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Make the voluntary pledge to do your part to reduce the use of petroleum in the

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WHAT IS CLEAN CITIES?

Clean Cities strives to advance the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption. Clean Cities has a network of approximately 90 volunteer coalitions, which develop public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuels and advanced vehicles, fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid vehicles, and idle reduction.

Chesapeake Energy Introduces World's First Natural Gas Powered Chopper

Built to show America the promise of natural gas as a clean energy resource, and in conjunction with Chesapeake Energy's 20th anniversary, the talented crew from the hit TV show American Chopper partnered with the company to build a natural gas-powered bike. The episode covered the bike's production process as Paul Sr. and crew visited a drilling rig and learned how natural gas can power everything from a semitruck to a custom chopper.



The bike sports OCC's usual 117-cubic-inch V-twin engine, six-speed transmission and belt drive. Unlike other OCC choppers, this one features a regulator rather than a carburetor and a "fogger" to feed gas to the engine. In addition, the chopper's gas gauge reads in pounds per square inch instead of gallons.

Adorned with drillbit-inspired handlebars, the blue and green bike is on a U.S. tour to help educate the public on

transportation sector today.

By making this pledge you agree to support local decisions to improve national energy security, the environment, and our local economy.

For full details contact Rick McKnight at 903.984.8641 or rick.mcknight@etcog.org.

Anti-Idling Technology Saves Money



Energy Xtreme, an Austin based company, has developed a product that helps save money while protecting the environment.

The company's Independence Package is a unique anti-idling technology that allows a car's electrical systems to operate while the vehicle's engine is turned off. The equipment fits into the existing trunk, charges while you drive, has zero maintenance, and operates silently.

One application of the technology that has been found to be beneficial is that of police cruisers. Police are able to keep their emergency lights and equipment running without having to waste fuel and without increasing harmful tailpipe emissions. The technology has the

the benefits of natural gas as a clean, abundant, affordable, American fuel.

For more information [click here](#).

Rebates for Propane Mowers Available

Texas Clean Cities is accepting applications for rebates on the purchase of new dedicated propane commercial mowers and conversions of existing mowers.

Several well known manufacturers, such as Dixie Chopper, produce



mowers in propane models. Propane, as a fuel for commercial grade mowers provides benefits in cost to their users and emission reductions for the areas where they are used. Research shows that propane vehicles provide a one-third (1/3) reduction in emissions and fourteen percent (14%) better fuel economy compared to gasoline. Other benefits include; no theft of fuel from the tanks; refueling ease; less equipment maintenance; no spillage; and engine longevity.

Propane mower rebates are only available to qualified Texas Clean Cities Stakeholders and are administered through participating Texas Clean Cities service dealers. Rebates will be awarded for dedicated LPG purchases or dedicated LPG conversions made on a first-come, first-serve basis. A 20% rebate off the base price of a new, factory-direct mower before taxes or other charges such as shipping, handling, and set-up fees, with a \$2,500 cap per mower. A 50% rebate off the base price of a conversion of qualifying and existing equipment to propane before taxes or other charges such as shipping, handling, and set-up fees with a \$2,500 cap per mower.

For more information and rebate amounts please contact Rick McKnight at 903.984.8641 ext. 209 or rick.mcknight@etcog.org.

Plug-In Texas Coalition Formed

In response to a growing desire to strengthen domestic energy security, improve air quality, and curb global warming, momentum is building on numerous fronts for a new generation of vehicles powered by electricity.



potential to reduce fuel costs into the thousands when implemented fleet wide. By preventing just 2 hours of engine idle a day with a fleet of 100 saves \$337,500 in fuel costs. With these saving the equipment will pay for itself in less than a year.

For more information visit:
<http://www.energyxtreme.net>.

Natural Gas Is The Solution Workshop for Medium-Heavy-Duty NGVs

October 15, 2009

Shreveport Convention Center

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To register, please [click here](#)

To print the event agenda, [click here](#).

National Biodiesel Conference

Seventh Annual National Biodiesel Conference & Expo!

February 7-10, 2010

Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center
Grapevine, Texas

For more information or to register, visit [the conference website by clicking here](#).

Recognizing the potential of hybrid, battery electric and all-electric plug-in vehicles as true game changers, Plug-In Texas has been created, intending to raise awareness of plug-in vehicles (PEVs) and help position Texas as a leader in this rapidly evolving industry.

Plug-In Texas was founded in the spring of 2009. The organization is intended to be a broad-based coalition of private and public interests dedicated to:

1. Raising awareness of PEVs to both policy makers and the general public.
2. Providing thought leadership on the evolving PEV marketplace, such as future infrastructure needs and environmental, economic and job creation benefits.
3. Promoting the use and benefits of PEVs to consumers in the Lone Star State.

Members of the coalition to date include Environment Texas, Environmental Defense Fund, Luminant and the Texas Automobile Dealers Association. Ultimately, Plug-In Texas is envisioned to include automakers, battery makers and other technology companies, municipalities and other public entities, wind and solar companies and other sources of renewable energy, electric companies, environmental and consumer groups, trade associations, academia, non-profit foundations and others.

"With its abundant resources, world-class technology centers, a growing population and its famous flair for entrepreneurship, Texas is well positioned to become a leader in this emerging new industry. *Plug-In Texas* was created to help raise awareness of the benefits of electric-power vehicles, and to promote their commercial viability in the Lone Star State." - Gary Rasp, Communication Director, *Plug-In Texas*

For more information please visit: www.plugintexas.org. or contact Plug-In Texas by email at info@plugintexas.org or by phone at (512)275-7365.

Clean Cities is a government-industry partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Vehicle Technologies Program. With almost 90 local coalitions and more than 5,700 stakeholders, Clean Cities' mission is to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector.