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EARTH TALKS

Are any police, fire or EMS departments using electric vehicles today? -P. James East Williston

Electric vehicles, or EVs, are vehicles run partially or entirely on re-chargeable electric power. The fast-emerging EV market spans a diverse range, including battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids, hybrids, fuel cell electric vehicles, and much more. While Tesla dominates the public attention, a wide array of models, such as those from Ford and Hyundai, are being employed in the public sector.

EVs are steadily gaining traction across the U.S., not just with individual buyers, but also through public services sectors such as police, fire and emergency medical services. In recent times, the integration of EVs in the public sector has picked up incredible momentum as a result of increasing environmental concerns and improvements in technology. In 2024, the Police Department of South Pasadena City completely replaced its gasoline-powered vehicles with EVs. "This initiative not only ensures the safest vehicles for officers and staff, but also leads to substantial reductions in both fuel and maintenance costs," said South Pasadena Police Chief Brian Solinsky.

As more departments consider electrifying their fleets, the advantages of EVs in the emergency sector have become increasingly evident. Key benefits include reduced carbon emissions and

lowered fuel and maintenance expenses. For police cruisers, impressive acceleration and speed, along with noise-free driving, become major benefits to achieve enhanced performance while avoiding any disruptions. In the case of ambulances, rapid response time and a quieter operating environment can be beneficial, especially during high-stress medical situations. Lastly, for fire trucks, EVs allow for emission-free firefighting in addition to a quick response time. The adoption of EVs seems to be a shift toward a more disaster-resilient, environmentally sustainable, and economically efficient future. "Our sustainable transportation researchers are driving progress on clean energy solutions for entire sectors," said Chris Gearhart, the Director at the U.S Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Center for Integrated Mobility Sciences.

However, this change comes with its set-backs, such as limited range due to frequent charging halts. This challenge further exacerbates during high-stakes situations such as criminal pursuits or medical emergencies. Next, since EVs are solely reliant on the power grid, they become highly vulnerable during power outages or face battery strains during extreme weather conditions. While the transition towards EVs in the emergency sector is a promising step toward a cleaner future, it is crucial to address the challenges that come with it. Securing loose ends regarding the infrastructure and grid dependency should be combated with a gradual hybrid transition.

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PAINT & MEDITATE AT JONES BEACH

11/5 2-3pm. Adults & Kids 12+

A therapeutic art activity where participants can watch an immersive video about forest bathing, while making a forest craft of their own. Free. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required:

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PAT FARRELL-BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE

11/5, 12/3 Food & drink 6:30, Concert 7:30. Pat Farrell & the Cold Spring Harbor Band. Live at Manhasset Cinema. 430 Plandome Rd. \$35. Buy tickets: www.GMCINEMAS.com

MAKE YOUR OWN SEA NECKLACE AT LICM

11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/12 & 13. 2:30-4pm. Long Island Children's Museum. All ages. Drop in between these times. In honor of the new exhibit, Saltwater Stories, make your own paper shell necklace. Free w/museum admission. www.licm.org 11 Davis Ave., Garden City

KIDS STORY CORNER AT JONES BEACH

11/5 2-3pm. Kids age 0-8. An hour of storytelling from our educators that make picture books come alive. Free. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required:

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MONTHLY MEDITATION

11/6, 6-7pm. at Sands Point. Led by Hildur Pallsdottir. Held in the beautiful Mansion or Garden weather permitting. Register online. \$17 per class, non members, \$25. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point.

www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org

LITTLE LEARNERS ART LAB

11/6, 11:30am-12pm. Long Island Children's Museum. Ages 2-5. Hands on art making, play & creative thinking. \$4 with museum admission. Get tickets: www.licm.org 11 Davis Ave., Garden City

TRAILBLAZERS- HABITAT & HISTORY HIKE

11/7, 10-11am. At Planting Fields.
Guided walk through the stunning
landscapes and learn about the rich
history of the land. \$20p.p. 1395 Planting
Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. For more details &
reserve: www.plantingfields.org

LITTLE LEARNERS-FALL LEAVES AGES 2-5

11/7, 10-11am. At Planting Fields. Read a story, head out to explore the woods to learn about the surroundings and create a fall wreath to take home.. 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. \$15 per child. Includes 1 parent. For more details & reserve: www.plantingfields.org

LITTLE LEARNERS AT PLANTING FIELDS

11/7, 10-11am. Ages 2-5. Celebrate the fall season with storytelling, wreath making to take home and outdoor exploration. \$15 per child includes one adult to accompany.1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. Reserve online: www.plantingfields.org

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ECOTHERAPY

11/8, 10:30am-12:30pm. Also known as Forest Bathing. Led by Certified guide Linda Lombardo, allowing you to open up to the beauty of the natural world. Register online. \$45 members, non \$50. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org

COLONIAL CULINARY SERIES 11/8. 10am-11:30pm. Queens County

Farm Museum in Adriance Farm
House. Each session focuses on a hands
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Sign up for individual dates or multiple
ones. Register online:

www.queensfarm.ticketspice.com 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Floral Park.

EXPRESSIVE DRAWING & PAINTING AT VANDERBILT

11/8, 1-3pm. Artist Wendy Klemperer will give the workshop on gesture drawing in the Hall of Fishes. \$45 p.p. Register online. 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport, 631-854-5579.

www.vanderbiltmuseum.org

STRINGS UNDER THE STARS AT VANDERBILT

11/9, 5 or 7pm. String Quartet Preforming in the Planetarium. Enjoy classical music with planetarium visuals of the cosmos projected onto a 60 foot dome. \$30 if purchased in advance, \$35 at the door. 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport, 631-854-5579.

