

# Parking Issues on Main Street: Problems and Solutions



**Hometown Minnesota, Inc.**

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*Hometown, Minnesota promotes sustainable local economic development, community character and local history, and community-based entrepreneurial development. By connecting Minnesota communities with resources, technical assistance, and the organizational experience of other communities, Hometown Minnesota helps communities preserve and restore their downtown districts.*

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**Hometown Minnesota Workshop**  
**October 24, 2003**  
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**The Pavilion Place**  
**218 North Meridian Street**  
**Belle Plaine, Minnesota**

## **Parking on Main Street: Problems and Solutions**

Main Street businesses must compete, in an era where convenience is everything, against the malls and big box stores with huge parking lots. On-street parking is often limited by traffic safety issues, and shared parking lots have varying levels of benefit for downtown businesses. How does a small city create a fair and convenient parking scheme for downtown businesses? What options does Main Street have for balancing traffic management with convenient parking? What have successful downtowns done to minimize parking hassles and create safe and affordable parking options?

Joining us as guest speaker is Michael Spack, P.E., a Principal with Traffic Data, Inc. Mike has worked as city traffic engineer and traffic consultant in a variety of communities.

The workshop will cover the options that communities have in creating downtown parking, the difficulties of dealing with State or county highway standards for on-street parking, and the traffic engineering approaches to specific parking problems. Mr. Spack will discuss what is needed to create a meaningful downtown parking study, and the innovative approaches and the circumstances that allow or limit innovative parking approaches.

**Cost: \$75.00 per community.** Make out checks to Hometown Minnesota. Workshops are free to Affiliate members. Refreshments will be provided.

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