

# GOLDEN BEAR COMMUTER COURIER

## WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

Happy New Year and welcome back commuters to the spring semester of 2017! My name is Jarred Beauchemin and I am the Treasurer of the Golden Bear Commuter Council



(G.B.C.C.). I am glad to welcome you back to Western New England University. I am a sophomore commuter majoring in Chemistry. The G.B.C.C. holds monthly luncheons each month that showcase information commuters may need, including winter driving tips, which will continue this semester. As snow is likely to occur during first few months of this semester it is

important to stay safe on the road. Maintaining your vehicle, watching out for ice, and cleaning all the snow off your vehicle are some of tips to keep yourself safe. G.B.C.C. is always looking for more members so feel free to contact any of the council members or join in our meetings. If you have any questions, contact me at [jb349663@wne.edu](mailto:jb349663@wne.edu). Good luck this semester and stay safe.

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## Commuter Connections Luncheons

Join the Golden Bear Commuter Council, Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development and the Academic Success Center each month for

lunch on us. Take this opportunity to connect with your fellow commuting students while have lunch at 12:30 p.m.

⇒ January 26 - Senate Chambers

⇒ February 23 - Rivers Memorial

⇒ March 23 - Rivers Memorial

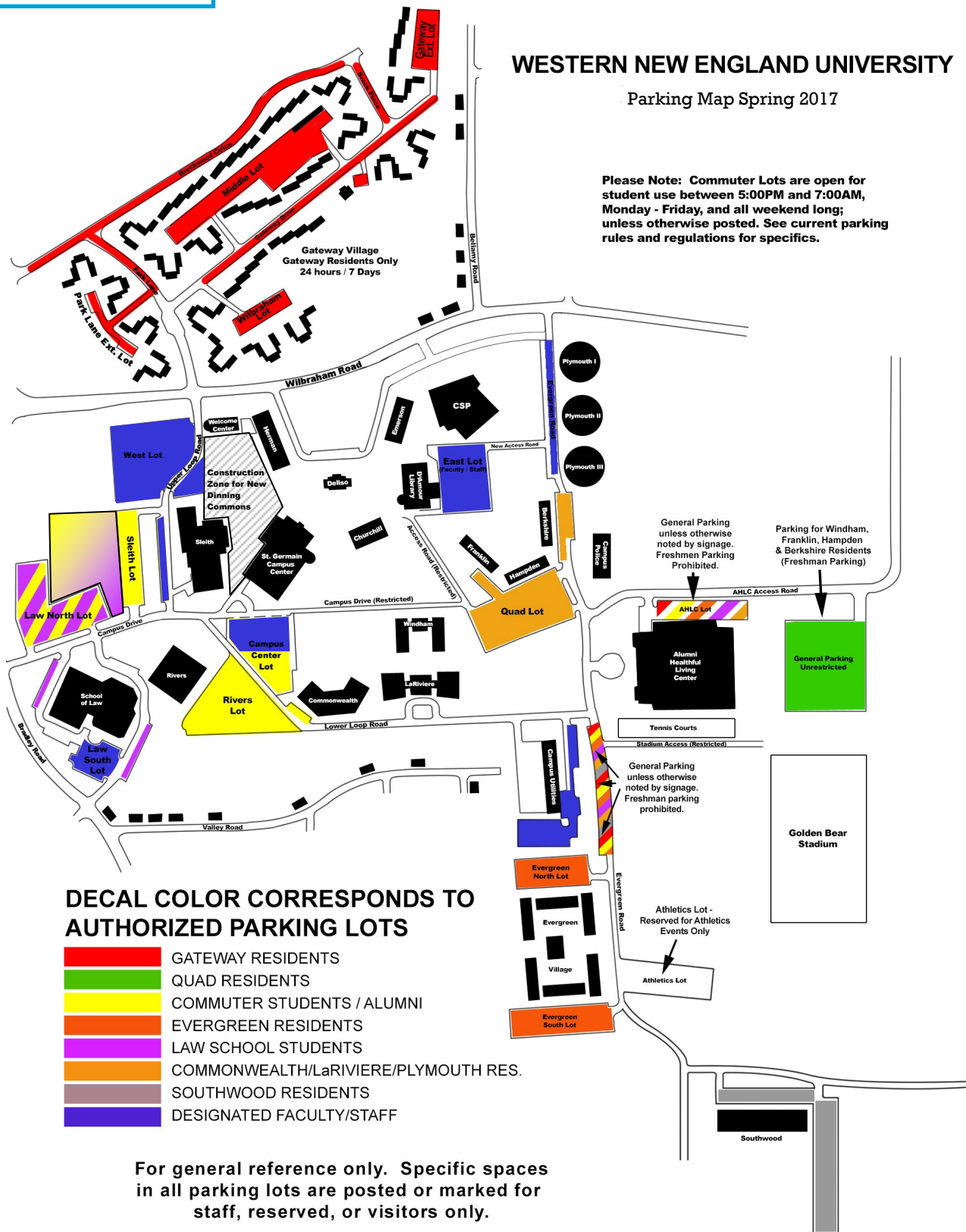
⇒ April 27 - Rivers Memorial



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Parking Map Spring 2017

**Please Note:** Commuter Lots are open for student use between 5:00PM and 7:00AM, Monday - Friday, and all weekend long; unless otherwise posted. See current parking rules and regulations for specifics.



## Closing and Delay Information

**Please be advised of the various ways that we make important announcements concerning weather or emergency cancellations and delays:**

1. Through the RAVE notification system (registration required).

2. Go to the University's website homepage at [www.wne.edu](http://www.wne.edu) a banner will be posted regarding any closings or delays.

3. You may call the University's main telephone number at 413-782-3111 for a recorded message of the announcement.

4. You may listen to or watch the following radio or television stations:

