

Don't be passionate about parking

I walked through the mall three days after Halloween, and could have got some great deals on candy, and I also was able to view the Christmas decorations. That time of year is on us again. Only 47 shopping days to go.

Christmas is the time of year when we see friends and family that we seem to be too busy to see at other times of the year. It is a time of year when we look for just the right gift to put a smile on someone's face. It is the time of year that we can't get a parking space close to any store.

You've heard of road rage, well today we're going to talk about parking passion.

Have you ever been waiting patiently for someone to pull out of a parking space, only to have someone else nip in ahead of you? Does it make you so mad you could rip their headlights off? Hopefully not. While it is certainly annoying, there is no reason to lose your cool over it. Remember, you're seeking gift-giving Nirvana, so it doesn't make sense to encounter rage along the way. Smile and assume that the parking space-nipper is probably having a bad day and they need all the help they can get!

Emergency crews usually have large vehicles, and require more than average space to get through parking lots. If someone has tacked their car on the end of a row of parked vehicles and is blocking the roadway, an ambulance or fire truck may not be able to pass. That could mean precious seconds of response time to a life-threatening situation.

911/
411



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Park only in designated parking spaces.

Handicapped parking spaces are reserved for vehicles that have handicapped parking permits. Those permits are not to be used by other family members. They are for individuals with mobility issues.

Please remember, in the spirit of the season, to be considerate when parking at any store or mall.

A final, unrelated warning. The culprits who are breaking into unlocked residences at night are still active. There have been more night time entries in the past week in our area. Lock your doors and windows. I don't know how to say it any plainer, and tell your friends and neighbours to lock theirs.

If you have any questions about this or any other police matter contact me at 905-878-5511 ext 2120 or laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

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