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**Treasurer's Office to Recognize PARK(ing) Day  
On September 20, 2013**

PARK(ing) Day STL is a collaborative effort between the City of St. Louis Treasurer's Office and several neighborhood organizations to allow businesses and local organizations to find alternative usages for parking meters for a single day. This year the event will take place on Friday, September 20, 2013.

The goal of PARK(ing) Day is to draw attention to how we use public space and explore new ways of interacting with our city. The event calls attention to the need for more urban open space, generates critical debate around how public space is created and allocated, and how to improve the quality of urban human habitat... at least until the meter runs out!

PARK(ing) Day is an annual, global event on the third Friday of September. Citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces: temporary public places. The international event began in San Francisco in 2005 when a group of architects "rented" a parking space by paying the meter and set up a miniature park. In 2011, over 975 PARK(ing) Day spots were created in 162 cities across the globe. St. Louis's first PARK(ing) Day spot was built in 2011 and we are looking to expand the number of participants. In addition to miniature parks, parking spaces have been rented out for a variety of creative displays, including performance spaces, art galleries, refreshment stands, and lawn bowling.

The Treasurer's Office will waive the customary \$25 application fee and the meter rental fee for PARK(ing) Day participants. Applications can be downloaded from the Treasurer's Office website at <http://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/treasurer/>.

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