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Virginia Tech Hosts the October Meeting



Meeting Information

- 712th Meeting of the Virginia Blue Ridge Section, American Chemical Society.
- Celebration of National Chemistry Week

Agenda for Friday, October 20, 2023

- 5:45 to 6:15 PM Pizza and pop in the Clifford Atrium, Hahn Hall South
- 6:30 to 8:00 PM Chemical Illusions Show – Davidson Hall Room 281
- RSVP for the dinner to Maggie Bump (mbump@vt.edu) by 5 PM on Tue Oct 17
- Dinner will be catered by Avellino's. \$12 to members and \$6.00 to students.

“Chemical Illusions”

To celebrate National Chemistry Week, we will enjoy a show of resounding booms and colorful flames. The ACS Student Affiliates and the Chemistry Department at Virginia Tech invite the local community to enjoy a demonstration of chemistry that we call “Chemical Illusions.” In this activity, children of all ages can enjoy spectacular demonstrations of important principles of chemistry including acids-and-bases, oxidations-and-reductions, the behavior of gases, and the properties of interesting materials from liquid molecular nitrogen to burning thermite. The demonstration pictured is known as the “Vomiting Pumpkin.”



Section News: Candidates for VBRS 2024 Officers

Members will receive a link to an electronic ballot on Monday November 6. If you have not received your ballot by 5 PM on Mon Nov 6, please contact Paul Deck (pdeck@vt.edu) for a ballot link.

- Voting shall be completed by 5:00 PM on Monday November 20. The names of our 2024 officers shall be transmitted to ACS on Wednesday November 22.

As you can see, there is only one candidate for each office. According to our current practice of holding officer elections, members will have the opportunity to write in any eligible person if they do not wish to vote for a slated candidate.

Chair-Elect – Gary Hollis, Roanoke College, or write-in

Secretary – Paul Deck, Virginia Tech, or write-in.

Treasurer – Jeremy Stegall, Eastman Chemical Company, or write-in

Councilor – Gary Hollis, Roanoke College, or write-in

Alternate Councilor – Jason Crumpton, University of Lynchburg, or write-in

David Hobart (University of Lynchburg) was elected Chair-Elect for 2023 and will assume the position of Chair in 2024. Owen Lofthus (Virginia Western Community College) was elected Chair-Elect for 2022, is presently serving as Chair, and will assume the position of Past Chair in 2024.

Visit our web page for more information and archives: <http://www.acs-vbrs.org>

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Directions to the Virginia Tech Chemistry Department

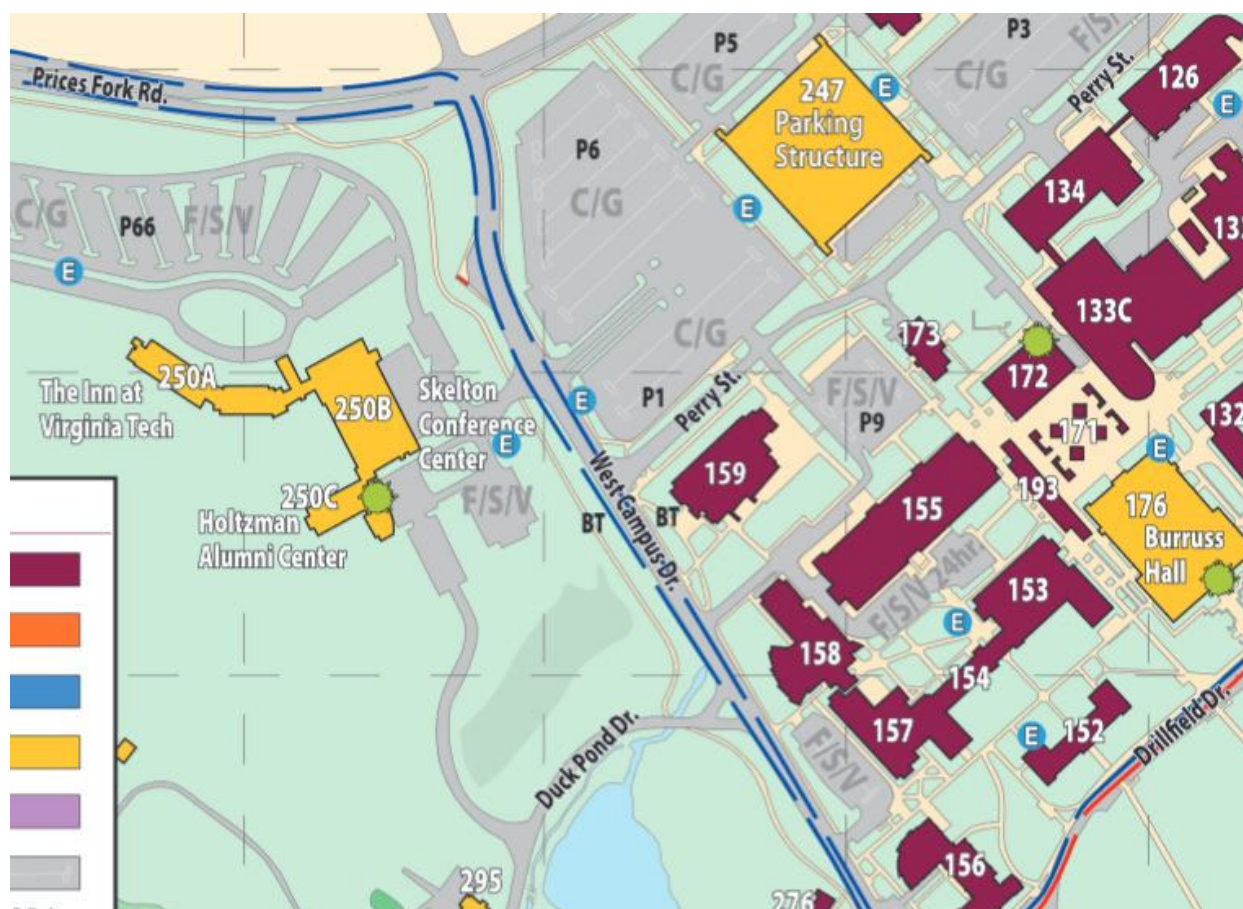
Parking rules at VT have changed. Anyone parking on campus from 7 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday will need to pay a daily or hour charge, using parking permits, the ParkMobile app, daily parking passes, or the use of relatively scarce parking meters.

Parking information can be found at:

<https://parking.vt.edu/parking/visitors.html>.

An interactive map with road and parking closures can be found at [this link](#)

Map of Virginia Tech Showing Chemistry Buildings



Building 158 is Hahn Hall North

Building 157 is Hahn Hall South (Clifford Atrium)

Building 156 is Davidson Hall (Room 281)

Note that the large lots between Perry Street and Prices Fork Road are closed. Also the lot marked P9 is also closed. Some parking may be available in the lot next to Building 157 and next to Building 156. There is also a parking lot across West Campus Drive from Building 156.