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Parking permit costs to rise 7%

Parking permits are expected to go on sale around the last week of July—and with a slight increase in price over last year's permits.

Full-year permit prices for 2013-14 will be:

Resident Parking—\$45
[Resident lots]

E-Parking—\$81
[Extended parking areas located in Lots A & B]

Green—\$100
[Green & Extended parking areas]

Disabled—\$100
[Areas designated for handicap parking]

Gold—\$175
[Gold, Green & Extended parking areas]

Evening Orange—\$226
[Orange after 5 p.m. ONLY / Gold, Green & Extended parking any time]

Orange—\$266
[Orange, Gold, Green & Extended parking areas]

Purple—\$443
[Purple, Orange, Gold, Green & Extended parking areas]

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Staff Council reps elected

The following staff members were elected to serve during the 2014 and 2015 fiscal years.

District 1
ECSN, ECSS, HH, NSERL

Nancy Finch
Norma Richardson
Rebecca Wisner

District 2
BE, FA, FN, FO, ROC, SLC, WSTC

Letitia Andrews
Naomi Emmett
Nicholas McCormick
Amanda Whitten

District 5
FM, PD, SB, SG

Calvin Brown
Daniel Calhoun
Jay Jascott
Vicente Torres

District 7
CBH, CD, CR, GC, GR, VP

Sheila Rollerson
Helen Roth
Jayar Medlock

District 3
AS, ATEC, MC, JO, JSOM

Caryn Berardi
Amber Miles

District 4
AB, CN, RHN, RHS, RHW, SSB, SU

Julie Rooney

District 6
AD, NB, NL

Paula Austell
Hayley Berk
Richard Jordan

Six staff members honored with CARE Award



Craig Lewis, Norma Richardson, Tysh Coleman, Esthela Beltran, Donise Pearson and Rion Morgan received the Staff Council CARE Award in May.

UTD President David Daniel and several administrators this spring honored six staff members who earned the Staff Council's CARE Award for superior performance.

Esthela Beltran, Tysh Coleman, Craig Lewis, Rion Morgan, Donise Pearson and Norma Richardson received the award for the spring semester, which is given to staff members who have provided exceptional customer service and performed acts that enhanced the image of the university. The award is presented twice a year and is considered a lifetime honor.

The first covered parking garage on campus is slated to open by the start of the Fall 2013 term. The pricing structure for the new garage will be determined by the same color scheme as the surface lots. According to Cris Aquino, Interim Director of Parking and Transportation, the

university is trying to keep pricing simple so the same pricing structure will be utilized. Aquino said there will be guest parking available in the garage. Two electronic meters (LUKE) will be installed to facilitate guest parking.

Parking in the garage will be available to all faculty, staff and students.

Going green could mean a front-row space



Electric vehicles (EV) are welcome on campus. Eight charging stations in convenient locations scattered around campus are available to UT Dallas employees, students, residents and visitors who drive an electric vehicle.

A gold or higher parking permit or a visitor parking pass are needed to park and use the charging stations, which are indicated on the UT Dallas parking map.

The charging stations are part of the Blink Network, which requires a nominal annual membership fee as well as current use fees, but guests may pay by phone. The Blink Network has partnered with UT Dallas to set up the charging stations, and 50 cents on every dollar that is paid to the Blink Network for use of a

charging station is given to UT Dallas for electricity costs. The charging stations were free to UT Dallas as part of the Department of Energy's EV Infrastructure Project, which has selected several cities across the US, including Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston.

To further encourage UTD's use of electric vehicles and the Department of Energy's EV Project, Nissan is offering faculty and staff special discount pricing on leasing the new all-electric Nissan Leaf car. If 10 or more vehicles are leased by university employees, Nissan will provide UTD with a 10-minute charging station. For more information on selecting a Nissan Leaf, contact John McFaddin, Courtesy Nissan of Richardson, at 214-642-1777 or jmcfaddin@group1auto.com.

