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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY MICHAEL J. LANDI

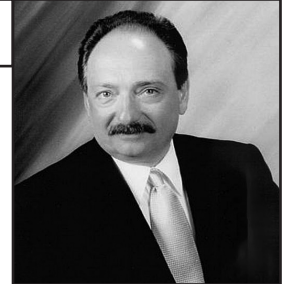
According to A.O.L./Associated Press, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) says that fully vaccinated people for the COVID-19 virus can gather without masks. The recommendations also say that vaccinated people can come together in the same way with people considered at low risk for severe disease, such as in the case of vaccinated grandparents visiting healthy children and grandchildren. The CDC is continuing to recommend that fully vaccinated people continue to wear well-fitted masks, avoid large gatherings, and physically distance themselves from others when out in public. The CDC also advised vaccinated people to get tested if they develop symptoms that could be related to COVID-19. Visit the CDC web site at www.centerfordiseasecontrol.gov for more information.

In the last general election, it looks like "we the people" may have elected 535 of the dumbest people in the country to congress, to work for us by circumventing the United States Constitution. Case in point- In Washington D.C., The House of Representatives passed House Resolution (HR-1), called the "For the People Act" it is not for the people it is a piece of legislation that will allow the seizing of state's voting laws. It is a massive take-over of federal voting rights from the states and gives it to the federal government which is a violation of the US Constitution. It is strongly suggested that you call your two senators in Washington telling them to veto this 800-page piece of legislation in the senate. To obtain a copy of HR-1 call the U.S. House of Representatives at 1-(202)-224-3121 or write to them at United States House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515.

Benjamin Franklin was walking out of Independence Hall after the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when someone shouted out, "Doctor, what have we got, A republic or a monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it." The way our government is going today, I wonder if we, or our children, and grandchildren will be able to keep it.

New York State's "Early Retirement Incentive" Bill in Albany does not cover MTA-NYCT/MTA-B&T, or does it?

First it was no, then it was yes, and now it is no again. This is a prime example of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing. At the present time, the MTA is not included.



Now that vacation time is around the corner, and families may be traveling via the family auto, there are two tire manufacturer recalls. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Under recall #21T001 Continental Tire the Americas, LLC. (Continental Tire) is recalling certain Continental, General, and Barum brand tires. The affected tires were cured for too long during production. Over cured tires may develop a break in the sidewall resulting in sudden air loss or a belt edge separation which could lead to a tread/belt loss. Either condition can cause a loss of vehicle control. Continental will inspect tires starting on April 5, 2021. They will replace the tire/s if necessary **FREE OF CHARGE**. Owners may contact Continental Tire at 1-888-799-2168.

Also, under tire recall #21T003 states that "Cooper Tire and Rubber Company (Cooper Tire) is recalling certain Cooper CS5 Grand Turing 225/55R17 and Mastercraft LSR Grand Touring 225/55R17 tires with DOT Codes 2920 through 0121. The tires may have low tread gauge in the shoulder slot area which could cause tread separation and side wall failure. A sidewall failure may cause the tire to rapidly deflate, increasing the risk of a crash. Cooper Tire will notify registered owners, and dealers will inspect and, if necessary, replace the tire **FREE OF CHARGE**. Cooper Tire plans to begin notification no later than April 22, 2021. Owners may contact Cooper Tire customer service at 1-800-854-6288.

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Cooper Tires, for this recall is 177-2. NOTE-This recall supersedes 20T-017 and any tires recalled under 20T-017, but not yet replaced, are now included in this safety recall.” For your information although there is plenty of gas there is a 20-25% reduction in qualified gas tank truck drivers nationwide to make deliveries so there could be gas lines or shortages at the pump.

From the NYC Homeowners Coalition- “The New York Legislature is currently advancing a proposal on the New Tax on Homeowners, the bill is s4199/a5736. If this bill passes, NYC homeowners will be saddle with an annual tax of up to 13.5% on none-primary residences with an assessed value above \$300,000. This will require co-op and con-do owners to prove their residency and undergo expensive home appraisals every three years and could drive property values down by as much as 31%. Tell Albany law makers to oppose the new tax on homeowners.” Go to www.assembly.state.ny to see who your assembly representative is and www.senate.state.ny for your state senator.

Congratulations to Craig Cipriano on his promotion to Senior Vice President Department of Buses/President MTA Bus. We wish Craig much success in his new position. Congratulations also to Michael Bacchus, Steve Krajewski, Angelo Phelps, John Kosich on their retirement. We wish them a long healthy, happy, prosperous retirement.

Consumer Alert- Make sure your up to date with your billing cycles; for instance, some mortgage and credit card companies are mailing out bills after the fact,

claiming the Postal Service is behind schedule, and adding on interest and penalties to your bill. In this instance immediately reach out to customer service to remove the interest penalties accordingly. Its best to pay your billing cycle beforehand.

TMBA Retirement Board Member, Michael T. Calabro, reports that the September 2021 pension Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) equals 1.4% for a maximum increase of \$252.00 or \$21.00 per month before taxes.

If you know of anyone retiring, or being promoted, or articles which may be of interest to the membership, please send the information to TMBA, P.O. Box 570087 Whitestone, NY, 11357-0087 and we will place their names and articles in the newsletter.

Are you a member of BJ’s Wholesale Club and need to renew your membership or wish to join? Check out our web site at mtatmba.org for more information.

Remember, when you need to speak to a member of the Executive Board, or are moving to a new address, please notify us so we can update our records. If you are an operational manager from the Department of Buses call Carlos Pacheco at (718)-614-8042, if you are an operational manager from the Department of Subways, call Frank DeSimone at (917)-859-6843 and if you are an administrative manager call Debbie Martinez at (917)-881-2606 for assistance.

The scholarship winners for year 2020 have not been selected. The 2021 Scholarship applications have not been posted.

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