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Subject: From Susan Levine...About the Proposed Leaf Blower Ban

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Hello Mayor and Trustees..

I am delighted that the issue of Gas Powered Leaf Blowers is being discussed and that residents are being asked for their input...and views as to the best ordinance...

Of course...as I always do remind you...Most of the Village Does Not Know that you are deliberating about this matter...since they mostly Do Not Read The Scarsdale Inquirer or watch

Board Meetings on television....

The information needs to be added to Scarsdale10583 as well...although they also suffer from

a lack of ongoing subscribers...

Most residents are still unaware of most Village issues..

**I like the idea of adding a Gas Powered Blower Ban on Weekends.. and Banning them entirely from June 1 through September 30...(the same as now)

BUT enforcement has always been the difficult part of this matter...with Gardeners mostly disregarding the Ordinance and most Homeowners Not advising their Gardeners of the rules...and the Police enforcing the ban only minimally...with only 75-85 summonses per season issued...

I mean...really....

Therefore..Enforcement will be an important part of the Ordinance..... and gardeners and homeowners will all need to know about the rules and be willing to abide by them...not so easy...and enforcement is a key element..

Maybe Signage would help...

In my view...the Fines for Violations will also need to be Increased..since the low fines now do Not deter the behavior..and never have...

I also think that continuing to Encourage Residents to Mulch their Leaves should be a part of this effort..since it results in less need for Gas Blowers blowing leaves to the Curbs for Pickup..in the Fall...

As always....thanks for listening...

Susan Levine
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