

# DORAN-KING GARAGE

## NEWSLETTER



## Sounds of the Season

As spring is upon us, we may feel the urge to roll down our car's windows and listen to the children playing, the birds singing, dogs barking ...

& the *car clanking and screeching???*

Not the type of sounds that you want to hear, but it is important that you listen to what your car is trying to tell you. Here are a few general guidelines to what your car may be telling you:

- *Chirp*: This sound is soothing coming from our friends high in the trees, but not from our car. If you hear chirping sounds from your car, it may be a worn or misaligned belt.
- *Rattle*: If you're hearing this annoying sound, it may be coming from the undercarriage of your car, likely your exhaust system.
- *Grind or Squeak*: A sound much like you hear at the dentist, these may often point to brake damage.
- *Whine*: If you're children are not in the car with you, and you are still hearing whining, your vehicle may need more than a time out. Your alternator, water pump, or power steering system may need some attention.
- *Click*: This sound can point to damage with your vehicle's drive axle or steering components.
- *Pop or Clunk*: if you hear this sound, especially after going over some rocky roads pitted with potholes, your vehicle may have suspension damage.

## Potholes can wreak havoc on your suspension

The best way to save your vehicles' suspension and strain on your pocket book? Avoid those potholes! Easier said than done, especially this time of year. Suspension is the part of your car that controls the steering and drivability. If this part of your vehicle is damaged, it may be unsafe for you and your passengers.

If you notice that your car's steering wheel is "wobbly" or pulls to one side, there may be damage to your suspension. You may also hear a rattling noise coming from the undercarriage, indicating possible wheel damage or bent exhaust.

If you are unsure if your suspension has been damaged, bring it in and we will be happy to help you determine if your vehicle has undergone any suspension damage.



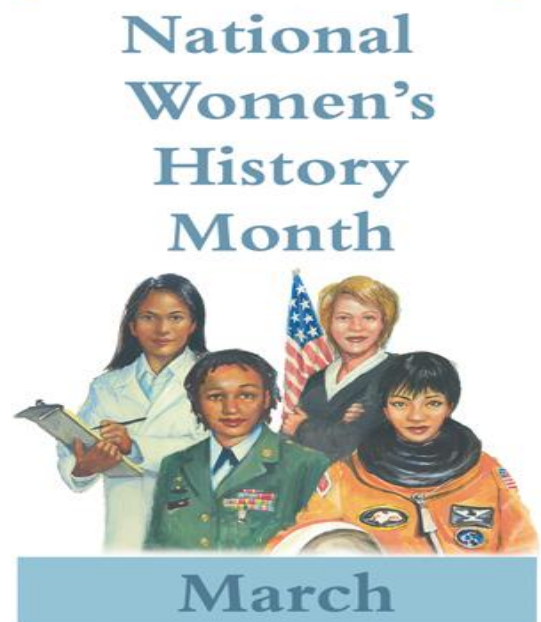
Watch for water-filled potholes. They may be deeper than you think.

## You Go Girl!

In an effort to celebrate the accomplishments of women in American history, congress has declared March National Women’s History Month.

The public celebration of women’s history began in 1978 in Sonoma County, California as a week– long celebration that included March 8<sup>th</sup>, which has been designated as International Women's Day. In 1987, congress expanded the celebration to the entire month of March.

This year, the National Women’s History Project honors women dedicated to protecting our planet. Learn more about the 2009 honorees at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).



### How much do you know about the great women of our world?

1. Who is known as the “mother of the civil rights movement”?
  - a. Abigail Adams
  - b. Marian Anderson
  - c. Lethe Jackson
  - d. Rosa Parks
2. Who was the first woman in the Supreme Court?
  - a. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
  - b. Sandra Day O’Connor
  - c. Barbara Mikulski
  - d. Pearl Bailey
3. Who is known as the founder of modern nursing?
  - a. Mary Jane Safford
  - b. Mary Ann Ball Bickerdyke
  - c. Mary Eliza Mahoney
  - d. Florence Nightengale
4. Who is known for her work to ban land mines?
  - a. Jane Addams
  - b. Princess Diana
  - c. Helen Keller
  - d. Eleanor Roosevelt
5. Who founded the American Red Cross?
  - a. Mary Todd Lincoln
  - b. Clara Barton
  - c. Sally Louisa Tompkins
  - d. Dorothea Dix
6. Who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize?
  - a. Mother Theresa
  - b. Yitzhak Rabin
  - c. Willy Brandt
  - d. Kim Dae-jung
7. Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> woman elected to congress?
  - a. Alice Mary Robertson
  - b. Loretta Sanchez
  - c. Jeanette Rankin
  - d. Lynn Woolsey
8. Whose face is on the US gold dollar coin?
  - a. Sacagawea
  - b. Geronimo
  - c. Susan B. Anthony
  - d. John F. Kennedy

Answers: 1 d; 2 b; 3 d; 4 b; 5 b; 6 a; 7 c; 8 a

## Factory Scheduled Maintenance

Not only are they one of our largest investments, our vehicles are an essential part of our daily lives. We depend on them to get us to work, to haul kids, groceries, and pets, and to provide a comfortable, worry-free means of travel. Taking care of your car with regularly scheduled maintenance will provide you peace of mind today and may save on costly, major repairs in the future.

Because each car is unique, the staff at Doran King follow your vehicle's manufacturer recommended maintenance schedule. In addition, we track your vehicle's mileage each visit so that we can determine when your vehicle is due up for its next maintenance check.

Not only do well-tuned cars simply run better, they run cleaner and more efficient - and that's good for all of us!



*"I'm a happy car because my owner cares for me with regularly scheduled maintenance."*

### Did you know?

By adhering to your manufacturer's maintenance recommendations, you may:

- Extend the longevity of your car
- Increase your vehicle's fuel economy
- Increase the engine's performance
- Validate your vehicle's warranty
- Prevent unnecessary breakdowns & costly repairs
- Rest assured knowing that critical safety inspections have been performed



# Oils Well That Ends Well

## JUST FOR FUN



- Q: How many car salesmen does it take to change a light bulb?  
A: I'm going to work this out on my calculator, and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.
- Never get in the way of a car that needs extensive body work.
- What kind of motor vehicle is in the Bible? God drove Adam & Eve out of the garden in a Fury.
- Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
- A traffic cop pulled alongside a speeding car on the motorway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady who was driving was knitting. Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman rolled down his window, turned on his loudspeaker and yelled, 'PULL OVER!' 'NO', the young lady yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

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**Take our quiz & see how much you know.**