

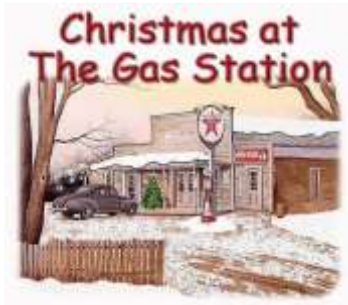


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Please pass me along to other stations!

ASSOCIATION CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER 2022 CONTEST WINNER VASCO TECH CENTER INC, MAMARONECK, NY. Please read through this bulletin for your chance to win!!! Call the office with the correct answer to the trivia question and you will be entered in the monthly drawing for a chance to receive a free month's dues; a value of \$45.00.



ATTORNEY'S CORNER

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

As all repair shops in our area and throughout the nation, we all are aware that there has been a dramatic increase in catalytic converter thefts since 2019. The exponential growth of catalytic converter thefts is plaguing most cities across the nation.

Why are people stealing catalytic converters?

The catalysts in the gas-changing chemical reaction happen to be an assortment of metals which include platinum along with two other metals (and even more precious): rhodium and palladium. This makes the part very valuable, both in resale and scrap value.

As of Aug. 22, YS Catalytic Recycling, a catalytic converter recycler based in Albany, New York, will pay an average of \$336 per converter. As of Aug. 26, platinum is selling for about \$28 per gram, while palladium is going for \$68 per gram and rhodium \$448 per gram.

Checking around we are told that another reason catalytic converters are stolen so often is that they're easy to pull off. It is inexpensive to buy the tools required – just a Home Depot trip away – but it's also quick. Someone takes off a converter as quickly as 45 seconds.

It seems that most of the time, the thieves steal them and then pass them on to buyers or fences to fund a drug addiction.

According to a 2022 study, these are the 10 cars that are targeted most for these kinds of thefts nationwide:

- 1985-2021 Ford F-Series pickup trucks (F-150, F-250, etc.)
- 1989-2020 Honda Accord
- 2007-17 Jeep Patriot
- 1990-2022 Ford Econoline vans
- 1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup trucks
- 2005-21 Chevrolet Equinox
- 1997-2020 Honda CR-V
- 1987-2019 Toyota Camry
- 2011-17 Chrysler 200
- 2001-21 Toyota Prius

Sophisticated Chop Shop

A "chop shop" is an illegal business that either dismantles stolen motor vehicles and distributes their parts, or uses the parts to build illegal motor vehicles, or sells the parts to a scrap yard. Simple definition and cat thefts blend right in. If the police catch a cat thief, and it is doubtful that they can since today, the police have their hands full of other types of crimes, such an arrest can often lead them to a chop shop.

Since this is December, I will keep it short. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

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EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

There are four ways to qualify for the ERC.

1. Full or Partial Suspension – shut down due to government order (order did not have to be given directly to you), applies mainly during 2020 since there were very few shutdowns during 2021.
2. Supply Chain Disruption – must have resulted from a government order to your supplier, making them unable to deliver goods to you.
3. Revenue Reduction – 2020- 50% reduction of gross sales compared to same quarter of 2019; 2021-20% reduction of gross sales compared to same quarter of 2019.
4. Start Up Recovery Funds – Started business after 2/15/20.

There are no up-front costs to apply!!! If and only if you get a credit back from the treasury, there will be a 15% recovery fee off of the total amount returned.

If you qualify you may be eligible for up to \$26,000.00 per W-2 employee. You can still receive your credit if you got the PPP.

It takes a few minutes to fill out the application. If you prequalify, you can move on to the regular application and begin the process for your rebate.

In 2 to 4 weeks, you will have an answer from Tax Rebate Specialists on the amount of your rebate!

Service Station Dealers is a Tax Rebate Specialist Affiliate and can help you fill out the application. If you are interested in receiving these funds and feel you qualify, please contact the association.