**Hartford, CT stations:** WTIC Radio 1080 AM or 96.5 FM, WRCH 100.5 FM, WZMX 93.7 FM

**Springfield, MA stations:** WWLP-TV, WGGB-TV, WSHM-TV, WHYN Radio 560 AM or 93.1 FM, WPKX Radio 100.9

**Pittsfield, MA stations:** WBRK Radio 1340 AM or 101.7 FM

**Chicopee, MA station:** WACE Radio 730 AM

Every effort will be made to finalize decisions about

cancelling day classes by 6:00 a.m., and, if necessary, the decision to cancel evening classes will be made by 2:00 p.m.

Each individual must make his or her own decision as to whether or not to travel to the campus if classes are not cancelled.

**Students should be advised that, if classes/exams are not canceled and a student is unable to get to campus, it is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty member (s) to take appropriate arrangements.**





## 'Tis the Season to Prepare for Winter Driving

With the change of seasons most people examine their wardrobes. Last season's coat is inspected for wear, boots, sweaters hats and gloves come out of the closet for scrutiny. AAA reminds motorists that cars also need seasonal checkups. AAA recommends that motorists use a simple checklist to determine their car's fall and winter maintenance needs. Most of the items on the checklist can be inspected by car owners in less than an hour, but several others should be performed by a certified technician.

### Winter Car Care Checklist

**Battery & Charging System** – Have the battery and charging system tested by a trained technician. A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather.

**Battery Cables & Terminals** – Make sure the battery terminals and cable ends are free from corrosion, and the connections are tight.

**Drive Belts** – Inspect the underside of accessory drive belts for cracks or fraying. Many newer multi-rib "serpentine" belts are made of materials that do not show obvious signs of wear; replace these belts at 60,000-mile intervals.

**Engine Hoses** – Inspect cooling system hoses for leaks, cracks or loose clamps. Also, squeeze the hoses and replace any that are brittle or excessively spongy feeling.

**Tire Type & Tread** – In areas with heavy winter weather, installing snow tires on all four wheels will provide the best winter traction. All-season tires work well in light to moderate snow conditions, provided they

have adequate tread depth. Replace any tire that has less than 3/32-inches of tread. Uneven tire wear can indicate alignment, wheel balance or suspension problems that must be addressed to prevent further tire damage.

