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Town of Upper Marlboro Purchases Its First Electric Vehicle, Will Also Install Charging Stations

"The purchase of this electric vehicle is another example of our commitment to protecting and preserving the environment"

By RAY FELDMANN
Town of Upper Marlboro

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (May 19, 2021)—The Town of Upper Marlboro has purchased its first fully electric vehicle that will be assigned to the Town's code compliance officer who handles property standards issues and assists the Town police with parking enforcement. This newly purchased 2020 Chevy Bolt will replace a 2009 Chevy Impala that has reached the end of its lifespan.

The Town is also working with Pepco and the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to install charging stations around downtown Upper Marlboro for residents and visitors to use. There are currently four electric vehicle charging stations

at the Show Place Arena; the Town is working to bring additional stations into the downtown area, as well as at the Town Hall.

"The purchase of this electric vehicle is another example of our commitment to protecting and preserving the environment," said Upper Marlboro Mayor Linda Pennoyer. "This will be the Town's first 'green' vehicle, and another great step for the Town's sustainability initiatives.

"Over the next few years, we plan to buy additional electric vehicles for our Police and Public Works departments and the Town Administration fleet," she added. "We will add those energy-efficient vehicles as soon as we are fiscally able to do so."



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The Town of Upper Marlboro purchased this 2020 Chevy Bolt, its first fully electric vehicle.

Number of Motorists Caught Speeding in Work Zones Increased on the Capital Beltway in Maryland in 2020

Traffic Dropped On I-495 Amid Pandemic As Drivers Flouted Work Zone Road Rules

By PRESS OFFICER
AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON (May 20, 2021)—Although traffic volume dropped in 2020 on the Outer Loop and the Inner Loop of the Capital Beltway inside Maryland, and other roadways in the national capital area, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of drivers ticketed for speeding in work zones increased on the Beltway. Speeding citations issued by speed camera units rose 11.7 percent year-over-year in the gargantuan work zones running clockwise and counterclockwise on Interstate 495 at the Suitland Parkway Bridges, near Joint Base Andrews in Prince George's County, according to an analysis by AAA Mid-Atlantic.

All told, 105,362 fast drivers were ticketed for speeding 12 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit on I-495 at the Suitland Parkway Bridges during 2020, data from the Maryland SafeZones program revealed. That compares to a total of 94,308 motorists who were caught speeding in 2019 by mobile ASE units deployed in work zones to protect the lives and limbs of crews replacing the bridges over Suitland Parkway on the Maryland Beltway. Before the outbreak of the pandemic, nearly 197,000 vehicles traversed this section of I-95/I-495 daily, as vehicles equipped with speed cameras churned out 258 tickets per day on average.

Last May amid stay-at-home orders, Maryland State Troopers launched a traffic enforcement dragnet around I-495. State Troopers ticketed drivers clocked going as fast as 105 miles per hour along the Capital Beltway's 55 mph speed limit. This year, "multiple law enforcement agencies will continue to work together with the Maryland State Police on a traffic detail targeting speeding and overall reckless driving through

Montgomery and Prince George's counties," to wit, on I-495 and I-270, the Maryland State Police announced in March. State Troopers say a whole lot of Beltway drivers are zooming along at clips of "90 miles per hour."

"This Beltway work zone sees 71.9 million vehicles per year. Despite conspicuous warning signs in its work zones, an average of 300 speeders were ticketed per day in 2020," explained John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's Manager of Public and Government Affairs. "They are without excuse. In the first full year of operation, speed cameras captured 124,477 speeders in cone zones along the top and bottom of the Capital Beltway. The double digit drop—24.2%—the next year, proves the effectiveness of work zone speed cameras."

During 2020, 57,868 motorists received \$40 speed camera tickets for going at speeds of 67 mph or more in the work zone on southbound I-495. This compares to 46,693 drivers nabbed for going too fast for conditions in orange cone zones on the Inner Loop at the Suitland Parkway Bridge in 2019. It represents a 23.9 percent uptick in the number of speedsters ticketed in the work zone along SB I-495, as 11,175 more motorists were fined for exceeding the speed limit by 12 mph or greater near the fabled home base of Air Force One.

Curiously, motorists behaved more circumspectly in work zones on the northbound direction of I-495 during 2020. Here, a year ago, 47,474 drivers were penalized for cone zone speeding. That sum subsided a tad—minus 0.29 percent—from 2019, when 47,615 speedy motorists received \$40 speed camera tickets for outstripping the posted speed limit on the Outer Loop, as work crews laboriously replace the Suitland Parkway bridges. It is a remarkable sea-change from two years earlier in 2018 as 57,939 motorists,

for the sake of comparison, were snapped by speed cameras in the work zone on NB I-495, according to Maryland's work zone citation history database. From 2018 to 2020, speed cameras meted-out 10,465 fewer tickets in the cone zone in the Capital Beltway Outer Loop (I-95/495 North), an 18% decrease, tabulates AAA Mid-Atlantic.

Drivers are returning to the roads this year at the highest levels since the onslaught of the pandemic. Through April of 2021, 29,206 motorists were cited for flouting work zone road rules on northbound and southbound I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway). That tally includes 15,614 speed camera citations handed down in the road work area on SB I-495 at the Suitland Parkway Bridge, and 13,592 speed camera tickets in the cone zone on NB I-495 during the first four months of 2021, as crews put the finishing touches on raising the profile of I-95/I-495 by one-foot to provide additional clearance for Suitland Parkway. The Maryland State Police and the Maryland SHA began issuing citations along the project site on August 7, 2017. The \$34.3 million dual bridge replacement project in both directions of the mainline of I-495 is slated to be completed the summer of 2021.