REFERRALS

If you know of a station that needs our services and is interested in becoming a member, refer them to us and upon signing you will receive a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. If you know of someone interested, please contact our Sales Representative Bill Griese at 914-227-0144.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y. LEGISLATORS PASS FLAVORED TOBACCO BAN, SENDS BILL TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE

On November 28, 2020, the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a bill that will ban the sale of flavored tobacco products in the county.

The bill includes a ban on the sale, distribution and marketing of all flavored tobacco products, including those with menthol, mint and wintergreen. It does not prohibit the use of such products within county lines, however.

“This is a positive step for public health in Westchester County,” said Legislator Williams Johnson, sponsor of the bill and Chair of the Committee on Health, via a press release. “It is good policy and protects the vulnerable from continuing to be exploited by Big Tobacco. We seized an opportunity to shield our citizens, especially children from the challenges of nicotine addiction and related health risks. In passing this legislation, our Board has set an example for other jurisdictions to follow. The lives of our children and families are worth so much more than the millions of dollars tobacco manufacturers make from the intentional, long-term destruction of our communities.”

The bill, which passed by an 11-6 vote, now heads to the desk of County Executive George Latimer, for his signature or veto. Latimer has not yet indicated his plans for the bill, other than that a spokesperson said he will review the bill. If signed into law, the bill would go into effect six months following its enactment.

If it goes into law, the county’s health department will be tasked with enforcing the law, and retailers who violate the law will face a first-time fine of \$300, which can climb to \$1,500 for each subsequent violation within a two-year period. A third violation would result in the retailer losing its license for six months.

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE JOSEPH ENGELDRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Don’t forget your raffle tickets and the \$1,000.00 scholarship raffle. The donation for a raffle ticket is \$25.00, and the prizes are as follows: First Prize \$2,500.00; Second Prize \$1,000.00 and Third Prize \$500.00.

This drawing will be held on December 15, 2022. The winners of all prizes will be notified then.

If you would like to participate in the drawing you can call the office to set up a payment and we will send you the raffle ticket or you can call your representative to come to your shop.

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NYVIP MESSAGE No. 279

TO: ALL INSPECTION STATIONS

FROM: NYS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SUBJECT: 2024 STICKER ORDERING and NYVIP3 UPDATE

Inspection stickers with an expiration year of 2024 are now available to order.

HOW TO ORDER STICKERS:

To order stickers on the NYS DMV website go to

<http://dmv.ny.gov/sticker/default.html>.

Consistent with normal practice, it is each inspection station's responsibility to order next year's stickers promptly so that you have proper supply on hand by January 1, 2023. Sticker orders are processed in the order received. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing.

The last day 2023 expiring sticker orders will be processed by DMV is December 22, 2022. Please submit your 2023 expiring sticker orders prior to this date.

Please note: these stickers will **not** be compatible with the NYVIP3 program. Any remaining stickers can be returned for credit once you begin using your NYVIP3 equipment. Please see below for additional information on NYVIP3.

If you have questions regarding your sticker order, please contact Sticker Issuance at (518) 474-2398.

NYVIP3 Update

Initial phase one beta testing is currently underway. (As a reminder, phase one stations include official diesel (opacity) inspection stations and those that haven't utilized NYVIP in the past (safety only).)

Production beta testing utilizing the new print on demand inspection sticker is scheduled to begin mid-December with full phase one rollout scheduled for mid-January.

Phase two beta testing is also underway. (As a reminder, phase two stations will include all those that currently conduct inspections with a NYVIP2 computerized vehicle inspection system (CVIS).)

Phase two equipment orders must be submitted ASAP and shipping will begin this spring. Further information about phase two will be shared in early 2023.

Any station (phase one or two) that has not yet ordered equipment must proceed to WWW.NYVIP3.COM to register and complete your order with Opus Inspection Inc. as soon as possible. If you do not register and place an equipment order, you will be unable to meet the requirements to maintain a New York State vehicle inspection station license.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT FOR USED MOTOR VEHICLES SOLD AT RETAIL (INFLATABLE RESTRAINT SYSTEM)

In February 2022 section 417 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) was amended to add certification and equipment requirement for used motor vehicles sold at retail.

