



PARK Roanoke Newsletter

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Did You Know?

- **There are over 7,000 public parking spaces downtown! It's easy to PARK Once and enjoy all downtown has to offer.**
- **Disabled drivers with a valid placard or license plate may park at any daily space in our garages and receive the first hour of parking for free until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**
- **Market Lot Lunch Time**
Rate is \$1 from 11 am to 3 pm
- **Early Bird Rate** is \$3 at Campbell Garage for entry before 9 am

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Visit our Facilities:

[Campbell Garage](#)
[Center in the Square](#)
[Church Avenue Garage](#)
[Elmwood Park Garage](#)
[Gainsboro Garage](#)
[Market Garage](#)
[Tower Garage](#)
[Elmwood Lot](#)
[Higher Education Lot](#)
[Market Lot](#)
[Warehouse Row Lot](#)
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*Thank You for
Parking with Us!*

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Falling leaves, early sunsets, and accidents.....

Pedestrian and vehicular accidents occur year-round; however, autumn months can be particularly hazardous as drivers and pedestrians adjust to the loss of daylight. With darkness coming early due to the change away from Daylight Savings time, this can make it more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians and other vehicles. Pedestrians who have not had to watch for vehicles may need to be even more alert and understand that they may not be visible to drivers that just last week were driving in daylight on the way home from work. Often people leaving the office are dressed in their usual business attire which cannot be seen as well at dusk or in the dark - something one didn't have to think about when the sun was shining late in the evenings just a few weeks ago.

Early sunsets and loss of daylight are not the only hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. Falling leaves can create slippery surfaces and roadways. Here are some tips that may help:

- Wet leaves, sidewalks, and stairs can be slippery. Wear shoes or boots with slip-resistant soles and low heels.
- Be aware of slippery surfaces when exiting cars and trucks, especially if you have to climb down from a tall vehicle.
- Wipe your shoes and use umbrella bags when entering public places to prevent moisture collection on the floor near entrances.
- When driving, be aware of reduced traction conditions and give yourself extra room to react to road hazards.
- As the sun sets, there may be more glare reducing visibility for drivers.
- Drivers and pedestrians alike may not be accustomed to the early nightfall.
- Drivers need to take extra care to look for pedestrians as well as other vehicles that may not have the lights on.
- As always, watch out for children who may be waiting for the bus or playing outside at dusk.
- Remember to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks - pedestrians always have the right-of-way.



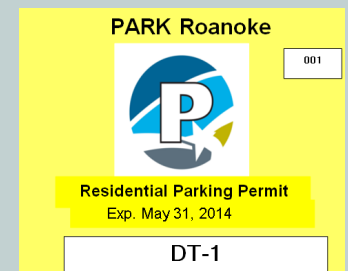
Elmwood Park Garage

PARK Roanoke wants to help increase awareness and safety. That's why we have created three safety pages on our website about personal safety, driving safety, and pedestrian safety. In addition, a free, downloadable publication is posted on our website entitled "How to Park: A Must-read Manual for Teen Drivers." This publication was developed by the International Parking Institute in conjunction with AAA and the AAA Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education. This manual has excellent tips for both new and experienced drivers alike.

For more information, visit us at www.roanokeva.gov/parking

Downtown Residential On-Street Parking Program

PARK Roanoke administers the downtown Residential Parking Program whereby downtown residents may qualify for extended on-street parking only in certain timed zones. Downtown residents must apply annually and pay an annual fee of \$5 for a decal that authorizes the on-street parking at designated signs. The decals expire every May 31st and a new decal must be purchased each year. PARK Roanoke has recently updated the residential parking program and created new forms and decals that are more visible to the on-street parking enforcement officers. Each year, the decal will have a different color, to aid in identifying expired decals. A bright yellow decal was recently developed and will expire on May 31, 2014.



If you are a downtown resident and paid for a decal since May 31, 2013 and did not receive the new decal shown above, please visit the PARK Roanoke offices to obtain the new decal at no charge. If you received a decal in years past, but have not obtained a new decal since May 31, 2013, please complete the application and submit the \$5 fee to receive your new decal or visit our office. The old style decals will no longer be recognized after December 1, 2013. For more information, visit us at www.roanokeva.gov/parking or call PARK Roanoke at (540) 343-0585.



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Need Directions? Use the Free Downtown Parking App

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Visit us on the Web at
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salutes Veterans on
November 11, 2013
Veterans Day

Thanks to the Veterans on our staff: Bob, Charles, and Jelani

Flexible Spending Accounts and more.....

Did you know that Parking and Transit charges are approved charges for Flexible Spending Accounts? Now is open enrollment at many employers. And, the savings are real! Depending upon your tax bracket, a \$35.00 per month parking garage rate translates to about \$25.00 per month or less when paid for with Flexible Spending dollars. Contact your HR Department for more information.



PARKING AND TRANSIT RESOURCES.....

KEEP THESE LINKS HANDY FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.DMVNOW.COM

WWW.RIDESOLUTIONS.ORG

WWW.VALLEYMETRO.COM

WWW.SMARTWAYBUS.COM

WWW.VALLEYMETRO.COM/TROLLEY

WWW.VDOT.ORG

WWW.DOWNTOWNROANOKE.ORG

WWW.GREENWAYS.ORG

WWW.VISITROANOKEVA.COM

And stay tuned for our new website currently under development:

WWW.PARKROANOKE.COM

SMARTWAY BUS INFORMATION:

Parking is free at Gainsboro Garage for **Smart Way Bus** riders. Obtain a voucher from the bus driver and park for free only at Gainsboro Garage.

FOR SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION:
www.smartwaybus.com

PARK Roanoke accepts credit and debit cards for in-office payment. We also offer automatic bank drafts from checking accounts.

The form is on-line at:
www.roanokeva.gov/PARKRoanoke

