

## Anna M. Hicks

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**From:** Paula N. McMichael <Paula.McMichael@mysanibel.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:33 PM  
**To:** 'judiebon@aol.com'  
**Cc:** citymanager  
**Subject:** FW: Gas Powered Leaf Blower Use on Sanibel

Thank you for reaching out to the city. The prohibition on gas-powered leaf blowers was adopted by city council in 2021 with an effective date of December 31, 2022. The enforcement of the ban has been delayed due to the local state of emergency following Hurricane Ian.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:08 PM  
**To:** email-list <[email-list@mysanibel.com](mailto:email-list@mysanibel.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gas Powered Leaf Blower Use on Sanibel

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are you kidding me? This is absolutely ridiculous. There is no legitimate concrete reason or evidence to go to gas powered leaf blowers. Don't you people have better things to do than worry about banning gas powered blowers? Sanibel has really gone woke and left. This is just another stupid liberal government control policy. You should be ashamed of yourselves for even considering this.

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June 10, 2025

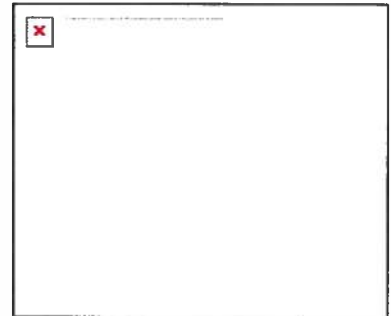
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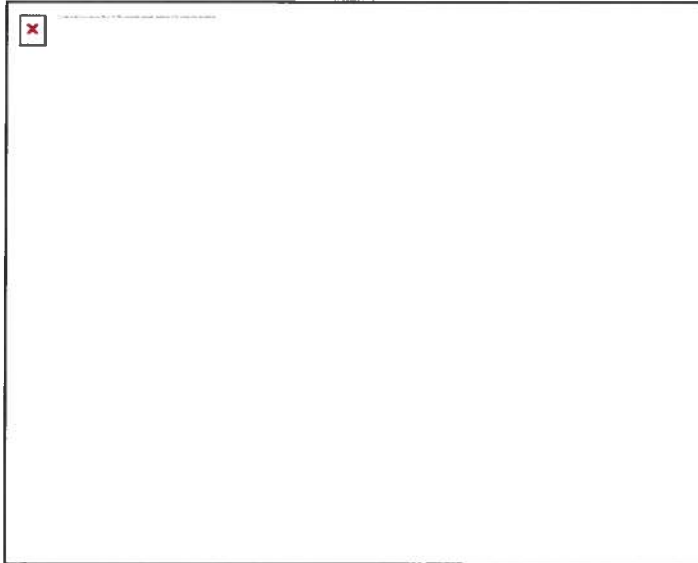
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## Information Regarding Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Use on Sanibel



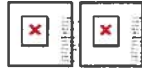
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If the ordinance amending Section 30-70 is approved, the use of gas powered leaf blowers will be prohibited on the effective date of the Ordinance. This would apply to all residents, businesses, government agencies, and contractors. [Click here to read Draft Ordinance 25-010.](#)

Please share this information with your contractors and Sanibel neighbors. Thank You!

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**From:** Doug Krupa <dougakrupa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:41 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas Blower Registration

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Dear all,

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I am supportive of a restriction on the hours of operation.

Best,

Doug Krupa  
466 Sea Oats

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** delano1800@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 7:59 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas blowers

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What are the lawn maintenance contractors supposed to use when cleaning up streets and driveways after mowing ?

I do not think battery blowers are powerful enough and brooms are not very effective on driveways.

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**From:** Steven Tummillo <sjtummillo1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 1:18 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Cc:** Diana Tummillo  
**Subject:** Gas Blowers

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Please cast a vote for me in favor of enforcing the previous ban of the noise and air polluting blowers.

Rakes and brooms worked well for years....

The landscaper's have no one but themselves for creating the need to curb the egregious problem. I witness and hear the combustion blowers run full throttle or otherwise rev and rev the machines.

Certainly those operators who have not been trained to use the equipment correctly have drawn the ire of the residents.

Just late last week I witnessed a neighbors crew member blow dirt wide open for 15 minutes directing the dirt onto the next neighbor. If that was not enough of an example of poor training, another crew member did the same area, dirt blowing shortly after the first example.

Not only are quieter blowers necessary, but training of the all too common foreign work force should be implemented.

