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Linda Foley and other politicians focused on banning gas powered leaf blowers in the State of Maryland,

Our family owns a property on Arcadia Shores Circle in Easton, MD. We spend a lot of time there, especially in the Fall when the weather is so beautiful. However, there is one very noticeable set back. Arcadia Shores Circle, as the name implies, is about a 1 mile circle after a ½ mile straight entry way. This makes for a wonderful walking environment. However, from September through November the leaf blowers can be heard from 8 AM to 5 PM at an alarming rate and noise. Regardless of where you are walking, the noise is ever present. This is not necessary. Two stroke engines have been around for 100 years and have more then served their purpose. They are loud, pollutant and truthfully, antiquated. Battery driven leaf blowers and movers for that matter product a fraction of the noise, a fraction of the CO2 and can be managed in a cost effective manner for any lawn service business. I have been driving an electric car for 5 years. I realize, after the higher up front cost, a much lower to no maintenance bill and significantly lower monthly energy cost. After 5 years, in cost, you come out ahead. The noise is so low many times I have to honk my horn for people walking on Arcadia shores because they cannot hear me approaching from behind. It is time to give communities of Talbot County a well deserved break from the noise and nudge the industry forward. It is not cost holding these companies back it is lack of knowledge and understanding.

Sincerely,
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