

## Holly Tree Inn lot converted into parking spaces

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Hampton University has undergone a great series of transformations, ranging from **new buildings**, to new programs and **modern technology**. This week a dirt lot behind the Holly Tree Inn and across the street from the **Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications** was converted into a parking lot for a handful of vehicles.

Before the conversion, students and faculty members have walked about the area, kicking rocks and occasionally dragging gravel along the lines of their footwear.

Kanesha Brown, a senior architecture major from Hartford, Conn., describes it as "one of the most convenient transformations" she's witnessed in all of her years at Hampton.

"My feet would look like I came from the Flintstones' era. I hated those rocks," she said. "My shoes would always carry lots of dust when I would pass by that area."

Janaia Smith, a junior nursing major from Seattle, recalls the time she would occasionally walk by. "When I stayed in McGrew [Towers], I would always take the same routes to class [and it] seemed as though that parking lot wasn't being taken care of. Now it looks more clean and put together."

"The lot looks really nice. said Omari Miles, a freshman, sports management major from Newtown, Conn. "I usually don't walk that way very often, but in comparison to the last time I saw it, it looks so much better."

Mark Hall, a freshman business management major from Northern Virginia, said he would walk with his friends who stayed in Holmes Hall: "We would always stumble over those rocks. One time, I even tripped. I'm so glad to see that the area is all fixed up. This is a really good look for Hampton."

**Holly Tree Inn**, a campus dormitory and faculty dining room, has been known to attract visitors and tourists for its unique appeal as well as its delicious down-home meals. Now, visitors are free to park in appropriate spaces specifically designed for vehicles, and getting their cars muddy is no longer a factor.

Scripps Howard faculty members are in the same boat. Along with students, there is literally a common ground for the faculty to comfortably walk over.

The newly remodeled parking lot serves as one of the many ventures to the transformation of Hampton University.

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