DID YOU KNOW

Parking is what cars do most of the time. It is estimated that on average, vehicles are parked 95 percent of the time. With the increase in car ownership, searching for a parking space in city centers has become more painful than ever for most U.S. drivers. A recent study by INRIX, a specialist in connected car services and transportation analytics, indicates that motorists spend an average of 17 hours a year searching for a space to park on streets, in lots, or in garages. The hunt adds up to an estimated $345 per driver in wasted time, fuel, and emissions.

Here are some frequently asked questions in regard to parking:

- Where do Tennesseans park?
- How do engineers and planners determine the number of parking spaces?
- What is the current trend of parking in Tennessee?
- What will future parking be like in Tennessee?

If you have asked any of these questions, please look inside for answers!
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