All used motor vehicles sold at retail must be equipped with an operational inflatable restraint system (air bags) which conforms to the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standard that was in effect on the date of manufacture. The air bag readiness indicator light must illuminate momentarily as the vehicle is being powered up and must not remain illuminated nor flash intermittently while the vehicle is being driven.

In addition, all invoices or bill of sales for all used motor vehicles sold at retail to contain the following statement:

"The dealer named above further certifies that this vehicle complies with the inflatable restraint system requirements found in section 419-a of New York state Vehicle and Traffic Law."

This statement must: (1) be of the same color, size and font as the used vehicle certification statement; and (2) immediately follow the used vehicle certification statement.

If you have any questions regarding this law, please contact the Technical Services Unit by telephone at (518) 474-5282 (select option #4) or call the association at (914) 698-5188.

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CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: 32-year Auto Repair Shop and Used Car Dealership in Pawling, NY. Business and real estate for sale. Including repair, dealer and NYS Inspection licenses. Established 1990. 3 bay garage with office on environmentally clean .45-acre paved site directly opposite Metro North train station in Pawling, NY. This is a busy town and you will be busy on day 1. The owner will consider staying on staff for a transition period and will also consider a partial leaseback. Partial terms available for qualified buyers. Email all inquiries to jdowneyauto@yahoo.com.

For Sale: West. Cty NYS Insp. Mach.& Lic. including window tint meter. asking \$20,000 obo. Auto repair shop of over 30 years closing. All equipment & tools for sale call Ed at 914-659-0453.

For Sale: Various ½ “ & ¾” Drive Socket Sets, extensions, 1 Lincoln Grease Gun Cartridge (**BATTERY POWER**), misc. shop tools & supplies, 1 Ammco Combo Brake Lathe, Rotors & Drum & all adaptors, 1 Ammco Little Giant Brake Drum Lathe, 1 MGO Pump for Drum, 1 Elect Parts Washer, Portable Engine Crane, Engine Stand, 1 Hopyy Laser Headlight Aimer, Various Jack Stands Different Tonnage, 4 Floor Jacks Various Tonnage, 1 Snap-On EVAP Smoke Machine (**BRAND NEW**), 2012 Honda Rancher ES ATV w/ plow & Craftsman Ride On Lawn Mower. Contact: Tony Zeppieri at 914-494-8338 for pricing.

For Sale: You can be your own boss! Est. shop that specializes in trailer repair, snowplow and salter sales, parts and repair. We also offer vehicle up-fitting. We sell and install numerous truck bodies. The shop is geared towards landscapers and contractor's needs. Service center has an excellent reputation that repairs all makes and models of box trucks, utility trailers landscape and boat trailers. Welding and fabricating repairs/parts as needed. We have the ability to make hydraulic hoses that we make on site. The showroom is fully stocked with inventory. The shop can fit 4 vehicles inside. Shop equip. includes: 2 post lifts, torches, welder, tire changer, balancer, band saw, drill press, work benches & more. There is also a private office. We are an authorized BOSS snowplow, Ramp Rack, Buyers and Woolwax dealer. Motivated to sell IMMEDIATELY due to relocating out of the area. Great opportunity to get in now during the snow season. Please call 845-590-5800 for more information.

For Sale: Pwrsprts Dlrshp for sale, Motorcycles, ATVS, UTVS, Snowmobiles, Generators/power washers. Parts / Service dept. 8500 sq. ft. building on 8 acres. Rent or buy. Kawasaki and Arctic Cat, Kymco, Generac generators. We are located on the Newburgh/Marlboro NY, RT 9w. High traffic road. Check our website bigboyztoysny.com Call Tony 845-781-3082 cell.

For Rent: Rare opportunity. Two bays for rent with Inspection machine. Pleasantville, NY.. Good clientele at gas station. High Visibility. Call 929-323-6800.



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TRIVIA QUESTION

If it is signed into law, when will the ban on the sale of flavored tobacco go into effect? Call the office with an answer for a chance to win a free month's dues.

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

All of us at Service Station Dealers wish you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season!



Regards,

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