

# **PARK(ing) Day**

## **September 17th, 2010**

### **What's this all about?**

PARK(ing) Day is an international phenomenon that began in 2005 in downtown San Francisco when one art studio fed a parking meter and set out grass, a bench, and a tree, and for two hours welcomed friends and strangers alike into their parking space turned park.

Now a grassroots global event happening in over one hundred cities on six continents, PARK(ing) Day is an opportunity for businesses and individuals to participate in the conversation about how our public spaces can best serve our communities and improve our urban habitat (at least until the meter runs out!).

### **So What?**

In Portland, a city renowned nationally for its bike- and walkability, Park(ing) Day gives businesses and organizations an exciting and unique opportunity to connect with customers and the larger community by designing their own temporary park and inviting the public to visit and participate.

This year, local nonprofits are coordinating media and outreach to get Portlanders excited about checking out the array of fun and creative public spaces created at or near their favorite businesses.

### **What kind of PARK?**

The temporary places we create are limited only by our imaginations. Think about your neighborhood and the community needs and come up with something fun, inviting, and useful. Here are some ideas from around the world:

Outdoor seating, giant chess game, urban gardens or microfarms, arts and crafts, croquet course, dinner parties, swimming pool, aquarium, dog park, community health clinic, massage parlors, live music, reading lounge, outdoor office park with wifi, and dance parties.

### **Who's involved?**

Locally and globally, PARKs are set up by any individual, business, or organization that wants to participate in improving our urban habitat and connecting with the community. Find out which Portland businesses are participating this year.

### **How can I get in on the fun?**

Setting up a PARK isn't hard but there are some permitting details you'll want to know about. You can read more about those at: [TODO](#)

You'll also want to sign up at [TODO](#) to get technical and outreach assistance from us. More Info:

<http://parkingday.org>

# **City of Portland Permitting Instructions**

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1. Decide where you would like to have a (Park)ing space. Note its exact location by naming the street, side of street, and cross streets.
2. Call the Permit Center at (503) 823-7365. Say that you would like a permit to temporarily occupy a parking space for National (Park)ing Day on September 17, 2010. If the person does not know of this event, ask them to transfer you to Dana Dister in the Portland Bureau of Transportation at (503) 823-5183.

If you receive a voicemail prompt at either the Permit Center or Ms. Dister's phone, leave a detailed message stating exactly where the parking spot you would like to occupy is located and the day and name of the event. Also leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

3. The Permit Center or Ms. Dister will call to verify information and process the permit. You will be asked to come to the Permit Center, located at 1900 SW 4th Ave, to sign the permit and pay. The Permit Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost of this permit is \$50 per space/per day.
4. You now have a space or spaces reserved for the hours you've requested. It is not necessary to pay the meter. Someone must be present at the space with the permit in case a parking enforcement officer asks to see it (The officers have a right to do this).
5. We ask that when National (Park)ing Day is over you remove all personal items from the public right of way. If you have feedback, please call Dan Anderson at the Bureau of Transportation, (503) 823-5185. He can also be emailed at [dan.anderson@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:dan.anderson@ci.portland.or.us).

Thank you.