The Maryland State Police, in tandem with the Prince George's County and Montgomery County Police Departments, launched the "first of six new initiatives aimed at reducing vehicle related deaths due to excessive speeding and impaired driving" along I-495 and I-270. The initiative was unfurled in March. "The operation will continue once-a-month to August." Some motorists were clocked going 120 mph and 130 mph.

On April 13, 2021, "Troopers from the Maryland State Police Forestville Barrack

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Council Says "No" to Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project

Council Approves Joint Letter and Adopts Legislation Opposing "Unnecessary and Flawed" SCMAGLEV

By ANGELA J. ROUSON
Prince George's County Council Media

The Prince George's County Council, during a virtual session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, unanimously voted to authorize the signature of Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II, on a Joint Letter with County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, addressed to Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Gregory Slater, and Federal Railroad Administration Acting Administrator Amit Bose, recommending the 'NO BUILD' Option for the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) Project.

The correspondence, which refers to the project as "unnecessary and flawed," notes the proposed alignments contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), documenting the evaluation of potentially beneficial and adverse environmental impacts of the SCMAGLEV.

The Joint Letter states, in part, "The proposed alignments contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) would result in significant harm to established residential neighborhoods, parkland, recreational facilities and environmentally sensitive areas. The noise and vibration from the trains, as well as the daily truck traffic, dust and visual impacts of the associated maintenance facilities exacerbate the problems caused by the proposed alignments."

In a further statement of opposition to SCMAGLEV, the Council also unanimously adopted CR-026-2021, legislation opposing the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project. given the significant negative impact that it would have on the health, safety and welfare of County residents and on persons that operate businesses in the County.

Chair Hawkins says the Council views the project as costly with damaging environmental impacts, noting that SCMAGLEV does not address County transportation priorities identified annually by the County during the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program process.

"SCMAGLEV adversely impacts County residents and communities on many different levels. As proposed, this project cuts through our County without a single stop here, damages our environment, takes our land, and disrupts residents, communities and businesses, with little or no benefit. This body remains committed to providing viable transportation options for our residents that further the County and enhance our Quality of Life. The SCMAGLEV project is far from meeting those objectives."

Chesapeake Bay Area Lawmakers Urge EPA to Enforce Pollution Standards

By HANNAH FIELDS AND JOY SAHA
Capital News Service Washington Bureau

Senators from the Chesapeake Bay region are asking the Biden administration to enforce strict water pollution standards in Pennsylvania and New York to help meet previously-agreed goals for restoring the Bay.

The lawmakers, all Democrats, told new Environmental Protec-

tion Agency Administrator Michael Regan in a letter last month that efforts to reduce certain Bay pollution sources by 2025 "are at a critical juncture."

"Our concern has been the state of Pennsylvania has been falling significantly short of the goals that they need to reach in

order for us to meet the overall pollution goals for the Bay in 2025," Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Maryland, one of the co-authors of the letter, said in an interview with Capital News Service.

The senators told Regan that Pennsylvania would only meet 75 percent of its target to cut nitrogen pollution. New York also would fall short of its nitrogen goal by 1 million pounds, they said.

In addition to Van Hollen, the senators on the letter were Ben Cardin of Maryland, Tom Carper and Chris Coons of Delaware, and Mark Warner and Tim Kaine of Virginia.

In 2010, the EPA established the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load for pollutants permitted without violating water quality standards. The standards applied to the Bay's surrounding

states: Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, New York, and the District of Columbia.

"It sets limits for pollution that equate to a 25 percent reduction in nitrogen, 24 percent reduction in phosphorus, and 20 percent reduction in sediment," the senators' letter noted.

Under the Bay pollution daily load plan, the EPA has the power

to enforce water quality standards and to require additional reductions in sources of pollution to meet the 2025 goals.

"We ask that you use all tools at your disposal...to make sure that all jurisdictions are on track for 2025," the senators wrote.

"Because the Bay is a watershed that encompasses multiple states and the District of Colum-

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In & Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

After 50 good years, has SCA been killed by Covid?

On May 16, 2020, the Skyline Citizens Association (SCA) was scheduled to celebrate its 50th anniversary in a big way. The event was scheduled for the grounds of Skyline School. Tents, tables, chairs and a stage had been ordered from Park & Planning. Invitations were sent out to County officials and other VIPs asking them to save the date. And then March 10 came. And everything shut down.

Going back 50 years: On Feb. 27, 1970, about a hundred showed up for a meeting at Skyline School, ready to organize. They tapped Dolores Steinhilber to head a steering committee. She established a By-Laws Committee with Chairman Charlie Tretler, Gene Dunlap, Cecil Mathews, Frank Robbins and Art Zdobysz.

On May 1, 1970, the first organizational meeting was held at Skyline School. Dolores had done such a good job that she was elected SCA's first president. Papers of incorporation were filed.

Over the next 50 years SCA dealt with issues involving zoning, law enforcement, Neighborhood Watch, spring cleanup, street and sidewalk improvement, loitering, drug education and so much more. The association held four general meetings each year and hosted the Night Out Against Crime picnic in August. SCA published the Skyline Newsletter, delivered it to more than 500 residents four times a year, and mailed it to our County officials.

We (I am a member) lobbied for sidewalks on Suitland Road, and we got them. We fought for a community park, and got it. We testified on a number of zoning issues; won some, lost some. We fought off annexation by Morningside; it worked. We fought to keep Skyline School; we lost. But we soldiered on, until...

SCA's 50th Anniversary gala didn't happen. We've had no more meetings. No more Newsletters. But we still have SCA President Stanley Holmes and our other officers and maybe a little left in our bank account. Could we still make a go of it? Should we try?

After a half-a-century run, can we rally to save the Skyline Citizens Association?

Neighbors & other good people

Clotilda Crawley, in Sri Lanka, was riding a rickshaw when it had an accident and she was thrown out. She doesn't have broken bones but is in a lot of pain

and asks for prayers. Clotilda lived for years on Meadowview Drive in Suitland and was a parishioner at St. Philip's Church.

