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Master plan unveiling set for next month

Residents encouraged to engage

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The planning process for the master plan has been ongoing since mid-January, and next month the plan will be unveiled at the Recreation Centers of Sun City West Governing Board workshop.

At 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the lecture hall, 19803 N. R. H. Johnson Blvd., BerryDunn consultant Jason Genck will present the information. The meeting can also be viewed on the association's YouTube channel, by searching @SunCityWestArizona.

An additional presentation will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. at the social hall, 19803 R. H. Johnson Blvd.

The official vote will take place at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in the lecture hall.

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Community organizations come together to combat speed



Sun City West Posse volunteers Rick Harrison and Alan Johnson were on patrol Sept. 1 in the community. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

MCSO captain said it takes a community effort

By Jennifer Jimenez
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Speed has been a consistent safety concern in Sun City West.

Community organizations such as the Property Owners and Residents Association, Sun City West Posse and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office are working together to edu-

cate and combat drivers traveling at excessive speeds.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office District 3 Cpt. Jesus Jerez said anytime a vehicle is in control by someone there is a choice, and the concern is whether the driver is aware of how fast they are going until it is too late.

Seeing speed as an issue can be concerning when someone lives in a

retirement community and want to relax and enjoy life, Jerez said.

Maricopa County deputies are in the community in marked vehicles, but Jerez said that only serves as a detour for that moment. An immediate detour factor at the deputies' disposal is a citation. He said that reminds individuals who travel down that road that Sheriff's deputies are

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SUPPORT

Post 94 supports veterans through a blood drive

Appointments fill up to donate

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Sun City West residents and Legion Post 94 members give back by donating blood.

American Legion Post 94 Mary Ellen Piotrowski hosts this event throughout the year, as a way to give back to the community that has always showed support for veterans.

On Sept. 1, Vitalant set up inside a room at the Sun City West Foundation. Appointments were scheduled beforehand, and people also walked in.

Post 94 member Rod Martinson has been a member at this post since 2017 and has always donated blood

when he had the opportunity.

"I have been with the post since 1988 and spent 21 years in the Coast Guard," he said.

Martinson said he transferred from another post and originally joined because he wants to help veterans and that is why he continues to support the organization. Military service means a lot to Martinson, who said his son spent 10 years in the Air Force and his sister served in the Air Force, as well for a short time. His father served in WWII as a member of the Navy.

"My dad was also a department commander back in 1989 at the state level and represented 109 legion units throughout the state," said Martinson.

He donates blood whenever he can



Legion Post 94 member Rod Martinson donated blood during the drive Sept. 1. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

through Post 94 or if there is a conflict he will find another organization

collecting blood donations. About two years ago, he said he had the opportunity to meet a lady who was giving her 300th donation, which she started in high school when he friend needed a blood donation.

Martinson said he has donated approximately three gallons of blood.

Post 94 member Larry Leighton also donated blood during this recent drive and said anytime he is available to donate during the blood drive he participates. He prioritizes giving back while also the commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Arizona.

Former commander of Post 94 Jack Coyle said there are many residents and members who donate during each drive.



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By Jennifer Jimenez
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Three years ago Sun City West resident Bob Oram moved to the community.

He was surprised to hear 103.1 FM KSCW radio station was actually broadcast in Sun City West, but after a meeting with the Broadcast Club president and learning all about the station, he was ready to join.

"I pitched my all request show because I remember growing up as a kid and listening to request shows on Saturday nights," he said.

Whether the request is from the 1940's or last year, if somebody requests it, he will put it out.

The show is prerecorded, but Oram gets the requests from the request line, at events



Sun City West Broadcast Club radio host Bob Oram. (Submitted photo/Bob Oram)

where people write down requests or by walking around taking requests for the upcoming show.

"I would not truly be a request show if I did not accept every request," said Oram.

He said requests come in for Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen and other artists through Facebook as well.

