

Statement provided to PotomacLocal.com from Potomac Mills on commuter parking reduction
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Over the past three years, Potomac Mills has undergone a significant revitalization by attracting dozens of new and exciting national retailers, resulting in an improved shopping experience for both Prince William County and the greater Washington, D.C. area. As a core asset to the vitality of the County, Potomac Mills employs thousands of workers, spurs economic growth and welcomes visitors from around the world. All of this has led to an increased demand for parking.

At its peak, Potomac Mills provided as many as 1,300 commuter parking spaces, which is nearly five times the County requirement. We must now, due to the growth of the center, adjust our commuter parking and allocate 275 spaces for use on a first-come, first-served basis. This is still greater than the number of commuter parking spaces required of any other private property owner in the County. This change will take effect on Monday, February 14, 2011.

While we realize the impact that this change will have on commuters, as a private business, our first priority must be to provide for the needs of our loyal shoppers, retailers and employees. We must also accommodate continued growth, as we plan to add new well-known national retailers and restaurants this year. These additions will require assurances that we can provide ample parking for their customers and employees.

To ensure a smooth transition, we are asking commuters to seek alternative commuter lot options, which can be identified on the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission website at <http://www.prtctransit.org/commuter-bus/commuterlots.php>.