Daisy Young, formerly of Skyline, is in the hospital and in need of prayers. She and her husband Col. Ralph Young now live in California.

Katie Lewis, sister of Father Patrick Lewis, pastor of St. Philip's Parish, died May 20. While you're praying, include a prayer for the Lewis family.

Herman Michael "Mike" Rankin, who had a law office in Upper Marlboro for more than 47 years, died July 19, 2019, but wasn't interred at Arlington until this month, on May 19. The Glee Club of West Point Association of Graduates sang, to pay tribute to Mike, one of their founding members.

As I write this, I'm awaiting a visit from my sisters Rosie and Stella, of Saginaw, Mich. This will mark our first time together in many months. In their honor, we'll celebrate with the first McHale crab feast in two years.

Town of Morningside

Morningside held a Tax Rate Hearing at the Town Hall on May 18, prior to the monthly Town Meeting. According to the County Notice of a Proposed Real Property Tax Increase, published in The Washington Post on April 15, there will be a 3.8% increase for Morningside.

Graduations 2021

Ryan Haynes graduated May 7 from James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Va. He graduated from the School of Finance and will be working in Washington at OCC (Office of Comptroller of the Currency). He is the son of Kristin and Richard Haynes of Annandale, and the grandson of Betty and the late Ray Cottrell, of Skyline.

John E. "Jack" McHale IV is graduating from Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., and will be attending the College of Engineering & Applied Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. Jack is the son of David and Nina McHale, grandson of Mike and Sandy McHale of El Paso, great-grandson of Mary and the late John E. McHale Jr. for whom he's named.

A "most unusual day."

Betty Cottrell sent word of grandson Ryan's graduation at James Madison U. She wrote, "It was the most unusual day I have ever known. Rain-sun-rain-sun, etc. We were seated in the football sta-

dium (on steel bleachers) when all of a sudden we had two lightning bolts appear in the sky. So, of course, we had to evacuate. An hour later we were able to go back...into the sun." Graduation followed.

"On our way home, in the Shenandoah Mountains," she wrote, "there appeared the most beautiful rainbow I have ever seen. As we drove along, it appeared to travel right down the mountain into the valley. It appeared we could almost touch it. If we could only get down in the valley, we might find a pot of gold."

Changing landscape

Giant panda cub Xiao Qi Ji, born last August, now weighs 45 pounds, and has started making public appearances at the National Zoo.

The Tucker Road Ice Rink may be ready by this fall! Reconstruction has been going on for four years, following a 2-alarm fire on Jan. 4, 2017.

A new gas station—a Wawa, I think—is under construction at Allentown Andrews Town Center, on Allentown Road at its intersection with Branch Avenue.

I checked the progress of renovation at Surratts Clinton Library. (It's a great website, by the way; you can "walk" a tour by going to there.) After listening to the man in charge, it sounds as though it may reopen later this year. He showed photos of the lighthouse (with a light on top) in the Children's Room and cubby-holes where kids can curl up to read.

Gov. Larry Hogan has signed a bill that gets rid of the state song, Maryland, My Maryland. He refers to it as "clearly outdated and out of touch."

Mary's Covid report: I could win!

Governor Hogan announced, on May 20, that State residents, vaccinated in Maryland, are eligible for a daily-drawing prize of \$40,000; and on July 4, one \$400,000 grand prize.

Meanwhile, Maryland had 319 new cases as of May 20, at 5 p.m. and 2 new deaths. It's better, but certainly not over.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Teddy Burke (who lived next door to me for many years) and Kevin Nichols, May 30; Ruth Garner, Aiyana Poe and my granddaughter Sarah McHale, May 31; Kathleen Stahl, June 1; Paul Elborne and Jacob Cook, June 2; and Darius Nalley-Stoddard, June 3.

Happy 26th anniversary to Tyonda Simms-Taylor and Michael Taylor on June 1.

Brandywine-Aquasco by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to Nana Smalling for graduating with her master's degree in Public Health on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from Southern New Hampshire University, Ihu Mbakwe for graduating with her master's degree in Public Health from A.T. Still University in December 2020 who are Clinton United Methodist Church members. You are to be congratulated for your accomplishments. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to high school seniors Ronald Crawford, Jr., James Giles, III and Etinosa Omoregbe who are high school seniors graduating this year. These seniors are Clinton United church members who are active in the church.

OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Joining the Bowie State University Office of Engagement "Live at 5" Facebook Chat on May 12 was the Stanley Family. The Office of Alumni Engagement is celebrating BSU's Milestone Graduates all month long.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Top Students make bold moves after graduation. Graduate profiles highlight impact of Bowie State education. (Bowie, Md.) Several top Bowie State University graduates are already taking impressive steps to launch their careers ahead of the May 21 hybrid commencement demonstrating the value of a BSU education.

While this past academic year presented unimaginable challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, outstanding students found the strength to persevere and exceed expectations. In the days leading up to May 21, the achievements of a few select graduates were highlighted on the Bowie State commencement website, honoring their journey and successes.

Aahna Reynolds, a child and adolescent studies major, is preparing to start her career in child therapy with a job at a local organization that serves youth with autism. Guidance from her professors guided her to identify her ultimate career goal, and she discovered her passion.

"Bowie State is the first school where I soared," she said. "It's the first place where I felt at home and where I felt like, 'This is my school.'"

Thaddaeus Paey-Gardner, a communications major, found

his calling to help teach and mentor the next generation of students through his involvement with Ignite, a mentoring group for male Bowie State students. After graduation, he is pursuing a Master of Education degree, with a focus on secondary education, at Cabrini University in Pennsylvania, where he was recently honored with the Moral and Courageous Student Leader Equity Award.

"My education at Bowie State University has empowered me to empower others in my community," Peay-Gardner said. "I thank God for Bowie State University. It has made me into the person I am today."

