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[ParkWhiz.com](#) allows you to reserve and prepay (with a 10 percent commission tacked on) for parking spots at participating garages in Chicago and lists locations and prices for most nonparticipating garages. To find a spot, type in your destination and the times you plan to park and return to your car. Those who own spare parking spaces can also list them and maybe make a few bucks.



Chicagoland Bicycle Federation's Web site, [BikeTraffic.org](#), is filled with news, events, tips, and educational resources for area cyclists.

CTA-related headlines, in-depth data, and historical photos of trains, maps, stations, and lines that make up the second-largest U.S. transit system. Any CTA addict (you know who you are) will be in utter bliss at [chicago-l.org](#).

[CTATattler.com](#) is the place to go to vent some spleen regarding the CTA. The site offers news on individual train delays and analysis of the endless, slow-motion financial problems. Users can also send and receive news alerts by cell phone.

[Traffic.com](#) provides traffic reports, congestion maps, and weather in your browser, streamed to your desktop, by an automated phone call, or as text messages to your mobile device.



A great resource for mass transit users, [TripsWeb.RTACHicago.com](#) lets you type in your starting address and



TRAVEL

For low-planning getaways, [EnjoyIllinois.com](#) highlights destinations such as Dickson Mounds Museum, Cave-in-Rock State Park's limestone cave, and the birthplace of Carl Sandburg.

WOMEN'S INTEREST

Blagica Stefanovski's blog [GalsGuide.com](#) gives firsthand advice and opinions on news, YouTube videos, saving money, budget shopping, dating, and the lives of Chicago 20-somethings.

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A great website that should go under Arts & Culture is the Chicago-based video magazine [www.getfreshcut.com](#). They do interviews with up-and-coming artists, musicians and filmmakers and their blog covers all sorts of new media stories.

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