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The Automotive Related Business (ARB) Program

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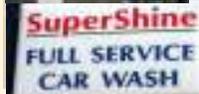
2008 Clean Shop Awards *Michael Stanley*

The Clean Shop Awards are given to those businesses which exceed requirements for compliance and take extra steps to ensure their business and property help "Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful".

The businesses listed below have demonstrated a vested interest in this city and their customers; they have been recognized by the Automotive Related Business program of the City of Grand Prairie for their efforts.

SUPERSHINE CAR WASH
600 N. CARRIER PKWY
Owner, Dave Hansen
Manager, Jose Olvera

Supershine Car Wash has been a Grand Prairie fixture for twenty years. Manager Olvera



has worked at **Supershine** for sixteen of those twenty years. The carwash is a beckoning spot on North Carrier avenue. At Supershine the landscaping is pristine, the lot is litter free, the staff is uniformed, and all required manifests have been on hand and complete. "We hope everyone's experience at Supershine is a pleasant one. We strive to deliver a consistently clean car as fast as possible." - Supershine Motto

PARS AUTOMOTIVE
413 E. CHURCH ST.
Owner, Mohammad Didehbandi

PARS Automotive opened for business just three years ago. The owner has operated several businesses throughout Grand Prairie since 1982. The shop is located on Church

Street, off the beaten path of Main and Jefferson Streets. Arriving at the shop is like finding a treasure. The building is clean and crisp looking



and the grass is manicured. The lot is clean with no evidence of oil spillage. All required records are on site and complete. The owner says, "A clean business makes my customers happy."

MEJIA MUFFLER AND RADIATOR
202 NE 19TH ST.
Owner, Alfredo Mejia
Manager, Felipe Mejia

There are many muffler shops in Grand Prairie. They share many things in common. The burning smell from metal cutting torches, the clanging of metal being pounded, a stream of cars entering and exiting... but **Mejia has roses**. Alfredo Mejia has been in business for nineteen years. It is a family business with his wife and daughter helping at the office. The women planted roses and other flowers in front of the shop. This beautification has resulted in all shop employees taking extra care to keep the shop and grounds clean. Their pride shows!



CS Autorama Grand Opening

Michael Stanley

CS AUTORAMA
405 ROCK ISLAND

Owner: Carlos and Serafina Tafoya



It began with a vision for a family business, then came the hard work. But on March 28, 2009 CS Autorama was a reality. The proud owners obtained a Specific Use Permit for the location, a zoning ordinance that allowed them to have a body shop with a small holding area. They also made many physical changes to the property to improve its' usefulness and appearance.

The grand opening event included the invitation of a Code Enforcement representative and Keith Davis, #29 receiver for the Dallas Cowboys.

With food, cars, face paintings, music, motorcycles, and vendors selling their automotive related items, the Grand opening was a grand affair. If your business is having a grand opening, please let the ARB team know. We will be happy to photograph and incorporate your event into this newsletter.



DID YOU KNOW?

 The **Automotive Related Business Program Team** is available to come to your business site and explain ordinance requirements to your employees or tenants. Call **Michael Stanley** (972-237-8332) or **Diane Castillo** (972-237-8351) to schedule a **free** seminar.

 **Upon the dissolution** of your business, you must return your Certificate of Occupancy to the **Code Enforcement** office to avoid continued billing for annual inspection fees.

Auto Body Shops: Know the Rules!

Diane Castillo

In January 2008, the EPA finalized rules on the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants or NESHAP in an effort to monitor facilities that use Target HAP (Hazardous Air Pollutants) containing coating in their surface spraying operations.

Target HAPs are chemicals that OSHA has defined as carcinogenic in the Code of Federal Regulations Ch. 29. These are compounds of chromium, lead, manganese, nickel, or cadmium. This rule applies to all motor vehicle and mobile equipment surface coating operations that use a target HAP containing coating, paint stripper, or miscellaneous surface coating operations at area sources (a stationary source that emits or has potential to emit less than 10 tons per year (T/Y) of a single HAP or 25 T/Y of a combination of HAPs). New sources must be in compliance immediately, and existing or area sources must be in compliance by January 10, 2011.

You are a new source if you:

- 1) Began operation or construction of motor vehicle or mobile equipment surface coating after September 17, 2007, and/or
- 2) Began the use of new coating equipment (new source of HAP emissions) after September 17, 2007.

If your facility does surface coating for motor vehicles and you spray apply coating materials that contain any of these compounds for more than TWO motor vehicles or pieces of mobile equipment per YEAR, you are subject to this rule. If you can demonstrate that you spray apply **only** coatings that do not meet the definition of a target HAP containing coating, you may petition the EPA Administrator for an exemption from this subpart.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality can provide guidance for your facility to comply with these new rules. Visit www.sblga.info and then click on "Auto Body Shops" for more information on the petition. If you have any questions contact the **Small Business and Local Government Assistance hotline at 800-447-2827.**



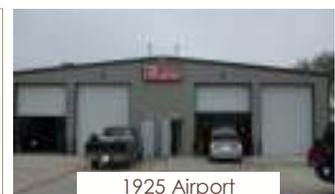
4007 E. Jefferson



3206 E. Main

New and Improved

These businesses significantly changed their building facades, they are looking good!