These inspirational stories of top graduates illustrate how they are prepared to make a difference in the world because of their transformative experience at Bowie State University. Media Contact: Damita Chambers, dchambers@bowiestate.edu.

Bowie State University (BSU) is an important higher education access portal for qualified persons from diverse academic and socioeconomic backgrounds, seeking a high-quality and affordable public comprehensive university. The university places special emphasis on the science, technology, cybersecurity, teacher education, business, and nursing disciplines within the context of a liberal arts education, business, and nursing disciplines within the context of a liberal arts education. For more information about BSU, visit www.bowiestate.edu.

GRADUATES

I would like to congratulate all the high school seniors and college graduates for your success and accomplishments. Hope that you will have success as you strive to embark on another phase of your journey. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

EVENING SCHOOL

Evening School in Prince George's County is open to anyone over sixteen years of age who is not currently attending a day school below the college level. Upon completion of the necessary units for graduation, students receive a regular high school diploma, issued by the State of Maryland, from the Prince George's County Evening High School. Information received from Public Schools of Prince George's County, 1950-1980 BOOKLET compiled and distributed in 1987 by the Prince George's County Maryland Retired Teachers Association.

Around the County

Our Streets, Our Future—June 1, 2021

State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy is calling on the community at large to join her office for a public safety and gun violence prevention rally on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

June is Gun Violence Prevention Month and in light of recent gun-related incidents in Prince George's County, we must answer the call-to-action in protecting our streets and protecting our future!

The State's Attorney is leading the charge to protect our streets, our residents and the future of our county by collaborating with various partners to address the serious and ongoing activity around gun violence both county and nationwide. A collaborative front is necessary to address these issues head-on through partnerships with community leaders, youth groups, stakeholders, advocates/activists, faith-based leaders, our business community, housing community, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, and other public officials/agencies.

We look forward to you joining us for this important event. Please register today: <https://ourstreetsourfuture.eventbrite.com>

Those registered in advance will receive an orange t-shirt to wear on the day of the event.

See you on June 1!

WHEN: **Tuesday, June 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

WHERE: City of Praise Family Ministries | 8501 Jericho City Drive | Landover, MD

FOR MORE INFORMATION: pgsao@princegeorgescountymd.gov
—State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy's Office

NARFE Virtual Fair Announcement

Chapter 1747, the Bowie-Crofton chapter of NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) will hold a virtual NARFE Fair on Saturday, **June 5** from 10 a.m. to noon. The purpose of the Fair is to recruit active Federal employees and retirees for NARFE. Congressman Anthony Brown will speak at the Fair. Please come to the Fair to learn more about NARFE. Register for the Fair by sending an E-mail to fllee0716@verizon.net with your name and phone number or by calling 410-672-5065.

—Frank Lee, NARFE

Glory World International Ministry to Hold Free Oral Hygiene Education and Awareness Workshop

BOWIE, Md. (May 14, 2021)—In recognition of Oral Health Month, Glory World International Ministry (GWIM), Inc. will host an Oral Hygiene Education and Awareness workshop on **June 26, 2021**, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Longfield Elementary School in Forestville.

The free event is open to parents and children, ages 2-14 years old, interested in learning more about proper oral hygiene and the impacts of COVID-19 on your overall health.

"During these unprecedented times maintaining regular oral hygiene care is crucial," said Del Woods, Founder, and President of GWIM. "It's important to learn the benefits of good oral care and develop healthy habits for our teeth and gums."

Dr. Akendra Johnson, a practicing dentist in Prince George's County Maryland and member of the Board of Directors for GWIM, will demonstrate proper dental care and discuss why good dental hygiene is an essential part of your overall health.

All interested participants must register at Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/OralHygieneDay> and are required to wear facial masks and adhere to temperature checks.

For more details about the workshop or to learn more about GWIM, visit www.gwimsolutions.com.

—Del Woods, MPA, Founder & President, Glory World International Ministry, Inc.

Shawn Torres Inducted Into National Communications Honor Society at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. (May 19, 2021)—Shawn Torres of Fort Washington, Maryland was inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication association's official honor society, during a recent virtual ceremony.

To be eligible for induction, undergraduate students must complete 60 credits, have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0, complete the equivalent of 12 credits in communication studies, have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all communication studies courses, and be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution's policies.

Graduate students must have completed 12 hours of graduate credit-hours (18 quarter hours) in communication, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5, and currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution's policies.

Lambda Pi Eta became part of the National Communication Association in 1988 and was made the association's official honor society in 1995. Its main purpose is to recognize, foster and reward students who have outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. It also aims to promote professional development and create a closer bond between professors and students.

—John W. Morgan, Quinnipiac University

MidAmerica Nazarene University Announces Spring 2021 Honor Roll

OLATHE, Kansas (May 17, 2021)—MidAmerica Nazarene University recently announced its President's, Dean's List and Honor Roll for the spring 2021 semester. A total of 360 students qualified for one of the honors.

All students in traditional programs carrying 12 semester hours or more with a term GPA from 3.2 to 4.0 may qualify for one of these academic honors. Neutral credit hours are excluded from the calculation and reduce the course load used to figure the honor. The President's List is a 4.0 grade point average for the semester; Dean's List ranges from 3.5 to 3.99; and the Honor Roll is 3.2 to 3.49.

Following are MNU students named to the President's List, Dean's List and Honor Roll.

Bowie, MD: **Lawson Atianjoh**, Honor Roll

—Carol Best, MidAmerica Nazarene University

COMMUNITY

Electric from A1

Mayor Pennoyer said the \$22,000 price tag the new electric vehicle is being significantly offset by a pending \$10,000 grant from the MEA's Maryland Smart Energies Community Grant program: <https://energy.maryland.gov/govt/Pages/smartenergycommunities.aspx>

As a result, the electric vehicle will only cost the Town \$12,000. The Town's Board of Commissioners passed a resolution by unanimous 3-0 vote at its April 13 public meeting authorizing the purchase.

