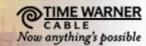
# FORTUNE FREE TRIAL

NATIONAL NEWS



# **NY1 News**



2003 RTNDA Edward R Murrow Award Best TV Hews Website in NY, NJ and CT

Search NY1

GO

Video/Audio Co

Choose Video

PLAY 33.6 DIALUP PLAY

**TOP STORIES** 

**WEATHER** 

**FULL SEARCH** 

## **NEWS BEATS**

Politics / NY1 ItCH
Education
Transit
Law Enforcement
Fortune Business

#### **BOROUGHS**

Manhattan Brooklyn Queens Staten Island The Bronx

WTC SECTION

**NY1 FOR YOU** 

#### NY1 LIVING Entertainment

Food Guy **Health Home** Money Matters Movie Reviews Museums On Stage Parenting Pets Technology Theater Reviews <u>Travel</u> TV Reviews Video/DVD Reviews Web/Game Reviews Whipple's World **Zagat Reviews** 

#### **FEATURES**

In The Papers
One on 1
NYer of the Week
This Day in History
Lottery

SPORTS
Scholar/Athlete

WEEKEND

<u>SPECIAL</u> REPORTS

POLLS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR November 16, 2004

On NY1 Now: News All Morn

Weather: Sunny & Nice, High 56

#### TOP STORY



Internet Company Says It Will Help You Fight Your Parking Tickets

## NOVEMBER 15TH, 2004

It's one of the hazards of owning a car - that little orange envelope that winds up on your windshield. But can you really fight a parking ticket and win? As NY1's Amanda Farinacci reports, an Internet company says yes, and the city agrees.

You have to feel for Roger Young. Just out of the Parking Violations Bureau where he paid \$400 for parking tickets he said he didn't deserve, he found another one for parking in a no standing zone.

"Traffic agents or the traffic officer should at least warn you instead of just riding behind you and writing out tickets," says Young. "I mean, this is ridiculous."

Or take Sulejman Suca. He says his car was ticketed seven times after it was stolen. He's been able to get five tickets dismissed, and he's still waiting to hear about the other two.

It's a process that hasn't been easy.

"I have documents here. I tried to appeal two or three times, back and forth, but nobody told me you have to pay first and then appeal. Nobody knows these things. I pay \$200 in penalties. It's been six months and I can't solve this problem."

Enter <a href="www.parkingticket.com">www.parkingticket.com</a>, an online agency that says it can fight tickets for you for a fee. The company says most people don't know how parking laws work, and they pay for tickets they could easily fight.

There are plenty to fight. The city Department of Finance says nearly 10 million parking tickets are given out every year, or about \$1 billion worth. Parkinticket.com says it just isn't right.

#### MULTIMEDIA

NY1.com thanks you for your patience while we make improvements to our video clip and live audio offerings.

Our audio and video material will return later this week.



Keeping New York safe tomorrow starts with recruiting more of New York's Finest today.

# NY1 On The Go

Take NY1 News with you on your browser-equipped PDA or cellphone by using our free NY1 To Go service.

# "A Tale of Two Subways'

This <u>five-part</u> <u>series</u>, done with the help of our sister

station, Tokyo MX, looks at the successes and failures of the Tokyo subway system, which has earned a reputation as one of the world's best.

### Transit Wrap-Up Watch NY1's

new weekly mass transit program, *In Transit*, airing each Friday at





POWERED BY:

OUTLOOK technologies "The city is using parking tickets to gain revenue," says the company's Glenn Bolofsky.

So is parkingticket.com, which collects 50 cents on the dollar for every ticket it gets tossed. On Monday, the president of the company was outside the PVB publicizing his service by promising "Free Help Wednesday" for the first 500 drivers who take him up on his offer.

But the Department of Finance says nobody should ever pay to fight a ticket. Said a spokesman: "This company wants New Yorkers to pay them for something they already get for free, scaring them into thinking you have to be a lawyer to beat a parking ticket. Finance's parking judges already dismiss defective tickets without a hearing and make fighting a ticket as easy as possible."

But parkingticket.com says it's more than just unfair tickets - the whole system needs an overhaul.

Organizers say New Yorkers should be given harsher penalties for safety violations like parking in a bus stop or fire hydrant, and they say drivers should get a little leniency for most others.

"Go ahead and increase the fines for true safety infractions, but stop nickel-and-diming the public all day long; it's putting a stain on the city," says Bolofsky.

But don't expect the city to take that advice any time soon. That means the best advice on fighting a ticket is not to get one in the first place.

- Amanda Farinacci

#### PRINT-FRIENDLY VERSION



8:45 p.m. and repeating Saturdays and Sundays at 11:15 a.m. and 11:15 p.m.

Reproduction in whole or in part without permission is prohibited. Copyright © 2004 NY1 News. All rights reserved.