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## OU addresses parking demand

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As the increased demand for parking extends beyond the beginning of fall semester, Oakland University is taking steps to address the parking needs of students, faculty and staff.

"So far this semester, there has been a parking space shortage that we are addressing daily," said Lynne Schaefer, vice president for finance and administration. "While at most times of the day and week there are adequate parking spaces for our students, spaces available at peak volume times of the day tend not to be as conveniently located as they are accustomed to."

An updated **campus map** is being mailed to each student detailing all available campus parking lots. The university also will create a temporary paved lot by mid-November for approximately 170 vehicles south of Pioneer Drive near Library Drive. OU Police will continue to allow parking in temporary lots on designated grassy areas.

For Wednesday matinee performances at Meadow Brook Theatre, OU will no longer reserve lanes in P-1, the main university lot that stretches from South Foundation Hall to Graham Health Center. Instead, theatre patrons will be directed to park in P-3, the lot just north of Graham Health Center.

The university is in the process of hiring a firm to design a campus parking structure that will provide up to an additional 550 parking spaces. The structure will open sometime in fall 2002.

Additional short-term parking solutions also are presently being evaluated. In the meantime, the following suggestions can help minimize the time spent finding a parking space:

- Leave early so you can find a parking space and make it to class or work on time. Please keep in mind that peak traffic times on campus are Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- The best lots to find a space when the main lots are full are P-11, across from the George T. Matthews Apartments; P-32, south of Kresge Library; and P-3, north of Graham Health Center, according to OU Police.
- Whenever possible, try to carpool with a fellow student, faculty or staff member.

"We appreciate your continued patience and support as the OU community works together to address the problem," Schaefer said. "We are committed to making your on-campus experience as easy and enjoyable as possible."

For more information and additional updates on parking related issues, please see the **campus parking** Web page.

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