

Agenda E&E Committee Mtg: 8-21-19

1. Progress on the initiative to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers

- our presentation to the Board on September 9th (7 mins. Powerpoint)
- Information Workshop with expert panel and Q&A on September 28
 - Mayor of ToCC and another Council member have confirmed
 - Jeff Waldstreicher and Al Carr have confirmed; still waiting to hear from Adam Ortiz
 - How do we access the funds allocated by the Village for the speaker? Reimbursement or a quote for air fare and Honorarium?
- Getting the word out to landscape companies (Ellen Sands has sent a partial list of operators)
 - we need help of all committee members—send an email on Chevy Chase list-serve asking residents to inform their landscape companies
 - Do we need to send flyers out again? A story will appear in the September Crier
- Developments in neighboring communities
 - ToCC just revised quiet hours to prohibit gas-powered blowers from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 - They are planning another info event featuring new battery powered equipment along with some demonstrations in the Leland Center parking lot. This would be another joint event among the Town, the Village and Somerset.

2. Proposed next steps to address recycling issues in the Village

3. Implementation of the Healthy Lawns Bill—now in force. In preparation for this discussion, please check out the powerpoint for residents on the MoCo Department of Environmental Protection's website:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law.html>

- Strosniders doesn't know about it and few landscaper companies do either. [N.B.: I've been trying to get my landscape operator to come out and meet with me and he has not responded yet.] MoCo is still figuring out its outreach campaign to residents, operators and retailers.

4. Other Business

- Enforcement? Resident involvement?

