

Wet Your APPetite

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Check out two new apps to make your life easier

Welcome to the second edition of Wet Your APPetite, where we highlight two smartphone/tablet applications that will help the facility professional be more productive, organized and effective and maybe even provide a little fun along the way. We will feature apps that fall into one of the following categories: social, commerce, facilities, travel, organization or productivity.

If you discover any apps you would like to suggest for future issues, please send them to apps@rfmaonline.com. If we use your recommended app in the article, we will be sure to recognize you for the suggestion and you will receive a small token of our appreciation. Recommended by: Dan O'Toole at Cadence MTC

With this program, you will never get another parking ticket or forget where you parked your vehicle. To navigate the app, simply select from one of the preset time limits (or custom set your own) while you are at the parking meter, and the timer will start the countdown. It also allows you to map your location, take a picture of the parking spot and even write yourself notes. The days of aimlessly searching for your car are gone.

The paid "Parking Meter Pro" version has a "No Limit" feature for car lots that charge by the hour, so you can keep track of how long you have been parked. You can also set the app to show the expired time after your meter time has run out, so you can see how overdue you are.

You can choose from various alert sounds, which warn you before the parking meter runs out. This gives you a chance to get back to your vehicle before the parking enforcer leaves a love note on your windshield.

Parking Meter Pro (AppInTheBox) is available for only \$0.99. At this time, it supports Apple products only (sorry, Android users). The latest version (1.02) in the App Store has a 3+ star rating.

My Favorite Features:

- Quick and easy to use with HD graphics
- Built-in alerts will pop up even when the phone is asleep or you are using another app
- Built-in maps, photo and notes make it easy to find where you parked your vehicle

PayPal

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With PayPal you can now "Pay Smarter, Pay Simpler, Pay Anywhere." The app is said to be the world's safest way to pay online. PayPal is now accepted at many of your favorite restaurants, cafes and stores as a type of "digital wallet." Now you can instantly pay for goods and services, pay back a friend for lunch, chip in for a gift or collect money for a work outing and even use the app to order ahead at some locations.

PayPal tracks your transactions so you can check your balance anytime, anywhere. You can even get special offers that are only available to PayPal customers. Another great feature is you can take a photo of a check and deposit it into your account.

PayPal is free and supports Apple and Android products. The latest version (5.4.4) at the App Store and Google Play has a 4+ star rating.

My Favorite Features:

- Very secure
- Today, more places are accepting PayPal
- Easy to transfer money to friends, family, babysitters and co-workers with no bank fees
- Free app that gives you special offers

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