**Tire Pressure** – Check tire inflation pressure more frequently in fall and winter. As the average temperature drops, so will tire pressures – typically by 1 PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The proper tire pressure levels can be in the owner's manual or on a sticker typically located on the driver's side door jamb. Also, check the spare.

**Air Filter** – Check the engine air filter by holding it up to a 60-watt light bulb. If light can be seen through much of the filter, it is still clean enough to work effectively. However, if light is blocked by most of the filter, replace it.

**Coolant Levels** – Check the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. If the level is low, add a 50/50 solution of coolant and water to maintain the necessary antifreeze capability. Test the antifreeze protection level with an inexpensive tester available at any auto parts store.

**Lights** – Check the operation of all headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, and back-up lights. Replace any burnt out bulbs.



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# RAVEGuardian

WNEU Alert\*, a product of RAVE Mobile Safety is the new Western New England University emergency notification system. This system has replaced the E2campus system as our means of notification to our community for emergencies, weather related announcements, and Student Activities alerts.

With it, the University can send emergency notifications straight to your phone. As a Western New England University student, you are automatically enrolled in this service; faculty and staff are, too. However, we encourage you to frequently log in to the system using your Connect2U ID and password to check and/or update your information. That way, we'll be able to reach you in an emergency

situation—wherever you are.

In addition to WNEU Alert, we encourage you to download the RAVE Guardian app, which transforms mobile phones into personal safety devices. With this app, you can create a virtual safety network, immediately connect with public safety, and even submit anonymous tips that can help keep the University safe. You can get more information about RAVE Guardian and its features by clicking on the following link:

[Click here](#) to download the app for an Android device.

[Click here](#) to download the app for an Apple device.

Together, WNEU Alert and the Rave Guardian app can help us

do what matters most: keep you safe. Please take the time to go to your account and verify your information and contact numbers. Also, please test the communication from RAVE Alert to your cellphone and e-mail address using the test buttons provided on your account page.

**Manage Your Account** at – [https://www1.wne.edu/connect2u/external/rave\\_sso.cfm](https://www1.wne.edu/connect2u/external/rave_sso.cfm)

\* Western New England University has contracted with the emergency notification system company Rave Mobile Safety to provide WNEU Alert. The service is free. (Standard text messaging rates may apply.) WNEU Alert will not be used to distribute advertising or other unsolicited content, nor will it be used to communicate routine notifications; the service is for emergency contact purposes only.

Original message from Chief Adam Woodrow on 6 December 2016.

## Writing Center

Tutors are available

Monday through Thursday  
between

8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and

Friday between 8:00 a.m. and  
4:00 p.m.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of Writing Support Services at 413-782-1263, stop in to the Writing Center (Herman 107), or fill out a form online.

## Math Center

Tutors are available

Monday through Thursday  
between

10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and

Friday between 10:00 a.m. and  
2:00 p.m.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Math Center at 413-782-1692, stop in to the Math Center (Herman 309C), or fill out a form online.

## D'Amour Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:45 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Friday

7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

**Basement Computer Lab is  
open 24 hours**

## Public Safety Active Shooter Training

Last year, the Department of Public Safety offered several live training sessions regarding Active Shooter preparedness to our community members. This training provided those who attended with a video called, "Shots Fired on Campus: When Lightning Strikes". This training video is now available for all Western New England University members to view independently through a link on Connect2U. Clicking on the link below will take you directly to the Connect2U login page; enter your

username and password in order to access the online training.

Please take the time to watch this video and then take the short 20-question quiz that is also linked on the training page to reinforce the valuable lessons and concepts that have been proven to help protect people during these situations.

