Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow coming to Albany

Albany hosting Georgia Public Service Commission clean fuel vehicle show

ALBANY — As the state of Georgia and the nation continue to transition to more environmentally safe vehicles, Albany area residents and officials will get a chance to learn more about the need for clean vehicles and the types of vehicles that are growing in popularity around the country when the Georgia Public Service Commission hosts an Alternative Fuel Vehicles Roadshow stop in Albany later this month.

The Albany stop, which will be at the downtown government building at 222 Pine Avenue in downtown Albany on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, will allow visitors, including Albany Mayor Dorothy Hubbard, State Rep. Winifred Dukes, and area fleet managers, to learn more about impact of using clean, alternative fuel vehicles.

Attendees will get a close look at propane, bio-fuels, natural gas, electric (EV) and compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, along with answers to questions about cost, safety, maintenance and fuel considerations.

During the program attendees will see visuals of several different alternative fuel vehicles currently in use around the state including EV plug-in vehicles like the Nissan Leaf, the Chevy Volt, the Kia Soul and the Ford C-Max Energy.

The presentation will also include examples of natural gas vehicles currently being sued throughout the state such as the Toccoa Natural Gas trucks, MARTA transit buses, City of Thomasville municipal trucks, DeKalb County sanitation trucks, and City of Albany municipal trucks, among others.

There will also be a presentation on propane powered vehicles used by Amerigas and Georgia Gas.

"It's not a really big show, but it's neat," said Albany Superintendent of Fleet Management Ken Johnson, who is planning to attend the show. "They'll have clean energy vehicles that you can test drive and converted vehicles too."

Albany is one of eight cities where the Georgia Public Service Commission, along with Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols, will be visiting during the month of June. The first
stop will be in Gainesville, followed by stops in Cartersville, Albany, College Park, Decatur, St. Simons Island, Valdosta and Savannah.

Each presentation is three hours long and is conducted by Event Energy Partners, LLC. Fleet managers and government officials can attend for free. Members of the general public can also attend for a $29 fee. To register or to learn more about the roadshow visit www.afvroadshow.com.