1925 Airport

The Highway 80 - Main Street Cruise *M. Stanley*

On April 18th, the City of Grand Prairie held the **First Annual Highway 80 / Main Street Cruise**. This cruise was held in conjunction with the annual Main Street sidewalk sale. The event recognized the automotive related businesses of Grand Prairie and our historic Main Street (Highway 80). Funding sponsors of the event were **Graff Chevrolet** and **Harry's Hot Rod store**.

Celebrating the rich legacy of the automotive related businesses in Grand Prairie, the participants and onlookers en-

joyed a unique event coordinated by the ARB Team of Grand Prairie.

The **parade** route was Main Street from 1400 East to 1300 West. A light drizzle fell as the cars were being staged on the lot of Graff Chevrolet, however the sun broke through as approximately fifty one vehicles started up Main Street.

With horns blaring and a police escort, the parade brought onlookers out of the Main Street restaurants and shops. Other onlookers discovered the Main Street shops of Grand Prairie after witnessing the parade.

Whether a fan of authentic hot rods, vintage classics, old school low-riders, dragsters, or big rigs, there was something exciting on Main Street to catch your attention. At the parade end, vehicles were staged for display on the lot of Harry's Hot Rod. There was food, music, and the sound of race engines revving. It was an excellent ending to a classic cruise.



Auto Washing: Keep Runoff at Bay! *D. Castillo*

Attention auto sales lots: Remember that it is a violation to wash any vehicle with soap or chemicals outside without a sand grit trap. These traps should be located inside a wash bay to not allow exposure to storm water. Adding any kind of dish soap or detergent to the water running off your property will increase the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen found in our streams and rivers. Excess nitrogen and phosphorus create algae blooms, which in turn decrease the oxygen needed for aquatic organisms to survive and prevents sunlight from reaching the vegetation on the bottom of the stream or river.

If you do not have a wash bay and you are **selling** vehicles, you are **ONLY** allowed to **RINSE** cars with clear water.

You can only use a pressure washer if it is connected to a water tank independent of the City's potable water line or if you install proper backflow prevention devices on your main water line. Proper permits must be obtained by a licensed plumber before installation.

If you discharge detergents or chemicals to the ground from car washing activities, you WILL receive citations with fines up to \$2000.



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Auto Related Business Program
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Grand Prairie, TX 75053-4045



Check them **before**
You need them!

Money Talks

A surface coating and abrasive cleaning facility in Nueces County was assessed \$4,000 for failing to obtain authorization to operate a plant with air emissions.

A trucking company in Brazos County was assessed \$1,050 for failing to submit a written report describing the details of a spill and supporting the adequacy of the response action.

An auto salvage operation in Erath County was assessed \$2,000 for failing to develop and implement a storm water pollution prevention plan and obtain permit coverage to discharge storm water at an industrial site.

A scrap tire transporter in Hamilton County was assessed \$6,930 for failing to obtain a scrap tire storage registration prior to storing more than 500 used and/or scrap tires at the facility; failing to retain all work orders and invoices showing the collection and disposition of all used and scrap tires collected by generator name, address, the disposition of the tires, and the number of whole used or scrap tires delivered to each facility; and by failing to complete all required information on the tire manifests.

A towing company in McLennan County was assessed \$1,050 for failing to submit a written report describing the details of a spill and supporting the adequacy of the response action to the Waco Regional Office within 30 working days of the accident.

A tire storage facility in McLennan County was assessed \$475 for failing to have an effective vector control program on site.

An unauthorized tire storage facility in Duval County was assessed \$10,054 for failing to obtain a scrap tire storage registration for storing more than 500 scrap or used tires, failing to transport used tires to an authorized site, failing to comply with the general prohibition on outdoor burning and failing to prevent the unauthorized disposal of MSW.



Annual Inspection Checklist, Common Violations

- Certificate of Occupancy (C/O) not possessed / displayed**
- Non-compliance with C/O
- Building address / suite number missing
- Unsanitary conditions
- Fire Hazards
- Parking on unprepared surfaces, grass or dirt
- Repairs performed outside of the shop**
- Excessive inoperable or junk cars, two permitted
- Outside storage of parts**
- Painting without approved and certified paint booth
- Grass or vegetation, taller than twelve inches
- Improper or dilapidated fencing
- Dangerous building (hazardous structure, exposed wiring, missing or broken doors and/or windows)**
- Failure to produce or maintain manifests for disposal of tires, engine fluids, or batteries**
- Failure to utilize a dumpster for the disposal of rubbish, when rubbish accumulation is in excess of two bags per week**
- Discharge oil or other fluids/substances to the ground or air**

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