Just last month, the Town of Upper Marlboro was named a 2020 Tree City USA by the national Arbor Day Foundation, in recognition of the town's continuing commitment to urban forest management. According to the Foundation, the town achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance or proclamation.

Last December, the Board of Commissioners passed ordinance 2020-07, related to the protection, preservation, and promotion of the urban forest of Upper Marlboro. The ordinance also established a "Shade Tree Board" to be responsible for the tree program which regulates the planting and maintenance of trees in public places.

Mayor Pennoyer said the Town already has its new electric vehicle on-site and it will be ready for operation as early as next week.

Pollution from A1

bia, the role of the federal government through the EPA is essential to bringing different states together to comply with our pollution reduction targets," Van Hollen told CNS.

Last September, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation filed a lawsuit against the EPA for "failing to comply with their responsibilities under the Clean Water Act and the Blueprint," according to the foundation's website. The case was later consolidated with similar lawsuits filed by attorneys general in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

"Those (lawsuits) in my view are important measures to take to push the EPA in the right direction," Van Hollen said. "The previous administration did not do enough, in my view."

Foundation President William Baker said in January that "if Pennsylvania does not meet its obligations... the Chesapeake Bay will never be saved."

The EPA responded to a request for comment from CNS with this statement: "Administrator Regan, in remarks as a nominee before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, acknowledged that the Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure. He offered his commitment as EPA administrator to 'look for all the resources we can bring to bear to protect the Chesapeake Bay' and to help our state partners meet the 2025 goal of having all practices in place to restore the Bay and its tidal waters."

"As such," the statement continued, "we look forward to taking the next steps in providing funding and technical assistance, tracking and reporting progress, coordinating and facilitating partnership efforts through the Chesapeake Bay Program Office, and taking appropriate actions within our Clean Water Act authorities."

Van Hollen added that he is hopeful the Biden administration and the EPA will provide states the tools or resources they need to meet

the pollution standards and use its enforcing power for states like Pennsylvania.

"This was a letter to accomplish two goals," Van Hollen said, "One is to say 'We look forward to working with the Biden administration to protect the Chesapeake Bay,' but also, 'We're counting on you to strongly enforce the pollution reduction goals that are necessary to keep the Bay healthy.'"

Meanwhile, the governors of the states in the Bay watershed, along with District Mayor Muriel Bowser and Virginia Del. David Bulova, chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, are asking Congress for more federal support for cleanup.

"Our proposal is the Billion for the Bay Initiative: a significant and much needed infusion of new funds that will jumpstart the final phase of Bay restoration and put people to work building clean water infrastructure, including green infrastructure that will reduce stormwater and agricultural water pollution, the restoration of natural landscapes, and helping us adapt to the impacts of climate change," the May 13 letter to congressional leaders said.

The governors signing the letter were Maryland's Larry Hogan, a Republican; Virginia's Ralph Northam, a Democrat; Pennsylvania's Tom Wolf, a Democrat; West Virginia's Jim Justice, a Republican; Delaware's John Carney; and New York's Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat.

The Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load is intended to address decades of pollution in the 64,000-square mile watershed from urban and agricultural runoff, wastewater contamination and air pollution. The poor water quality not only has affected aquatic life but also has threatened industries dependent on the Bay, from recreational tourism to fishing.

The Bay and its many tributaries is home to nearly 18 million people and hosts a vast array of 3,700 species of fish, animals and plants.

Poetry and Produce: A New Partnership With The Capitol Market, Poetry X Hunger and Creative Suitland Arts Center

By PRESS OFFICER
Joe's Movement Emporium

Creative Suitland Arts Center, The Capitol Market, and Poetry X Hunger invites you to Poetry and Produce, a creative experience to include open mics, notable spoken word artists, poetry readings, interactive visual art stations and more! The Poetry and Produce program seeks to highlight food insecurity issues through the art of poetry and spoken word. Beginning Sunday, June 6 through October from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Creative Suitland Arts Center, 4719 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

Creative Suitland is an arts-based community development strategy to include

residents and businesses in defining the cultural and creative spirit of greater Suitland area. The Greater Suitland area considers the central Prince George's County communities of Suitland, Coral Hills, Silver Hill, Forestville, Capitol Heights, District Heights, Camp Springs, Hillcrest Heights, Marlow Heights, & Temple Hills.

The Capitol Market provides healthy and affordable food to residents and supports the growth of local businesses owned and operated by people of color. Their market welcomes people from all backgrounds to buy and sell, they recognize the impact racism has on our food system, and they work hard to reverse that damage by advocating for those most affected by systemic racism.

Poetry X Hunger is an informal initiative focused on intentionally inspiring poetry that addresses the cause of preventing and eliminating hunger. The overall approach is to augment the traditionally cited, tragic hunger statistics with heartfelt, powerful poetry as an innovative way of reaching the public and public policy decision makers.

All events are open to the public, respecting Covid safety guidelines. Activities are drop-in participation for all ages. Please invite your family and friends to help bring awareness to eliminating food insecurity and hunger. For more information, email c.thomas@joesmovement.org

Summer Grief Programs for Adults Include Yoga, Literature and Learning

By ELYZABETH MARCUSSEN
Hospice of the Chesapeake

PASADENA, Md. (May 20, 2021)—Chesapeake Life Center has planned programs through the summer to help adult grievers in the community work through their loss in ways that best meet their needs.

The center's free **Quarterly Book Group** will meet both in person at the center at 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, Maryland, and virtually, via Zoom for Healthcare. This group is for bereaved adults to share in conversations about where grief meets life in literature. This quarter's book choice is "The Hot Young Widow's Club" by Nora McInerny. It will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 19. In-person restrictions will be updated prior to the event using the most re-

cent Centers for Disease Control guidelines and organizational policies.