Oram did not have a background in radio before pitching his show request, but said he spent a lot of time hanging around an AM station. But, he did get the opportunity to do a couple of commercials for car care.

"That is the biggest experience in radio. I just have a great time doing this. Even though a two hour show probably takes me about eight hours to put together, it is still a lot of fun," he said.

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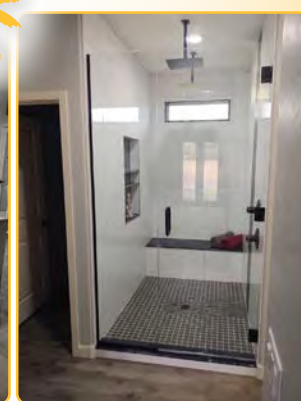
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Plan

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The adoption of the Master Plan will then be voted on by the Governing Board at the October regular meeting, 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in the lecture hall. This meeting will also appear on YouTube. Association officials hired BerryDunn to support this effort through community engagement, analysis and development of planning recommendations.

"This Master Plan reflects what we heard from our members," said General Manager Stephen Erno. "We were thrilled with the amount of input and involvement we received from members; participation levels were beyond anything our master plan consultants have ever seen before. It provides the governing board with a valuable tool to guide the ren-

ovation, expansion and modernization of our amenities and programs — enhancing quality of life and preparing Sun City West for the next generation of retirees."

Facilities Operations Manager Sabrina Allevato said working with BerryDunn opened up great lines of communication and also partnerships already established with the company.

"We kicked off this project in January and those first couple of months was during our busy season and we had a lot going on included engagement. Then, in the summer months, BerryDunn was not on site, but working more behind the scenes, and hopefully here in two months, we will be adopting a master plan," she said.

Allevato said it is really important for the community to be involved in the next steps. The upcoming meet-

ings will be the first time the board and community residents will get to see the final compilation of what the studies and surveys showed. She said the plan will connect the data and share the full story of engagement and survey findings.

The workshop presentation will be more formal and data focused and will include more details about the process.

However, Allevato said the social hall presentation will be more focused on the community accomplishments to celebrate.

Allevato said once the governing board adopts this master plan, the governing board will prioritize a handful of projects added to the strategic plan to complete in the next one to three years.

"The master plan is going to feed our current strategic plan, and we will

pull from our bigger projects hopefully taking this plan into action," she added.

According to Genck, Sun City West implemented a more comprehensive and ongoing approach to learning from the community than most organizations. He said officials shared this with the consultants and proved to be accurate when there were more than 289,000 points of contact for Sun City West engagement results.

Genck said this type of planning effort that includes discovery, engagement, analysis, visioning and plan finalization typically takes between 10 and 12 months.

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Speed

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in the community and if people are caught speeding they will receive a ticket.

Jerez said it is going to take other organizations working alongside the department to really make a difference. Educating the community helps people understand the risks.

"Going just five miles over the speed limit can lead to a catastrophic collision. The engineers study the roadways and determine those

speeds to be traveling to ensure these types of incidents do not occur as frequent," said Jerez.

He encourages residents and anyone passing through to obey the speed limits that are posted at that rate for a reason.

Sun City West Posse Commander Carolyn Patterson said she works closely with MCSO and when reports come in from residents or volunteers, she meets with deputies to relay that information. She said deputies are patrolling the streets and looking for individuals violating the

speed limit.

PORA Director Cindy Putman stated in a press release Maricopa County officials have begun adjusting traffic signal timing to match the posted 35 miles per hour.

The statement read in part, "New speed feedback signs are being installed. More enforcement is expected. And with new state laws supporting stronger action against dangerous speeding, Sun City West is preparing for the next phase: cameras, citations, and a zero tolerance approach to reckless driving."

Putman said officials have met with Maricopa County Board Supervisor Debbie Lesko's team and they went to visit the areas where there are issues.

"Residents, please slow down," she said.

Fourteen different areas were marked and are being reviewed, according to Putman.