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CADILLAC LA SALLE CAR CLUB SHOW AT VANDERBILT

11/9, 11am-4pm. Rain date 10/26. On the great lawn next to the Mansion, you can view beautifully restored automobile excellence. \$14 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$12 and under \$8, 2 and under free. 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport, 631-854-5579.

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GREEN CRAB DISSECTION AT JONES BEACH

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UVO VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11/9, 10am. Experience a heartfelt tribute to our veterans at the United Veterans Organization's Annual Ceremony 516-572-0564. Eisenhower Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza

ROOT TO RISE YOGA AT QUEENS COUNTY FARM

11/9, 10-11am. Flow through 60 minutes of Hatha Vinyasa yoga with instructor Lorine A. Bamberg of Swaying Tree Yoga. Guided breathing and movement through dynamic poses will leave you feeling refreshed and de-stressed. \$18. All levels welcome. See website for details. 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Floral Park. www.Queensfarm.org

ADVO KIDS VETERANS DAY

11/11, 11am-1pm. Long Island Children's Museum. Ages 4+. For this AdvoKids series, visitors will learn about the importance of Veterans Day and about a local Naval Veteran, Jeremy Feldman, and his work with local non-profit, Long Island Warriors Hockey Club. Visitors will then create an American Flag to commemorate the day. This is a drop-in program. Free with museum admission. www.licm.org 11 Davis Ave., Garden



VETERANS DAY PARADE & CEREMONY FLORAL PARK

11/11, 10:30am. Hosted by American Legion Post 334. Parade steps off at 10:30 am from Verbena Ave. and proceeds along Tulip Ave. to Memorial Park where the ceremony begins precisely at 11 minutes after 11am.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY NEW HYDE PARK VILLAGE

11/11, 10:45am. American Legion Post 1089 invites you to the front lawn of the Village Hall in New Hyde Park. Field of flags will also be displayed to honor our veterans. 1420 Jericho Tpke.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY VILLAGE OF MINEOLA

11/11. 11am. All residents welcome to attend the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Park, 195 Marcellus Rd., Mineola. Rain or shine.

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More Local Events

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KIDS WORKSHOP-LEAF HUNT

11/12, 3:30-5:30pm. Ages 5-12. At Planting Fields. Hands on autumn exploration and kids create leaf themed art to take home. 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. \$25 per child. For more details & reserve: www.plantingfields.org

ADULT CRAFT- WIRE WRAP JEWELRY AT JONES BEACH

11/13 1:30-3pm. Adults and kids 12+. Learn a fun new skill and create your art. \$4. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: www.jonesbeachenc.org

THE LION KING JR. PLAZA THEATRICAL THEATRE 11/14, 7pm & 11/15, 3pm

The Lion King JR. tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Tickets are \$12. Purchase online or call 516-599-6870. Elmont Memorial Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. www.plazatheatrical.com

OWL PROWL FAMILY WORKSHOP

11/14, 6:30-8:30pm., Science Museum of Long Island. Discoveries After Dark series embraces the world of science at night! Each evening features a pizza dinner, followed by hands-on science activities and exploration. We'll finish off the night with a campfire and smore's making led by an SMLI educator. Children \$35. Adults save \$10.Refgister online: www.smli.org





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11/16, 2:30pm. Tribute to Madonna, Cyndi, Paula, Janet & Whitney, Tickets are \$40-\$45. Purchase online or call 516-599-6870. Elmont Memorial Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. www.plazatheatrical.com

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AMERICAN LEGION FLAP JACK BREAKFAST

11/16: 8-10 am: Short Stacks for a Tall Cause. Fundraiser to support American Legion Post 1089. Held at Applebees, 1985 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park. Local scouts will be helping to host event. Tickets \$10pp for Legion and Scout members and their immediate family and \$12 for general public. Raffles/prizes. For more info contact Rainer: 516-510-5897

PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE AT JONES BEACH

11/16, 3-4:30pm.. Adults and kids 12+. All levels of experience welcomed. Bring your camera or phone and hike the West End while capturing its natural beauty. \$4. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: www.jonesbeachenc.org

ANTIQUE ROAD SHOW FLORAL PARK

11/16, 2pm. Presented by the Floral Park Historical Society. Appraisals by Marion Rizzo of Syi-Lee Antiques. Limit 2 vintage treasures or what-nots. No paintings or furniture. Floral Park Recreation/Pool Building. 124 Stewart Street. Free.

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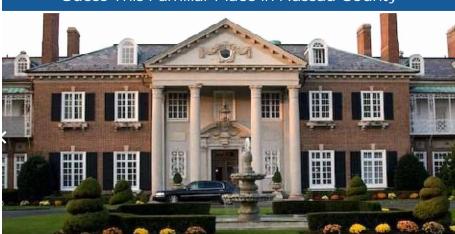
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK Shrimp Spaghetti



1 lb spaghetti noodles2 tbsp butter

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1 pkg (12 oz) raw shrimp

2 tbsp garlic powder, divided

1 tsp smoked paprika

1 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 tsp onion powder

1 cup frozen or fresh spinach bread, for serving

Cook spaghetti noodles according to package instructions.

In skillet over medium heat, add butter, avocado oil and shrimp. Mix in 1 tablespoon garlic powder and paprika. Remove shrimp after they begin to turn pink; set aside.

Add chicken broth, Parmesan, heavy cream, remaining garlic powder, onion powder and spinach to skillet and mix well. Add shrimp back to skillet to finish cooking. Mix in noodles and serve with bread.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

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