

# IN THE NEWS



## **GARAGE GUIDE**

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### **Find a space in the city**

Really, now, does anyone actually read those Zagat guides? We don't want beef, but there's a McDonald's on every corner, right?

Something way more useful is Margot Tohn's "Park It! NYC: Complete Guide to Parking Garages" (Park It! Guides; \$13.95). The Zagatesque paperback's 360 pages and 25 maps — covering Inwood to the Financial District — give readers exact locations, rates, hours of operation and much more:

There are 1,110 off-street parking garages and outdoor lots in Manhattan and 104,000 licensed, off-street parking spaces.

The street with the most garages is East 80th Street with 16.

The largest garage is Pier 40/West Street, with 3,500 spaces.

Tohn also offers advice on tipping, writing, "The average parking attendant earns \$21,000, which is less than half the average salary in New York City." Here's another tip: You may want to give them a little something (\$2?) when you drop off your vehicle; the attendant may just take a little extra care when parking your baby. And you'll still have enough green for the expensive dinner with that other baby of yours.

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