Living with Loss is a free virtual workshop that introduces participants to the universal grief process. The death of a loved one uniquely affects each person physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and socially. Join us as we look at bereavement and the unique ways people will experience and express grief. It will take place via Zoom for Healthcare from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Nurturing the Grieving Heart through Yoga returns for adult grievers. This four-week program that will meet online from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4 to 25. Facilitated by Cathy Rees, a registered nurse and certified yoga instructor with the Yoga Center of Columbia, participants remember their loved ones with more love than pain through targeted

breathwork, very gentle movement and guided meditation. No yoga experience is necessary. The yoga can be practiced seated on a chair or from a mat on the floor. The cost is \$40 for the four weeks.

Registration is required and can be completed by calling 888-501-7077 or emailing griefinfo@chesapeakecenter.org. Visit www.hospicechesapeake.org/events for a complete listing of in-person and virtual groups and workshops for adults and children.

Chesapeake Life Center, a program service of Hospice of the Chesapeake, serves hospice family members and the community with bereavement services and activities aimed at enhancing the quality of life for those grieving the loss of a loved one. For details, visit www.chesapeakecenter.org.

Pathway To Purchase Home Ownership Program Funded With Over \$760,000 to Assist First-Time Home Buyers

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County MD

LARGO, Md. (May 20, 2021)—On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the Prince George's County Council approved \$761,553 in funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Redevelopment Authority's home ownership assistance program, "Pathway to Purchase." This program offers first-time home buyers up to \$10,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance toward the purchase of their home. Home buyers can purchase a home anywhere in Prince George's County. Eligible residential properties include: new construction, resale, short sales and foreclosures.

Pathway to Purchase is a 0% interest loan program that must be paid back when

the home is sold, transferred or ceases to be the primary residence of the buyer(s). However, the loan repayment has a 10% decrease per year and after 10 years, it is forgiven and the lien is released.

"We are excited that we can continue to support this opportunity," said Aspasia Xypolia, Director of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development. "This dedicated funding will help people get on the path to home ownership. We are eager to continue our progress in helping families begin their pursuit of the American Dream."

The maximum purchase price of homes utilizing Pathway to Purchase assistance is \$361,000 for re-sale homes and \$399,000 for new construction. Home buyers may use one of the following loan programs with Pathway to Purchase: FHA,

Maryland Mortgage Program, VA or Conventional Loans. The home must pass a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection as part of the application process.

The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County will administer the program. Home buyers must work with an approved mortgage lender to submit an application.

Since 2017, Pathway to Purchase, along with the Prince George's County Purchase Assistance Program, helped 600 first-time home buyers purchase their home.

For information on program income limits, buyer contribution, area median income and debt requirements, call the Redevelopment Authority on 301-883-5456 or e-mail PJGardner@co.pg.md.us

Earth TALK™ Cicada Blooms Off Kilter Due to Global Warming

Dear EarthTalk:

Are the cicada blooms of the eastern U.S. out of whack due to global warming and/or other man-made environmental problems?

—Joe R., Moorestown, NJ

The short answer is...probably. If you live in the eastern or midwestern U.S., you've likely seen so-called periodic cicadas. These inch-long, gray-and orange-winged insects with bulging red eyes feed on the underground xylem tissue of tree roots for years before emerging in millions-strong-per-acre swarms to mate and then die. Of the 3,000 different cicada species around the world, only seven—all in North America—are periodical. The first historical reports of periodical cicadas came from the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock and were shocked to see such a wondrous biological phenomenon unfold before their eyes during the summer of 1634.

Cut to the present, summer 2021 promises to be a doozy as cicada "blooms" go. From Georgia

and Tennessee north to Michigan and New York, we can expect to see a big showing as the largest generational brood, Brood X, emerges from the ground en masse as spring warms to summer.

But even though this spectacle typically starts in May, this year millions of cicadas came out as early as March. Researchers believe they were erroneously triggered by a warming-induced "false spring" when the weather warmed up enough for trees to start leafing out early, even though at least one more freeze was still on the way. Even stranger still, a smaller segment of Brood X actually emerged four years early in and around Washington, D.C. in the late spring of 2017.

"[For] these accelerations that we're seeing constantly for all these different broods over much of the eastern half of the U.S., the only common phenomenon that can account for it is climate," biologist Gene Kritsky of Ohio's Mount St. Joseph University, who has been studying and mapping periodical cicadas for decades, tells Scientific American.

Time will tell if this warming-induced aberration in the cicada's lifecycle will have deleterious effects on the environment. The Pilgrims may have mistakenly thought they were being swarmed by a plague of locusts of biblical proportions that would eat up all their crops, but cicadas are actually beneficial to the environment, providing valuable ecosystem services to the communities of plants and wildlife in their native territories. Once the cicadas do emerge, they aerate soils, serve as a food source for predators, and relieve predatory pressure on other insects, serving as a biological kickstart to local ecosystems.

Scientists studying the ecological role of cicadas worry that altering the timing of their emergence could potentially have negative effects on the bug's populations moving forward, not to mention other environmental ripple effects. In the meantime, consider yourself lucky if you do get to see the cicadas—indeed one of the great phenomena of nature of the eastern U.S.—during this summer of Brood X.

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Some cicadas have been "blooming" early and researchers think global warming is to blame.

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COMMENTARY

Memorial Day 2021

A Message From George W. Owings III, Secretary, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

As Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, I am honored to serve the 385,000 veterans who call Maryland home. As a veteran myself, Memorial Day resonates deeply with me. As we gather with friends and family this holiday weekend, let us not forget the men and women who valiantly served and who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation. Let us remember the sacrifice made by the many who have lost those dearest, our Gold Star families. The sacrifice these heroes and families made has created the great nation we live in today.

