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Subject: RE: leaf blowers

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Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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Hello

I am a Chapel Hill resident and am currently leading an effort to ban gas-powered leaf blowers. They are incredibly bad for the environment and are also causing me, and everyone else nearby, hearing damage. I have tried to work with the

city many time over this issue (Clark Dickens) but he just dismissed my complaints, saying the only thing he can do is to send a police officer to investigate. Of course, by the time they would get here, the people are gone.

This kind of cat and mouse response is unprofessional and a waste of law enforcement's time.

The state of CA is on the brink of not only banning all gas-powered leaf blowers, but also all 2 stroke lawn engines. The entire DC/VA/MD area has successfully banned these, as have many, many cities around the country.

This is an issue that is serious, harmful to people's health and the environment. There are many viable electric alternatives.

You can see the petition that 120 people have signed - I am obviously not the only person who feels this way.

https://www.change.org/p/town-of-chapel-hill-ban-gas-powered-lead-blowers-in-chapel-hill?utm_content=cl_sharecopy_28748907_en-US%3A7&recruiter=449173154&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=ab281cb0fd2a4c079ce72ff70829d6e4

I appreciate your attention in this matter and as an engineer who works in acoustic-related areas, I am happy to work with you moving forward.

Mary Cummings