Giving bikes new life

Have you noticed Facilities employees pedaling bikes around campus? Using some ingenuity, they have instituted their own version of bike sharing by recycling surplussed bicycles. Parts from different bikes were used to put together working bikes for their use around campus. At this time, only Facilities has taken advantage of this idea but a campus-wide bike initiative could be in the works.



UTD'S NEW EMPLOYEES

April - June

- Ranavir Bose
- William Bower
- Ashwin Menon
- Dung "John" Dinh
- Michael Kaiser
- Jeremy Johnston
- Marlaine Tobin
- Ellen Sivess
- Irma Madrigal
- Melissa Hough
- Richard Cleva
- Chen Wang
- Andrew Marshall
- Davin Pate
- Amol Phatak
- David Hardison
- Russell "Rusty" Anderson
- Rosalinda Valenzuela
- Brian Miller
- Mark Douthey
- Ilyce Murray
- Jung-Wan Kim
- Hyoseong Wi
- Coe Estes
- Melinda Allred
- Dana Summers
- Nitin Grover
- Michelle Duong
- Ellen Brady
- Flor Gabriella Llauce
- Adam Morten
- Steven Evans
- Traci Carter
- Mingyu Chem
- Jorge Reyes
- Dongui Xu
- Pablo Gurman
- Erica Pletan
- Donna Ferrier-Johnson
- Trey Kiser
- Weihua Wang
- Darren Climer
- April Sizemore
- Philip Johnston
- Jacob Schick
- Heng Du
- Lan Guo

UTD'S NEW EMPLOYEES

April - June

Jacob Fuller
 Shirley Yang
 Gordon Firth
 Janet Martin
 Jessica Bortz
 Matthew Young
 Deborah Burney
 Sarah Stuart
 Dharmendra Sharma
 Susan Legan
 Benjamin Porter
 William Rosellini
 Nicole Buckreis
 Amber Andrews
 Jared Smith
 Julie Gaida
 Heather Garcia
 Sandra Byrant
 Monica Boyd
 John Appenroth
 Eric Burley
 Amber Rubio
 Patrick Evans
 Brandy Hill
 Akmal Ali
 Trissan Jones
 Cynthia Collier
 Robert (Bobby) Gregg
 Nicole Tehrani
 Li-Hong Liu
 Ray Wilhoft
 Zakiya Bryant
 Maria Ochoa
 Jelena Rakic
 Robert Frye
 Wanda Demetri
 Isabel Martin Manjarres
 Deanna Padilla
 Anne Terese Thibodeau
 Veronica Blanco
 Crystal Valencia
 Sarah Kucker
 Agnieska Skuza,
 Kim, JunyYeon
 Rajdeep Bondade
 Amy Bishop
 Neil Savalia
 Leslie Lewis



WIN A PARKING PERMIT AND A \$250 UTD DINING CARD!

Staff Council's Parking Pass and Dining Hall Raffle is going on now through Aug. 7. Winners receive the allowable parking permit of their choice along with a \$250 dining card that can be used in any of UTD's on-campus dining areas, including the Comet Cafe, the Dining Hall and The Pub.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by cash or check from the following Staff Council members: Paula Austell (MC 1.312); Melissa Wyder (FN 3.308); Letitia Andrews (ROC 2.200); Linda Heard (BE 2.318); DeAnn Hegi (MC 4.216); Betty Maldonado (BE 2.502); Carrilaine Schneckner (SSB 2.40); or Rich Williams (AD 3.204).

Tickets also can be purchased online by following the raffle link on the homepage of the Staff Council website at www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil.

Be prepared: Know your storm plan

As severe storms are common in the summer months, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety wants to ensure that everyone is prepared for a severe weather event such as a tornado.

The National Weather Service will issue alerts if a tornado is forecast or expected to come into this region. Those alerts are:

- A **tornado watch**, which indicates that weather conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop.
- A **tornado warning**, which indicates that there has been a sighting or radar indication.

