

A monthly publication filled with industry news, maintenance and safety tips, upcoming events, special coupons, and more!



New Driving Laws...

New Maryland Driving Laws ...Effective October 1, 2009

- 1) No more texting while driving. Maryland is now 1 of 13 states banning this practice. Maximum fines of \$500 and 1 point will be issued for an offense.



- 2) Teen drivers must now be 16 years and 6 months old (additional 3 months) to qualify for a Maryland driver's license (provisional or regular) and 18 years old for full driving privileges.

- 3) Speed cameras may now be installed in highway work zones or near schools. Drivers traveling 12 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit will receive a \$40 fine in the mail. For the first 30 days after the cameras' installation only warnings will be issued which carry no penalty.



Changing a Flat Tire...

- 1) Find a stable and safe place to work. You need a solid, level surface. Avoid soft ground and hills. If you are near a road, park as far from traffic as possible and turn on your emergency flashers (hazard lights).
- 2) Make sure that the car cannot roll. Apply the parking brake and put car in "Park" position or in first or reverse if using a standard transmission.
- 3) Take out the spare tire and the jack. Place the jack under the frame near the tire that you are going to change. Make sure that you place it where it will meet the metal portion of the

frame. Check your owner's manual for proper location.

- 4) Raise the jack until it is supporting, but not lifting the car. The jack should be firmly in place against the underside of the vehicle. Make sure that it is lifting straight up and down.
- 5) Remove the hub cap and loosen the nuts by turning counterclockwise. Don't take them all the way off. Just break the resistance. Use the wrench that came with your car.
- 6) Pump or crank the jack to lift the tire off the ground. Make sure that the car remains stable or lower and reposition the jack.
- 7) Remove the nuts the rest of the way. Turn them counter clockwise until they are loose. Repeat with all lug nuts and place them in the hub cap until needed.
- 8) Remove the tire and place the spare tire on the hub.
- 9) Re-screw the lug nuts onto the hub by hand until they are all snug. They should turn easily at first. Check the nut! The tapered side of the nuts should face the wheel for proper fit.



- 10) Using the wrench, tighten the nuts snugly in a star pattern with increasing force each cycle. Final tightening occurs once the car is lowered.
- 11) Lower the car to the ground, but not entirely off the jack. Finish tightening the nuts as much as possible.
- 12) Lower the car to the ground fully and remove the jack. Tighten the nuts again. If you do not feel safe, stop by Graeves Auto for a quick tightening.
- 13) Replace the hubcap and put the old tire in your trunk for professional repair or proper disposal.



In the Community...

The Olney Chamber of Commerce's "30th Annual Community Night & Taste of Olney" is set for Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Longwood Community Center. See www.onleymd.org for details.

Watch for the **October** flyer coming out very soon. Specials and discounts good for the entire month will be included!

Keep checking your e-mail and the website for new flyers and specials!

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Did You Know?

Cary Grant never won an Oscar.

The 1st electric traffic light was installed in Cleveland, Ohio in 1914.

Hawaii is comprised of 132 islands.

The average ear of corn has 800 kernels.

Showers account for approximately 32% of home water use.



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