

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 6:35 PM
To: federico.kaune@verizon.net
Cc: Village Board; Steve Pappalardo; Donna Conkling
Subject: Re: Gasoline powered lawn equipment in Scarsdale

Thank you for email, Federico. Please stay engaged as the Village discusses these issues further.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2020, at 6:07 PM, federico.kaune@verizon.net wrote:

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Hello Major and Board members ^{1/},

I was glad to hear that at a recent Board meeting you agreed to have more public discussions on the need to ban gasoline-powered blowers. Under your leadership, Scarsdale should ban the usage of *all* gasoline-powered lawn equipment (blowers, mowers, trimmers, snowblowers, etc.) as soon as possible. Larchmont is banning gasoline-powered blowers starting in 2022. This is a great first step, but it is too far into the future and does not address the whole problem.

In this village, from March to December lawn contractors service around 700 lawns every day, with the concomitant noise and air pollution. Hence, there is always someone making noise and polluting around us. I have spoken with many neighbors during the past few weeks and there is broad consensus on this topic: No one wants the daily noise and air pollution from gasoline-powered lawn machines around us.

I respectfully ask you to ban the usage of *all* gasoline-powered lawn equipment in Scarsdale as soon as possible. If you require a petition letter with signatures, I will be glad to collect them and send them to you. I sincerely hope you will lead on this topic in Westchester County. Kind regards,

Federico Kaune
10 Rochambeau Road

1/ Unfortunately some Board members are not reachable via e-mail.

On Oct 21, 2020, at 4:46 PM, federico.kaune@verizon.net<<mailto:federico.kaune@verizon.net>> wrote:

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Dear Mayor Samwick,

I have been working from home since March 2020 due to the pandemic. Although my home-working experience has been great, it has been tarnished by the high levels of noise and greenhouse pollution from lawn service firms using combustion engine machines (leaf blowers, lawn cutter, trimmers, and others) when working around the neighborhood on a daily basis.

Noise pollution can be more damaging than other types of pollution. We should not have to live with it. Furthermore, technological progress has made electrical and battery powered options affordable and competitive. High prices are no longer a valid excuse. Battery (electricity) powered machines have two distinct advantages over combustion engines: 1) minimal noise levels, and 2) no greenhouse pollution. I speak from experience, as I have been maintaining my lawn with a battery powered lawn mower, leaf blower and a (electric) trimmer for two years.

I respectfully request that the Village of Scarsdale take the lead on this subject, and mandate and enforce regulation calling for these lawn service firms to adopt clean noise reduction technology when working in our town as soon as feasible.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration, I remain,

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