy get right up on him?

I would submit to you that it's mostly Sam's fault. He didn't practice what I call good "AOD"... an acronym for **Awareness, Obstacle, and Distance**:

Awareness: Be aware of your surroundings. Don't bury your face in your phone until after you're in the comfort of your locked vehicle. Heads up and eyes up!

Obstacle: When interacting with someone you don't know. Keep an object between you and the other person. It could be your car. A park bench. A trash can. I don't care what it is as long as it's an obstacle between you and him.

Distance: Distance works hand-in-hand with awareness and obstacle. If you're aware of a stranger coming, you then have the distance to move out of the situation or find an obstacle. If the distance is reduced due to lack of awareness, you get scared because there's no time to react.

Keep in mind that our we work together with our friends at Park Roanoke to keep the garages as safe as possible, but the cops can't be everywhere all the time, which is why practicing good AOD will increase your chances of not walking blindly into trouble.

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RIDE Solutions brings bikeshare to the Roanoke Valley

Submitted by Jeremy Holmes,

Director of Ride Solutions

Bikesharing has come to the Roanoke Valley! Through bikesharing, riders can easily access bikes one of a number of stations in the valley, check out a bike by using their smartphone, and ride it for shopping, commuting, recreation, social visits, and more. Bike can be returned to the same or a different station, often times free of charge. With 50 bikes at 10 stations active in phase one, the new system will provide transportation and recreation options to help connect valley residents to their neighborhoods, greenways, employment, and more.

To get started, riders will download the Zagster app to their smartphone or visiting Zagster.com/ ridesolutions. You'll be able to select from an hourly rental plan or an annual membership rate with unlimited, 1 hour, station to station rides. Once you've selected your plan, you'll simply walk up to a bikeshare station, type the number of the bike you want to check out, and you'll be given an unlock code. The bike is yours until you return it to a station!

Rates will be \$3 an hour for hourly rentals, or \$40 a year for annual membership. For phase one of the program, stations will be located in downtown Roanoke and surrounding neighborhoods, including stations with easy greenway access in Wasena, at Fallon Park, and at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. RIDE Solution and Zagster have already started work on Phase 2, for which they hope to double the system size by the fall.



When You Get Behind The Wheel.....

......It's Every Driver's Responsibility to know the parking regulations

and laws which change from locality to locality and from state to state. It's always a good idea to check on the parking regulations everywhere you drive, visit, live or PARK!

For example, did you know that vehicles must park within twelve inches of the curb, or that vehicles may not park in a No Parking Zone for any reason or for any length of time? To learn more visit www.PARKRoanoke.com/regulations