



The beginnings of (PARK)ing Day

15 years ago, a group of residents in downtown San Francisco turned a single, metered parking space into a temporary public park.

Since then, PARK(ing) Day has become an annual international event where residents and businesses temporarily create social recreational public spaces by occupying parking spaces.

Why?

The vast majority of outdoor urban space is dedicated to the private vehicle, while only a fraction of that land is allocated to open space for people. By occupying parking spaces, even if only temporarily, we can encourage a broader reimagining of what could be, and in turn, help to shape the future character of our city to support healthy, active lifestyles and increased social engagement.

By repurposing spaces intended for the "temporary storage of a private vehicle" into creative places where people can meet, play and engage with others, we hope to plant the seed for forward-thinking conversation about how Sarnia is designed and built, the need for more pedestrian-friendly spaces, and how we can improve our infrastructure to allow us to be a more healthy, active and connected community.

This is an opportunity for residents and business owners to lead the way, to conceive, build and improve our own local urban environment and we are excited to create some energetic and vibrant spaces for people to enjoy.

