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NEWS & TRENDS

Finding hidden meaning in building permits: What could enterprising people do with building permit data? Nine cities and counties aim to find out. They're standardizing their data to inspire innovation. [MORE >>](#)

5 cities, 5 smart ideas: Around the world we go for a look at innovative city programs. Learn how Surrey, B.C. is integrating IBM's Watson into its city app... how an 'ideas wall' is helping shape Lake Macquarie's digital economy strategy... and why 10 squats will get people a free subway ride or package of condoms in Mexico City. Get details on these -- and two more smart ideas -- at the site. [MORE >>](#)

Just released: How Cities are Investing to Enhance Livability

A new report from Onvia, developed in collaboration with the Council, highlights trending innovations that are having a positive impact on U.S. cities. Click to read about smart technologies transforming transportation, public safety and digital governance. [Download your free copy >>](#)

MARKETS & RESEARCH

More Brits warming to mobile payments: Cities that aren't using -- or considering -- mobile payments systems may want to reconsider. A new MasterCard study indicates the British are becoming more willing to drop their reservations about making payments by phone in favor of the convenience. The bonus for cities? They may be able to save a lot of money. Find out why. [MORE >>](#)

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Reserve your spot at Smart Cities Week to see firsthand the exciting technologies that will define tomorrow's cities. For example: Cisco will demonstrate how the Internet of Everything connects citizens and communities. Join us Sept. 15-17 in Washington, D.C. [Register now >>](#)

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

You CAN have it both ways: Up to 10 million electric vehicles are expected on U.S. roads by 2025, making intelligent management of EV charging loads critical for electric grids. OSIsoft and eMotorWerks just announced what they're calling a revolutionary new solution that further optimizes EV charging while improving grid stability. Get the details. [MORE >>](#)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

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JESSE'S PICKS

Here come the conferences!

After a bit of a summer lull, our smart cities events calendar appears to be filling up with 2015-16 conferences (including, of course, the Council's Sept. 15-17 [Smart Cities Week®](#) in Washington, D.C.). Below are a few other upcoming events you may want to get on your calendar.

SMART CITY EVENTS

9.1: Energy Day at Pacific Northwest National Lab
Richland, Washington

9.3: Sustainable Smart Cities India
Taj, Bengaluru, India

9.10: Smart City Landscape
New Delhi, India

9.17: New Mobility World
Frankfurt, Germany

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9.17: Nordic Edge Expo

Stavanger, Norway

9.21: Internet of Things World

Berlin, Germany

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