

# PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

## The Mead Center for American Theater

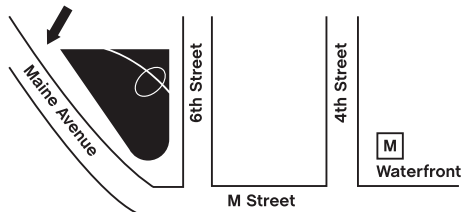
### Introduction

Event parking availability at The Mead Center varies according to the time of day, time of week, and theater schedule. In addition to the information below, your event coordinator will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding parking and find the option that fits best for your event.

### The Mead Center Garage

The entrance to the parking garage is accessible from the northbound lane of Maine Avenue. When empty, the Mead Center garage has 65 parking spots. Some of the parking spots are double spaces. Parking attendants assist in guest parking and double park guests in if needed. Only standard sized vehicles will fit in our garage . Cargo vans, small box trucks or vehicles with trailers are not permitted. Theater performances affect event parking availability. Both matinee and evening theater performances can occur every day of the week except for Monday, when performances are not typically scheduled.

The entrance to the parking garage is accessible from the northbound lane of Maine Avenue.



### Weekday Parking

During the hours of 6 a.m. through 6 p.m. approximately 35 spaces are reserved for staff and about 30 are available for theater attendees and event rentals. The Mead Center provides a parking attendant beginning at 6 a.m. every weekday. If there is not a weekday theater performance, event guests can park on a first come, first serve basis for the \$22 per vehicle rate. Pre-reserved parking can be purchased for an event for \$20 per vehicle. A half-garage buyout, approximately 30 parking spots, is \$500 per day. If there is a weekday theater performance, event guests can still park at the \$22 daily rate or prereserved spots can be purchased at the \$20 rate per availability.

Clients must provide a list of names of event parkers for any pre-purchased parking or parking buyouts.

### Weekend Parking

Unless there is a theater performance, there are 65 spots available in our garage on weekends. A weekend parking attendant is available upon request. A parking attendant is needed for event rentals if your guests plan on parking at the Mead Center. The cost for a parking attendant to be on-site for a weekend event rental is \$150.

Event parkers then have the following options provided there are no theater performances:

- Guests pay as they park at \$22 per vehicle
- Pre-purchased parking for \$20 per vehicle
- Half garage buyout (30 spots) at \$500
- Full garage buyout (65 spots) at \$1000

If there is a theater performance during a weekend event rental period, half and full garage buyouts are not available. Guests can still pre-purchase parking for \$20 or pay as they park for \$22 if spots are still available . If there is a weekend theater performance during the event rental period, the Mead Center will provide a parking attendant at no cost to the client.

## 4th Street Garages

There are two parking garages located at 1101 and 1100 Fourth Street SW. They are located approximately two blocks from the Mead Center. Parking spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event only and payment will be collected at machines located in the garages. The parking rates are \$22 per day. If you enter the garages after 4 p.m. the parking rate is \$14. The weekend rate is also \$14. Please notify your event coordinator if you or your guests will need to leave the parking garage after 11 p.m.

## Street Parking

Please allow yourself extra time if you plan to park on the street. The closest street parking is on M Street, I Street, Maine Ave. and 4th Street SW. Please read both street signs and meter information carefully, and observe all parking restrictions including rush hour and resident parking restrictions. Street parking is free on Sundays and federal holidays.

## Valet Parking

Event valet services can be contracted for your event. Please let your event coordinator know if you would like to offer valet parking to your event guests. The Mead Center does have a valet service that operates around theater performances and provides valet parking to our theater patrons. Valet parking offered during theater performances is \$25 per vehicle.

## Rideshare

Due to limited parking public transportation, taxi and rideshare services are encouraged. With advance notice, a Visitors' Services Associate can provide rideshare concierge service for guests.

## Metro

We are conveniently located just one block from the Waterfront Metro Station on the Green line or about a 15 minute walk from the L'Enfant Plaza stop serving the Yellow, Green, Orange, Blue and Silver lines. We are also accessible on Metrobus line 74.

## Shuttle Service

We can contract shuttle services for large groups or conferences. Please ask your event coordinator for details.