Many of us are familiar with the story of how Memorial Day was established. Our country was nearly torn apart by the Civil War, but after the guns were laid down, people in cities and towns across the nation began to gather and remember those who had died. Originally

called Decoration Day, May 30 was designated as the day to visit and place flowers on the graves of those who died in service to their country.

In Annapolis this Memorial Day weekend, the United States Naval Academy will graduate the Midshipmen of the Class of 2021. The Air Force Academy, West Point, and Coast Guard Academy have also graduated the next generation of military leaders. They will go on to be Admirals, Generals, pilots, ship captains and more. Others will join the enlisted ranks and provide support and leadership across the globe. They will serve in an increasingly complicated and technologically advanced world. They are the hope for our future and yes, those responsibilities may place them in harm's way.

On this holiday weekend, I ask you to contemplate what more you can do to honor and

support the members of our United States Armed Services. I ask you to support our nation's veterans, and Maryland veterans in particular. They are your neighbors, your friends, and your relatives. Take time to learn of their experiences and pause to consider the sacrifice made by their spouses, their children, and their parents. Thank them all for their service as active duty service members, veterans, family members and loved ones.

Finally, take a pledge this weekend to visit at least one of the four Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs memorials. Recite the names of Marylanders lost in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Pause at the Gold Star Memorial and reflect on the sacrifice made by the families of the fallen. And finally, on behalf of our entire Department, enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday weekend.

Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita,
Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Helping Hunger Take a Summer Break

Summer is right around the corner marking the end of another school year. But summer break this year has been disrupted for millions of children and positive alternatives to the streets may be lacking. Many children unable to return to school or full-time child care face long hot summer days ahead without enough to look forward to. The struggle of many families has been exacerbated by the pandemic. Food pantries face long lines across our nation. As of March 2021, 1 in 7 households with children reported they lacked enough to eat. Mercifully, the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program has been extended through the summer months to help alleviate hunger for 30 million children.

More than half of all public school students, nearly 22 million, rely on free or reduced-price school meals for their daily nutritional needs. Times out of school—from snow days to spring break—can mean missed meals and empty stomachs. The

wave of school closures paired with spikes in unemployment and food prices posed an even greater and longer threat to hungry children. In March 2020 Congress created the P-EBT program providing money to replace free or reduced-price meals children would otherwise have received at school. The Biden Administration and Congress have since made several important improvements.

In December, Congress expanded P-EBT to cover young children who lost access to meals through child care providers. Children under 6 enrolled in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and a child care facility that is closed, operating at reduced capacity, or located near a school fully or partially closed can receive help. With many schools and child care centers still operating on a hybrid basis, Congress and the USDA loosened restrictions to ensure children receiving a mix of in-person and virtual instruction still get benefits on days they can't access meals

in-person. President Biden also used his executive authority to boost P-EBT benefits 15 percent for qualifying families to \$6.82 per day.

Under the recent American Rescue Plan Act, Congress expanded P-EBT to cover summer months and to continue until our public health emergency ends, ensuring children will be fed until schools can fully and safely reopen.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of school meals to protect every child from hunger during the summer and beyond. Congress must establish a permanent out of school P-EBT program for children whenever school is closed. And we must expand our school lunch and breakfast programs to provide universal free school meals for all children after the COVID-19 crisis ends. It should not take a global pandemic to implement these common-sense solutions to keep our children fed year-round.

Council Enacts Legislation Establishing Re-Entry Employment Incentive Program in Prince George's County

Program Encourages Employers to Provide "Second Chance" for Residents Returning from Incarceration

By ANGELA J. ROUSON

Prince George's County Council Media

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, May 18, unanimously passed CB-019-2021, establishing a Re-Entry Employment Incentive Program in Prince George's County. The Re-Entry Employment Incentive Program, administered by Employ Prince George's, encourages employers to hire Prince George's County residents who are returning from incarceration with a financial incentive.

Under the legislation, qualifying employers would be reimbursed at a rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per hour, up to 40 hours per week, and a maximum of 1,000 hours for each 12-month period of employment following the hiring date of a qualified employee. Reimbursement is dependent upon the availability and allocation of funds in the County Budget.

Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II, sponsor of the legislation, noted the employment barriers

formerly incarcerated residents often face, and the importance of leveling the playing field for them and the community.

"Finding gainful employment is a hurdle for ex-offenders, and the inability to find work can lead to recidivism. We want to have programs in place that support formerly incarcerated persons and help them become productive members of our community. This legislation will help reduce recidivism rates by encouraging businesses to hire them and provide a second chance. I appreciate the support of the entire Council in this effort."

At-Large Council Member Mel Franklin, co-sponsor of the legislation, says the Re-Entry Employment Program incentivizes employers to give residents a second chance.

"Employment is one of the biggest ways we can stop the revolving door that takes people back to prison. This legislation will be another tool in our efforts to reduce crime, improve quality of life, and get people employed."

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

NBA's New Social Justice Award Honors The Extraordinary Kareem Abdul-Jabbar - National Urban League President & CEO Marc H. Morial to Serve on Selection Committee

"In addition to being one of our greatest players, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has devoted much of his life to advocating for equality and social justice. With this new award, we are proud to recognize and celebrate NBA players who are using their influence to make an impact on their communities and our broader society."

—NBA Commissioner Adam Silver

Three decades after retiring from the NBA, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar remains the League's all-time leading scorer and still holds the record for the most MVP awards, the most field goals, most All-Star selections, and the most minutes played.

In the years since, he has found success in a variety of pursuits: coach, cultural ambassador, even reality television contestant. But his greatest achievements off the court have been as a writer and civil rights activist.

Now, the NBA has honored him by creating a new award to recognize the player who best embodies his pursuit of social justice and racial equality.

