

From: Susan Fromer <susanfromer@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Re lawn care noise pollution
Date: September 22, 2020 at 4:53:15 PM EDT
To: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>

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Hello Marc.

Thank you for your quick reply. If we can't resolve the issue of the gas powered blowers, could we at least, address the issue of the 8am starting time. There are many people at home that would benefit from rest at that time. It seems that the well being of the residents is more important than the landscapers starting and finishing early. Please consider addressing this.

Thank you.

Susan Fromer

On Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 3:57 PM Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:
Hi Susan,

Thank you for your email. There has been a fair amount of frustration about the use of blowers recently, particularly with more people working from home. This is a challenge for the Village to enforce as the enforcement office (usually SPD) has to witness the infraction in order to issue a summons.

The last time the Village investigated electric leaf blowers, the technology wasn't yet ready for widespread use. We will continue to monitor the technology as it progresses as we would certainly like to see the conversion of gas-powered blowers to electric blowers.

Best regards,

Marc

> On Sep 22, 2020, at 8:13 AM, Susan Fromer <susanfromer@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Mayor Samwick.

> I am writing to request a change in the law which allows lawn care/ lawn mowers to begin at 8 am. I would suggest the start time be moved to 9 am. Additionally I would suggest that gas powered leaf blowers be banned and only electric leaf blowers be allowed.

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> With onset of COVID-19, many people are working from home. Many children are now at home during these hours. There are many first responders who live here. I can see no reason why any of us need to be disturbed at 8 am by the intense noise pollution caused by the newer lawn mowers. The newer mowers are much louder than mowers used when these laws were passed. The leaf blowers, in addition to being exceedingly loud, create an enormous amount of dust and air pollution.

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> Please take action to resolve this issue that is impacting the quality of life in Scarsdale.

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> Sincerely,

> Dr. Susan Fromer

> Sent from my iPhone