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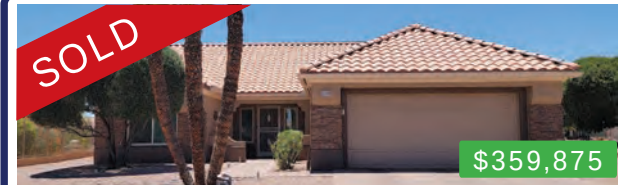
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Petroleum engineer David Hunter on assignment in Brazil. (Submitted photo/Hunter family)

9/11 memory: Viewing the attacks from another country

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was in Natal, Brazil, on a work assignment, preparing for a technical meeting with Petrobras later that day. I had the television tuned to a local news station, and suddenly the screen showed the twin towers in New York engulfed in smoke and flames.

Because I spoke very little Portuguese at the time, it took several moments to understand that this was not a movie or dramatic broadcast — it was a real and unfolding disaster.

I felt profound sadness that such a horrific act could occur in my country. I was able to reach my family and my Houston office and learned that my loved ones and colleagues were safe. Still, the grief for the innocent victims — including many from Brazil — weighed heavily.

Ten days later, I flew home through Chicago's O'Hare Airport. The trip carried its own unease, as reports had suggested the Sears Tower might be another potential target.

As we mark another year since that tragic day, we must remember that hatred still exists in the world — and

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even within our own country. We cannot afford complacency. Protecting our nation, the greatest in the world, requires vigilance, unity and an unwavering commitment to preventing future acts of terror.

David Hunter
SUN CITY WEST

Reader lauds insightful opinions in last edition

It was good to see some rational commentary in the last edition of the Sun City West Independent. As citizens of the world's most powerful democracy, it is our duty to be aware of what's really going on because of the power of our vote. We can change direction. I appreciate Mike Kapic's insightful comments on our national debt crisis and that solutions lie with those who we vote into office.

Thomas Richard's scorecard on those in power failing in truth, ethics, compassion and respect cries for a need to change direction.

Everything, including food and gas, costs more than ever. The U.S. is no longer respected by our friends and foes alike. After entering a war that costs us billions of dollars and is depleting our warfare reserves, we are now treating Canada no better than our rivals of authoritarian regimes.

Let's stand up for democracy and vote for change and make sure every vote is delivered and counted.

Don Roberts
SUN CITY WEST

This writer is using a pen name.

There are better immigration solutions than ICE

I disagree with Ron Moe, who recently disagreed with me and others regarding ICE as an immigration

solution.

Instead of taxpayers paying to house and literally store immigrants, how about we go with the sustainable idea proposed by Hillary Clinton when she ran for president? She said she'd create legal ports of entry.

Instead of paying \$100,000 a month to roving agents, she'd hire judges and processors to quickly process any immigrant coming into the country, sorting out the potential workers from those who have criminal records.

Legal ports of entry are why we are here today, with the exception of Native Americans and descendants of early American slaves. My solution is to pay for legal ports of entry, so people like Einstein and even First Lady Melania Trump can live here in peace.

Lorie Lux
SUN CITY WEST

Clarifying perceptions about U.S. Constitution, Post Office

I'm responding to George Hilburn's recent letter regarding elections and the Constitution to clarify perceptions.

The Constitution says everything it needs to say about the Post Office in Article I, Section 8, Clause 9 of 18 permissions given to Congress to codify into law. These are the only permissions given Congress; the other 630 agencies, EPA, FAA, FDA, etc. reside under the Necessary and Proper clause as politically leveraged by Congress.

As noted, Congress has legally authorized laws regulating the Post Office that have, unfortunately, resulted in annual taxpayer losses. Avoiding the results of any policy is done at the expense of the people funding it. Since when has any government been a

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SUMMER CERAMIC PROJECTS

September ceramic classes will include yarn art, dry brush, silk screen, paint and brushes, hand building and more. The Ceramic West Club meets 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, next to member services in the R.H. Johnson center. Pictured are a variety of summer projects. (Submitted photo/BK Pritchett)

AAUW group sets September meeting, speakers

The American Association Of University Women will start their year with a meeting featuring the League of Women Voters Thursday, Sept. 17, in the in the Sun City West Foundation Webb Room.

