

# the green scene

## Environmentally Friendly Fuel Now Available on Eastside

### Eco-friendly fuel a convenient solution to an inconvenient truth

Traffic on the Eastside is terrible; 405, I-90 and 520 are jammed every morning and evening. Monday through Friday releasing tons of greenhouse gas (GHG) forming carbon emissions into the atmosphere. Governor Christine Gregoire has recently launched an initiative to reduce carbon emissions, grow the clean energy sector and create more "green collar" jobs.

One solution to reducing GHG emissions is to switch from petroleum-based diesel to biodiesel, a clean-burning, domestically-produced fuel, derived from 100 percent renewable resources like soybeans and canola. Biodiesel delivers equivalent engine performance while decreasing CO2 emissions and other harmful air toxins. Consumers as well as companies can utilize biodiesel in their current diesel vehicles with no modifications whatsoever. Because biodiesel is 100 percent compatible with existing diesel vehicles, biodiesel is a convenient way to significantly reduce carbon emissions. Already, many companies and entities (including King County Metro) involved in transporting people and goods are making the switch to cleaner, renewable fuels.

Eastside companies and consumers now have a convenient way to fill up with biodiesel. Propel Biofuels, a leading retailer of environmentally friendly renewable fuels, has opened its latest innovative fueling station, the Clean Fuel Point. The first of its kind on the Eastside, Propel's Clean Fuel Point is conveniently located at the Shell station on NE 32<sup>nd</sup> St and Richards Road in Factoria. This location is one of nearly 40 the company plans to open during 2008 in Washington, Oregon and California. Propel currently operates Clean Fuel Points in Kenmore and Ballard and, in partnership with Vulcan, is slated to open its largest location in the South Lake Union neighborhood later this spring.

#### THE CLEAN FUEL POINT

Propel Clean Fuel Points are unique, stand alone, renewable fuel stations that make fueling with biofuels safe and convenient. The single dispenser, 5,000 gallon capacity station is open 24-7 and accepts all major credit and fleet cards. It sells B20 biodiesel (a blend of 20 percent biodiesel, 80 percent petroleum diesel) at a price competitive with petroleum diesel.

#### A NEW GENERATION OF DIESELS

And while most of the large vehicles used for transportation are already diesel engine-powered, a new generation of consumer diesel vehicles is on the way. Car makers are responding to the growing interest in renewable fuels, and companies such as Ford, Audi, BMW, Nissan, Honda, and GM have diesel model cars, trucks and SUVs in the works.

#### TRACKING IMPACT

One of the challenges of helping consumers and businesses understand the impact of vehicle emissions is that you can't see, touch or really even smell carbon emissions.

To address this issue, Propel created the CleanDrive -- the nation's first integrated carbon emission reduction tracking platform. By creating a CleanDrive account with Propel, purchasers of its fuel can get real time reporting of the volume of carbon emissions reduced by using biodiesel instead of petroleum diesel. CleanDrive graphically displays the positive impacts of biodiesel use across three areas: reductions in CO2, barrels of oil displaced and equivalent annual CO2 reduction of mature trees.



## DIESEL VEHICLES AVAILABLE IN 2008

- Jeep Grand Cherokee CRD
- Mercedes-Benz E320 CDI
- Mercedes-Benz GL-Class (320/420) CDI
- Chevrolet Silverado 2500/3500 HD
- Dodge Ram 2500/3500
- Ford Super Duty F-250
- GMC Sierra 2500/3500 HD
- Chevrolet Express 2500 Van
- Dodge Sprinter Van
- Isuzu N-series trucks
- GMC Savana 1500 Cargo Van
- Ford E-Series Full Size Van
- 2006 Volkswagen JETTA TDI
- Volkswagen Jetta Wagon TDI (2005 and earlier)
- Volkswagen Passat TDI (2005 and earlier)
- Volkswagen Golf TDI (2005 and earlier)
- Volkswagen Touareg V10 TDI
- 2006 Jeep Liberty Turbo Diesel

## A ChildSafe ID Kit from Altig Can Help Save Your Child's Life



A new national program allows anyone to obtain ChildSafe Kits from Altig International.

"ChildSafe is an easy to use identification kit which could help save your child's life," said Sam Cabral, International President of the International Union of Police Associations AFL-CIO. "The ChildSafe Kit allows families to record and keep finger prints, vital information, and a photo of each child. In the horrific event your child is abducted or lost, you can get this information to authorities quickly."

In a one-year study it was found that an average of over 2,100 kids were reported missing or abducted every day according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Keeping a close eye on your children can help protect them. Parents also need to be prepared for the worst by having a ChildSafe Kit.

As a parent in a time of panic, it is hard to remember

where all of your child's information is located. When a police officer comes to your home to ask for information on your child, every hour that they spend talking to you may extend the search radius by 60 miles. This problem is even worse if parents do not speak English fluently.

"We sincerely hope you take advantage of the opportunity to make the ChildSafe ID Kit part of sound family protection and planning," said Cabrel. Request a ChildSafe kit from Altig by emailing [childsafekit@altig.com](mailto:childsafekit@altig.com).

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