<https://www1.wne.edu/connect2u/content/active-shooter-training/>

If you have any questions or if you would like members of the

## ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Department of Public Safety to conduct group presentations please contact the Department of Public Safety at 413-782-1651.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this training,

Chief Adam Woodrow

*Original message from Chief Adam Woodrow on 6 December 2016.*



**The Office of Student Activities and Leadership is excited to announce that there are limited number of lockers available in the Campus Center for commuter students to rent.**

**Locker rental fee (including the combination lock) is \$10.00 refundable deposit.**

**Stop by the Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development, located on the second floor of the Campus Center, to get your locker starting Tuesday, January 17.**

## January/February/March

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
15	16 MLK Day Student Activities Leadership Conference	17 First Day of Classes Tunes on Tuesday	18 Do-nut Miss What's Going on This Semester	19 Student Senate Info Session Art Mini Session: Origami	20 Inauguration Day Viewing FRIDAYS - Trivia (Student Activities)	21 SATURDAYS & Late Night @ the Rock - Let the Games Begin (Student Activities)
22	23	24	25	26 Commuter Connections Lunch Student Activities Expo	27 Improv on the Rocks FRIDAYS - Lights Out	28 SATURDAYS & Late Night @ the Rock - Y2K (Student Media)
29	30	31 PersonaCards (CAB)	1 Souper Bowl Celebration	2 Golden Bear Night (CAB)	3 LEADS Conference (for Juniors) FRIDAYS - International Dodgeball	4 SATURDAYS - Comedy Show (CAB) Late Night @ the Rock (ASCE)
5	6	7 U&ME Caribbean Food Fest	8	9 Spring Study Abroad Fair RHA Dream Date	10 Improv on the Rocks FRIDAYS - Valentines Day Dance (U&ME)	11 SATURDAYS - Heart Health (CARE) Late Night @ the Rock (SWE)
12	13	14 CAB Heart Message Pillows Tunes on Tuesday	15	16 Ebony Food Fest & Gospel Concert	17 FRIDAYS - Open Mic Night (The Review)	18 Nerd Day (WARP)
19 Ice Skating & Dinner in Providence, RI (CAB)	20	21	22 WOW: Love Your Sweet Tooth Zuzu African Acrobats (CAB/ U&ME)	23 Commuter Connections Lunch Class of 2017 - 100 Days to Graduation	24 Improv on the Rocks FRIDAYS - Carnival Night (2019 Council)	25 SATURDAYS - (Music) Late Night Annual Drag Show (GSA)
26 Finding Dory Pool Party (CAB)	27	28	1	2	3 FRIDAYS - (2018 Council)	4 Comedian Samuel Comroe (CAB) SATURDAYS - (Student Senate) Late Night @ the Rock - (NRHH/RHA)
5	6	7 Asian Fusion (U&ME)	8 WOW: Sun & Sand	9 Commuter Appreciation Day	10 Spring Break (until March 19)	11

## 'Tis the Season to Prepare for Winter Driving

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**Wiper Blades** – The blades should completely clear the glass with each swipe. Replace any blade that leaves streaks or misses spots. In areas with snow, consider installing winter wiper blades that wrap the blade frame in a rubber boot to reduce ice and snow buildup that can prevent good contact between the blade and the glass.

**Washer Fluid** – Fill the windshield washer fluid reservoir with a winter cleaning solution that has antifreeze components to prevent it from freezing.

**Brakes** – If there is any indication of a brake problem, have the system inspected by a certified technician to ensure all components are in good working order.

**Transmission, Brake and Power Steering Fluids** – Check all fluids to ensure they are at or above the minimum safe levels.

**Emergency Road Kit** – Carry an emergency kit equipped for winter weather. The kit should include:

- Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter) or traction mats
- Snow shovel
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Window washer solvent
- Ice scraper with brush
- Cloth or roll of paper towels
- Jumper cables
- Extra warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves)
- Blankets
- Warning devices (flares or triangles)
- Drinking water
- Non-perishable snacks for both human and pet passengers
- First-aid kit
- Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench)
- Mobile phone and car charger pre-programmed with rescue apps and important phone numbers including family and emergency services

*Adapted from: "'Tis the Season to Prepare for Winter Driving | AAA NewsRoom." AAA NewsRoom. 3 Oct. 2011.*