The speakers, who have chosen "Knowing What's on Your Ballot for November" as their title, include Bonnie Jackson, chair of the Voter Service Committee; Tina Mollica, co-president of the Education Committee; and Cathy Noga, co-president of the Northwest Maricopa County League of Women Voters.

Regular AAUW Northwest Valley meetings are 9 a.m. the third Thursday of the month, September-April.

Membership is open to anyone holding an associates, bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

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VOLUNTEERS

Foundation hosts volunteer fair to connect residents

Sun City West residents looking for new ways to get involved, meet people and make a difference in their community are invited to attend the Volunteer Fair hosted by Sun City West Foundation 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Sun City West Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd.

The Volunteer Fair will bring local nonprofit and community organizations together for residents to learn

more for representatives and explore the volunteer opportunities.

Whether residents have a few hours a month to give, professional experience to share or simply an interest in trying something new, the fair is designed to help attendees find ways to get involved that fit their interests, skills, and availability.

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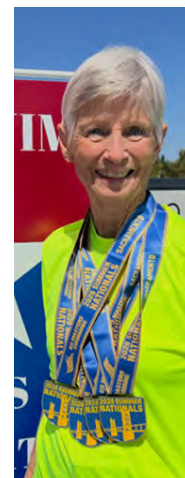
AUGUST ACES

August Desert Trails aces are Lynn Saelens, low net 52, and Patti Farrell, low gross 74. (Submitted photos)



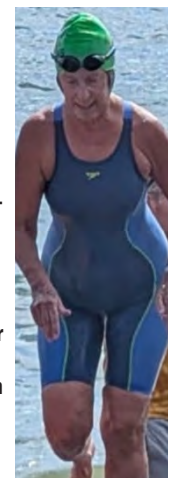
STITCHERS CREATE WEEKLY

Residents who like to be creative and learn new ways to stitch projects can join Creative Stitchers. There is a teacher for each craft, including counted cross stitch, needlepoint, hardanger, embroidery, smocking, rug hooking and punch needle. Membership is \$10 a year and is open to Sun City West residents. The group meets 8-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Kuentz Recreation Center Kiva room, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. To use the club room, two or more members are required. The general meeting takes place the third Monday of the month. Residents can stop by on Monday mornings to see what the club is all about. Visit stitchers.scwclubs.com or call John Harrison at 480-363-6392 for more information. Pictured is Marlys Stannebein with an embroidery project. (Submitted photo/Jeanette Hill)



SWIMMERS ACHIEVE SUMMER GOALS

Two members of the Sun City West Sportsman's Club, and participants in the Sun City West Masters Swim Group, took on a summer swim challenge of their own — and they rose to the occasion. Gynt Clifford participated in the 2026 U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championship, held Aug. 5-9 at the North Natomas Aquatic Complex in Sacramento, California. Competing among 1,404 swimmers from 235 teams, she secured four gold medals in the 85-89 age group, the 50- and 100-meter backstroke and the 50- and 100-meter freestyle. Linda Bley achieved her objective by finishing first in the Women's 70-74 division at the annual Fat Salmon Open Water Swim Race on Lake Washington July 25. She finished the 5K course (approximately 3.2 miles) in one hour and 42 minutes. (Submitted photos/B. Gullingsrud)



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Trying to tie the Post Office to elections, I suspect, would cause SCOTUS to rule as unconstitutional. The national government controls the Post Office while the states control the election process.

The separation of powers is the Constitution's concept for federalism. The Constitution authorizes the states (Article IV) certain powers equal to the fed. The 10th Amendment holds that anything authorized by a state cannot also be done by the feds, accounting for the Supremacy Clause.

