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To: [Brian Pugh](#); [Stacey Nachtaler](#); [Maria Slippen](#); [Nora Nicholson](#); [Len Simon](#)
Cc: [Bryan Healy](#)
Subject: Against a full leaf blower ban
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Dear Mayor and Board of Trustees,

I am against a full, year round leaf blower ban. My reasons for supporting a partial ban are that:

I have both a gas and electric leaf blower and the electric does not meet my needs in the fall. Even though I mulch my leaves, the electric blower is insufficient to get the leaves out from the bushes, trees and fence line surrounding my house so they can be mulched. I find the excuse that banning gas blowers would somehow increase mulching to be disingenuous and misleading. In addition, with a flat roof where many homes on my section of Cleveland Drive reside, the electric blower is insufficient in clearing off the roof and gutters which require cleaning multiple times in the fall. I also abut village parkland and am inundated with the massive leaf drop from the many maples and oaks surrounding me on three sides.

I can support a more restrictive ban, maybe 9 months to allow the heaviest leaf season be managed by gas blowers but I find a total ban to be driven by a very small albeit very loud minority to be wrong for our village.

I also would find it terribly unfair for certain groups, the school district, the village, the golf course and larger properties to be unregulated by the ban. Please account for the actual burden on homeowners that maintain their own smaller properties in heavily wooded areas.

Thank you,

Gary Eisinger

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Bryan Healy; Board of Trustees](#)
Subject: Gas Powered Leaf Blowers
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Your own landscaper routinely uses gas-powered leaf blowers, and I have years of dated photographs documenting it. These tools are standard equipment in the industry. Citing 44 emails in favor of the ban only reinforces the impression that the outcome has already been decided, regardless of opposing viewpoints.

The Conservation Advisory Committee is composed of unelected individuals and they have no authority over how I manage the curtilage of my private property. Their opinions do not supersede my rights. If noise is the justification for this overreach, then what comes next? A ban on gas-powered lawn mowers? Snowblowers? Cars and trucks? Once you start down this path, there is no logical stopping point.

Daniel Bennett

From: [REDACTED]
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Mayor Pugh and Trustees,

If the Board is considering a ban or expanded partial ban on gas powered leaf blowers, I can take no position other than to indicate there are landscape companies that seem to use them exclusively.

Personally, I have an electric leaf blower. I would not support any ban on that type of device.

Respectfully,

Lewis Montana

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Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

I am writing to respectfully object to the proposed year-round ban on leaf blowers.

Our community already has a seasonal restriction on leaf blower use, which I believe represents a reasonable and balanced compromise between quality-of-life concerns and the practical realities of property maintenance. Expanding this into a full year-round ban seems unnecessary and excessive.

For many larger properties, manually raking leaves and debris is simply not practical. Leaf blowers are an important maintenance tool that allow homeowners and landscaping crews to efficiently clear leaves, grass clippings, pollen, and other debris that can clog drains, damage lawns, and create slippery or unsafe walking conditions. Eliminating their use entirely would significantly increase labor, maintenance time, and landscaping costs for residents.

There may also be unintended environmental consequences from such a ban. Larger property owners with numerous mature trees could feel pressured to undertake substantial pruning or even tree removal in an effort to reduce leaf accumulation and maintenance burdens. This would ultimately diminish tree canopy, reduce shade and air quality benefits, and negatively impact the overall environment and character of the community.

I also question the consistency of singling out leaf blowers for concerns about noise and pollution while far larger and constant sources of both already exist in our area. Metro-North diesel locomotives idle continuously nearby, often 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, generating substantially more noise and emissions than occasional landscaping equipment. Focusing on leaf blowers while ignoring these larger impacts feels disproportionate.

Additionally, the suggestion that electric blowers solve these concerns is not entirely

accurate. Electric blowers are often still quite loud, especially in close residential settings, and they are not “pollution free” when considering battery manufacturing, charging demands, and overall energy consumption. They may reduce emissions compared to gas-powered models, but they do not eliminate the underlying concerns being cited as justification for a total ban.

Rather than imposing a blanket prohibition, I encourage the Board to maintain the current seasonal restrictions that already balance residents’ concerns with practical maintenance needs. If additional adjustments are necessary, reasonable limits on hours of operation or equipment standards would be far more sensible than a complete ban.

I respectfully ask the Board to reconsider the proposed year-round prohibition and preserve the existing compromise that has served the community appropriately.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Becker



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i am strongly in favor of supporting the year round ban on gas powered leaf blowers.

Jim Levey

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