Take the following actions when severe weather or a tornado threatens this campus:

APARTMENTS

- If time permits, relocate to a more secure location such as the Clark Center, Hoblitzelle Hall, a Residence Hall or the Activity Center.
 - Go to the "Severe Weather Shelter Location" within that building.
 - Remain there until you are given an "All Clear" message by campus officials.
- If you are unable to relocate
- Huddle in the bathtub of the restroom of the apartment.
 - Cover yourself with a mattress or blanket.
 - Remember to keep your cell phone with you for the latest information.

Severe Weather Shelter Area



RESIDENCE HALLS

Upper Floors

- Proceed downstairs (do not use elevators)
- Shelter in the interior hallways of the first floor, away from the exterior door/windows.

First Floor

- Shelter in the restroom close the door.

CAMPUS AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- Take shelter – get indoors
- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building.
- Do not stay in a vehicle. Get out of the vehicle and take shelter in a nearby building.
- Go to the "Severe Weather Shelter Location" within the building you are sheltering in.
- Remain there until you are given an "All Clear" alert by campus officials.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at 972-883-4111.

Staff Council 2nd Annual Comet Family Reunion Ice Cream Social



UTD'S NEW EMPLOYEES

April - June

Abby Morris
Kevin Kwiatkowski
Roberto Pina, Jr
Li Yang
Kyle Story
Kihwan Han
Evelie Giddings
Rodolfo Arrendo
Tyler Rhinehardt
Lamary Brown
Brian Crockett
John Griffin
Santosh Kumar
Sarah Yu

Staff Council would like to thank the following groups for donating items for the Comet Family Reunion:

Office of Administration: Comet water bottles, UTD orange balls and pens
Galerstein Women's Center: T-shirts
Athletics/Activity Center: polo shirts and sweater caps
Intercollegiate Athletics: T-shirts
Career Center: magnetic memo boards and retractable tape measures
Student Success Center: T-shirts and polo shirts



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Staff Council scholarship recipients pursue higher ed degrees

Making the decision to go back to school while working full time is an undertaking that most would think twice about. Going and getting your doctorate and working is an even more challenging undertaking. But most would agree that being able to grow professionally and personally is an opportunity that all can appreciate.

While some UT Dallas employees are able to pursue a degree at the university, some must look at other institutions in the area if their degree of choice is not offered at UTD.

That is the case for a group of five UTD employees, a mix of staff and faculty, who are currently enrolled in the Doctor of Education in Supervision Curriculum, and Instruction – Higher Education program at Texas A&M University-Commerce, whose main campus is 70 miles from UT Dallas.

Tara Lewis, assistant dean in Arts and Humanities; Arturo Elizondo, assistant director in ECS Student Services; Jared Pickens, senior lecturer in the Jindal School of Management; Mohammed Rahman, associate director of the Career Center; and Shirley Wilson, academic advisor in ECS Student



Seven of the 12 recipients of the Spring 2013 Staff Council scholarship attended a Staff Council meeting where they were honored for their continuing education efforts. The spring recipients (including those not pictured) were Rebecca Newcomb, Kortney House, Jon-Paul McGowan, Lisa Garza, Molly Papin, Kimberly Flicker, Misty Hawley, Brenda Seifi, Dorteia Junt, Tara Lewis, Monalisa Amidar and Karen Stepherson.

Services, are all taking on the higher education endeavor at A&M-Commerce.

While the program features online coursework, satellite campuses and traditional classes, this group of five UTD employees found each other,

and even recruited some, to form a cohesive support system that helps them as they balance their 8-10 hour workdays, doctoral studies, home life and hobbies.

“Everyone is really selfless and can give each other genuine feedback and

and advice,” Rahman said.

Financing a program of this magnitude can also be quite a challenge. Many options are available such as student loans, grants and scholarships. Lewis and Elizondo have both received the UT Dallas Staff Council scholarship. This scholarship offered on a semester basis, is available to UTD staff members who are students enrolled in programs at UT Dallas, and degree seeking students at other institutions. More information can be found on the Staff Council site, www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil/scholarship.html.

The general consensus with everyone in the group is that having so many perspectives on classes, study habits, course recommendations and the ability to share textbooks is a great benefit to all, and the program affects directly and indirectly the students at UT Dallas.



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