The states lost Constitutional authority over federal elections for the last 60 years with Congress's involvement.

A comment on Social Security: SCOTUS ruled in *Helfer v. Davis* (1937) that it is a tax payment on the front end and welfare on the back end

with no personal claim to it.

The Founders' federalism concept began foundering with the passage of the 17th Amendment in 1913, effectively neutering the states into agencies and forfeiting the peoples check against Washington, D.C.

The threats to America today are because the people have allowed politics to overrule our freedom charters.

Mike Kapic
SUN CITY WEST

Time for real representation for CD 8

As I read Nikki Colletti's letter, I was struck by her tone concerning our perpetually absent representative and what a "breath of fresh air" he is for Congressional District 8. I wouldn't know about this fresh air because I have never seen him be accessible.

As for H.R. 7008, for which Ms. Colletti praises Abe Hamadeh profusely, a closer look is necessary. Opposition was high because the Republicans

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attached a "poison pill" provision that would severely restrict voting rights and mail-in ballots.

This provision was completely unrelated to insider trading and noxiously anti-democratic. Meanwhile, we have the president happily trading on inside information he actually creates, usually involving oil markets and crypto. Does Hamadeh think that's all above board? In reality, it is as illegal when the president does it as when members of Congress do it.

I'd like to know just one thing Rep. Hamadeh has done that has benefited CD 8 in the past almost two years he's been in office.

For example, a trip to Armenia? That certainly must have cost us a

bunch of money. It's interesting he has time to talk to the Armenian government but not his constituents.

It's time for real representation from a working-class woman who will look out for our interests and represent us, not flit around on boondoggles around the world.

I intend to vote for and fully support Bernadette Green-Placentia! She's rock solid down-to-earth and will fight for the interests of CD 8. Interests like Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, cost of living, affordability and vote by mail. Over 20% of CD 8's citizens are over 64 years of age. These kitchen table issues are what matter to us — not a representative who is always absent ... or in Armenia.

Connie Morrison
SUN CITY WEST

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Duane L. Manderscheid

Manderscheid, Duane L., Age 79 of Sun City West, AZ passed away on August 30, 2026 while surrounded by family.

Duane is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughters, Kelley Manderscheid, and Laura (Tom) Freer; his 3 grandsons Cooper (Chelsea) Cafritz, Hunter

Dickerson, and Ryan Dickerson; and his sisters-in-law Judy (Eldon), Judy (Roger), Anne (Glenn) and 7 nephews and 10 nieces.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Marie; sisters Carol (Gary) Ernst and Ardis Cobar; brothers Eldon, Gerald, Roger, and Glenn; father-in-law, Harold Berkley; mother-in-law, Rosemary Berkley; sisters-in-law Barb (Gary) Quinlan and Joyce (Ed) Coleman; brother-in-law William Berkley; niece Melissa Johnson and nephew Pat Coleman.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-4 PM on Saturday, September 26 at MUELLER MEMORIAL, 4738 Bald

Eagle Ave, St. Paul, MN with a Prayer Service beginning at 3 PM. For those who cannot attend, a livestream link will be posted at muellermemorial.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made out to the family, and they will be used to support the Manderscheid Family Scholarships for students at Fairview Alternative High School. Duane believed deeply in the importance of postsecondary education and encouraging young people to continue learning after high school. These scholarships will honor his legacy by helping future generations pursue education and training beyond graduation.



HOT PADS' BEAUTY CAN DECEIVE

These scrap-busting hot pads look like a lot of work, but looks can deceive. Rip 'N' Sew instructor Cindy Stedman says these spiral hot pads are simple to make and are designed for those with minimum sewing skills. Sewing them does require a walking foot to keep multiple layers of fabric from shifting while being stitched. These hot pads are quick to make and are great hostess gifts or presents for other occasions. Making one of these pot holders only requires six 9-inch fabric squares plus a batting layer. Class participants Jean Heinen, left, and Karen Everett seem pleased with their creations. Rip 'N' Sew is a Sun City West club. (Submitted photo/Sue Story Truax)

Church to host foot health presentation

Desert Garden United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave., hosts a Sun Health presentation on foot health issues 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in Fellowship Hall. This talk, from a Sun Health representative, will include things to watch out for an things individuals should do to maintain healthy feel. The event is open to everyone and will feature free treats.

