

I'd like to go on record as follows:

You don't send the fire department to put out 50% of the fire.

But unfortunately, that's what the City Council is doing.

As I stated after midnight at the tortured City Council meeting in March, with evidence to prove it, battery-powered leaf blowers have reached velocity levels comparable to gas versions. In time, and likely soon, the battery models will become even more powerful. Here's an example of the progress in battery technology: The 2024 gas powered Honda Civic goes from 0-60 mph in 9.2 seconds. The 2024 all electric Nissan Leaf does 0-60 in 6.7 seconds. (See <https://www.motortrend.com/cars/honda/civic/> and <https://www.motortrend.com/reviews/2024-nissan-leaf-sv-plus-first-test-review/>) Want to go faster? Jump into the new all electric Porsche Macan which takes a mere 3.1 seconds, compared to the gas variant at 4.1 seconds. See Dan Neil's column in the Apr. 25, 2024 Wall Street Journal.

Congratulations, certainly, to the City Council for finally curbing (and eventually eliminating) the toxic emissions from gas leaf blowers. But why on earth has the Council elected to do nothing to seasonally restrict, let alone eliminate, the year-round dispersal of dirt, dust, animal feces, mold, fungi, pollen, pesticides, herbicides, and heavy metals which can linger in the air for hours after a powerful battery-operated blower has been turned off? If you wouldn't drink a glass of water with any of that stuff in it, I don't know why you would want to inhale it either.

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