The first Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion award will be announced during the playoffs. The winner will receive \$100,000 to donate to an organization of his choosing. Four additional finalists will receive \$25,000.

It is my honor to serve on the committee that will select the winner. Throughout his impressive career, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has been an uncompromising example of leadership, excellence and integrity.

Abdul-Jabbar—then known as Lew Alcindor—emerged as a basketball phenomenon as a student at Power Memorial Academy in New York City in the early 1960s as the Civil Rights Movement was reaching a crescendo. The 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963, when he was 16, awoke a deep anger within him.

"As I watched the ineffectual moral outrage of the black southern preachers, the cold coverage of the white media, and the posturings of the John F. Kennedy White House, my whole view of the world fell into place," he wrote in his 1983 autobiography, *Giant Steps*. "My faith was exploded like church rubble, my anger was shrapnel."

A few months later during a game, he was devastated to hear his trusted coach use the n-word

when berating his playing. Determined not to return to the coach's basketball camp in the summer of 1964, he accepted a summer job as a reporter in the Harlem Youth Action Project's journalism workshop. Though he later relented and attended the camp in August, he began his summer working out of the 135th Street YMCA Annex and devouring the collections of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture on Lenox Avenue. On July 18, Harlem erupted in rioting in response to the shooting death of a Black teenager by an off-duty police officer.

"We interviewed people all over the Harlem streets and got exactly the angry, ghetto-dialect, eyewitness reports that white journalists and newscasters have such a hard time accepting at face value," he wrote. "Newspapers and TV broadcasts focused on property damage and police injuries, not Harlem's powerlessness."

As a student at UCLA, he was among a group of prominent Black athletes inspired by Muhammad Ali who supported a boycott of the 1968 Olympic games to protest racial discrimination. Though no formal boycott was announced, he declined to participate and spent the summer teaching basketball and mentoring children as part of New York City's Operation Sports Rescue.

"I thought then and think now that the pride I instilled in those hundreds of inner city black kids by teaching and paying attention to them was ultimately worth more than whatever I could have contributed to the national morale in the way of an Olympic gold medal," he wrote.

In addition to several autobiographies and mystery novels, Abdul-Jabbar has published books about the Harlem Renaissance, Black inventors, and forgotten Black heroes like the 761st Tank Battalion, belatedly awarded the Presidential Unit Citation in 1978 for extraordinary heroism in World War II, and Bass Reeves, first Black deputy U.S. marshal west of the Mississippi River.

As racial justice protest swept the nation last year, he wrote in the Los Angeles Times, "Racism in America is like dust in the air. It seems invisible—even if you're choking on it—until you let the sun in. Then you see it everywhere. As long as we keep shining that light, we have a chance of cleaning it wherever it lands."

CORRECTION

In a Capital News Service article that published in the May 20 edition of The Prince George's Post, entitled Maryland Company Moves Ahead in Quantum Space Race, the penultimate paragraph has been corrected to read:

He added that the University of Maryland's support is contributing to the industry's growth. In 2020, IonQ opened a new Quantum Data Center, a 23,000-square-foot center in Maryland's Discovery District. The site was made possible in part due to a \$5.5 million investment from the university.

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Speeding from A1

conducted a speed enforcement initiative on the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County." Despite fewer drivers on the road due to the COVID-19 pandemic, "motor vehicle crashes on Maryland roadways claimed 569 lives in 2020, an increase of 6.4% compared to 535 deaths the previous year," warned the Maryland State Police. "Excessive speed was a contributing factor in many of these crashes." As crashes soar, auto body shops are jumping.

Currently, Maryland boasts 16 active work zone speed camera locations, including on I-495 SB and NB at Central Avenue (MD-214); I-270 SB at the Maryland 85 interchange; and along Maryland 210 NB at Kerby Hill Road/Palmer Road. The number of speeders cited in the cone zone on Indian Head Highway NB multiplied year-over-year, from 2,243 motorists in 2019 to 3,358 pedal-to-the-metal violators in 2020. It comprises a 49.7% increase. Through April 2021, 1,159 drivers were ticketed for speeding in this work zone.

Then there is the cosmic scheme of things. In 2018, 4,384 drivers were cited for excessive speeding in the MD-210 segment replete with traffic cones, channelizers, and workers ahead signs, Maryland Safe-Zones citation history shows. The number of work zone photo-tickets plummeted 48.8 percent in 2019, before increasing again in 2020. But even then, overall ticketing is down 23.4% in the cone zone from the previous bench-mark set in 2018. Prior to the pandemic, south Indian Head Highway at Kerby Hill Road/Palmer Road was the most congested arterial (non-freeway) in Maryland during the PM commute. Plus, northbound MD 210 at Swan Creek Road ranked as the 4th most congested arterial in the state amid the AM rush, TRIP reports.

The question remains: was 2020 an outlier or an anomaly? Nationally, 842 deaths occurred in highway work zones in 2019, with seven in Maryland, reports the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse. This is up 11% from 757 fatalities in highway work zones nationwide during 2018, including 10 in Maryland. Maryland's work zone automated speed enforcement (ASE) program is operated by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), along with the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), the Maryland Department of State Police (MSP).

"Lane restrictions and other hazards in a work zone make it imperative for drivers to stay alert and obey the posted speed limit," the agencies warn. "Driving too fast for conditions reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and increases the distance a vehicle travels while a driver reacts to a dangerous situation."

Compared to the first year of operation, speed camera citations in the Capital Beltway work zones were down 15.3 percent in 2020. In Maryland, the maximum fine for a ticket issued by a work zone speed control system operator is \$40. Citations are issued to vehicles exceeding the posted work zone speed limit by 12 mph or greater. Under state law, all work zone speed camera citations in Maryland are reviewed and certified by a police officer. Violation notices are then mailed to the registered owner of the violating vehicle.

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