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PURPLE DAWN ON DISPLAY

Mary Roberts chose this pattern to create Purple Dawn by Elisa Wilson because she loved the colors in the pattern. All the fabrics for this quilt, Roberts pulled from her own stash of fabrics. The arcs of the blocks were paper pieced. This was her first true paper piecing project. She stated that it was a challenge for her, but worth the effort because of the lovely finished project. Roberts quilted this herself with her Grace Quique 19 long-arm quilting machine. Quilting was one of the reasons Roberts and her husband chose to retire in Sun City West. She said there is so much talent and expertise in the group, you cannot help but be inspired. Roberts has been in charge of the Honor Quilt Program for many years and is also the Palo Verde Patchers current president. Visit patchers.scwclubs.com or call 541-550-9932. (Submitted photo/SCW Patchers Club)

MEMORIAL

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By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Corte Bella Vets have continually showed their commitment to honoring veterans and first responders, and on the 25th anniversary of Patriot Day the group will host a memorial event.

The event takes place 7 a.m. Friday, Sept 11, in Corte Bella, 21902 N. Mission Drive. The group will meet around

the flag pole.

Arizona Fire & Medical Authority personnel will hold a bell ceremony and American Legion Post 94 will present a 21-gun salute and perform taps while the memorial wreath is placed.

"Jack Coyle from Post 94 always pulls out his bugle to perform during the event," said Corte Bella Vets member Donna Norton.

Corte Bella Vets President Mike Broderick said this year's event is significant as the 25th year to honor the nearly 3,000 people killed. He said the ceremony is really emotional and this year

something new will take place.

"We have a part of the twin towers building that was re-fabricated and given to one of our members for his contribution as a member of the hazmat examination team who cleaned up," he said.

Broderick said Grant Coffe dedicated the piece of the building to his son who was killed in Afghanistan by a sniper during his second tour.

This piece of art will be displayed in front of the flag along with a wreath and will accompany the procession that will go around the circle neighborhood

drive. This includes walkers, golf carts and motorcycles.

"This will be on display for this particular memorial service and remains on display all year long in the Corte Bella Grill where everyone can come see it," said Broderick.

After Coffe moved to the neighborhood, he reached out to Broderick to share the piece, and they had a plaque made for recognition.

Broderick said the goal of the event is to be brief and allow participants to reflect on how this event impacts society and has for the last 25 years.



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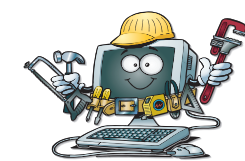
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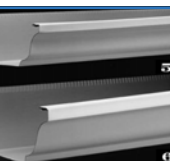
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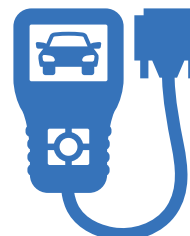
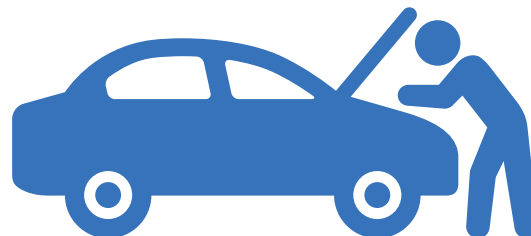
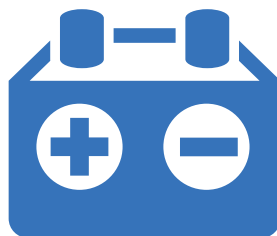
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