Regards,

Steve Tummillo  
CGC055189

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** tom shriner <sanibelbeachnut@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:53 AM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas blowers

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Thomas Shriner  
1609 Sand Castle Rd  
Sanibel, FL 33957



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1609 Sand Castle Rd  
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**From:** annette pacyga <annette.pacyga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2025 6:32 AM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas leaf blowers

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I thought that we already had an ordinance that banned them. So why the new one

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**From:** kathy schmitt <kathyschmitt100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 12:56 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas leaf blowers

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Thank you so much for the proposed law prohibiting gas leaf blowers. My peace appreciates it 😊  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Troy Billet <tbillet@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:09 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

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Mr. Souza,

Can I ask the reasoning behind the proposed ban on gas powered leaf blowers?

If it's a noise issue (where a few people can complain & persuade counsel to enact ordinances around there wishes) I can assure you electric blowers are no quieter & actually create a higher pitched squeal in comparison. (For context, I only have an electric leaf blower on Sanibel, but several other gas types in PA.

Regardless of the reasoning, this ordinance will create additional costs for contractors and homeowners (who ultimately bear the cost for both) with no real benefit.

I thought there already was a time limitation when contractors could be on island using power equipment? Not sure why additional regulation is necessary.

Looking forward to your reply,

Troy Billet  
717-870-7768

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Patty Mckeen <pattyemaguire@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:19 AM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Gas powered leaf blowers

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Hello,

I'm a Sanibel homeowner and have a couple of questions regarding a possible ban on gas powered blowers. They are as follows:

What is the reason for limiting/banning gas powered blowers?

If it is due to the high decibels then why are weed whackers not also banned and large gas powered tractor lawn mowers since they also to create high decibels and can be a real nuisance.

Please let us know what the reason for banning just this particular activity is or maybe in the future the city will request electric lawn mowers and limits on weed whacking.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Patricia Maguire

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Edward DeYoung <islandvalet@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 12:45 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Leaf Blowers & 30-70

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Dana,

Hard to imagine this much time and effort continues to be spent on a leaf blower ban when Sanibel still needs significant attention directed elsewhere by the city for recovery. I have been on Sanibel for over 40 years and have never heard a single discussion or complaint from any individual regarding leaf blower noise. In these challenging times for the island how can this be a matter of such importance and recurring urgency?

It will surely result in increased expense for Sanibel residents and business owners as landscapers scramble to pass along their conversion costs. I am certain we would rather use any money to improve our property, re-beautify the island and sustain what property value we have left.

One good thing if this silly amendment passes, my email box will get a rest from the scores of notices on 30-70.

I do appreciate many of the valiant efforts made by you and the city.

ED DEYOUNG  
3030 West Gulf  
[islandvalet@me.com](mailto:islandvalet@me.com)

*"Son," he said, "grab your things, I've come to take you home" - P. Gabriel*

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**From:** Lena Williams <wm6lee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 2:17 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Leaf blowers

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Thank you for prohibiting these machines. They are a menace.  
Lena Williams

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**From:** Barb BMH <barb4tennis2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 4:24 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Leaf blowers

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Yes please get rid of the gasoline leaf blowers. They're tearing up our road among all other things.  
Barbara Hickey  
Sanibel



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**From:** MARK CORKE <mhcorke@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:16 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Leaf blowers

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The lithium batteries in these leaf blowers cause a lot of pollution and destruction to our environment in making them and disposal. They can cause fires. This is really not a good ordinance. It's bad for businesses also. They have to invest in so many batteries which can be dangerous to store in regards to fire. The batteries just don't hold up. I am sorry, but this is really a feel good ordinance that really not going to help much. Why aren't you banning Round Up with the dangerous toxic glyphosate instead, that would help our environment so much more!

Mark Corke DDS

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**From:** John Masters <johncharlesmasters@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 6:29 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Prohibition on gas powered leaf blowers

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Dear City Manager Souza,

I am writing a brief note in regard to the ongoing debate related to use of gas powered leaf blowers.

We live just off West Gulf on Daniel Drive. Every Monday, we can hear loudly and clearly the gas-powered mowers operated by the City of Sanibel to cut grass and landscaped areas between the shared use path and roadway.

Not sure what will actually be accomplished with the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers when there is plenty of other equipment (mowers, stump grinders, tree trimming equipment, edgers, etc.) that will continue to be in use on a daily basis across the island. The battery powered blowers are getting better, but not as functional or effective as the gas-powered versions (in my humble opinion).

Let's give the contractors doing work on Sanibel a break and not force this change upon them. Why is this such a high priority given the work remaining to get the island re-built?

Thank you for your continued service to our community.

John C. Masters  
255 Daniel Drive  
(Email) johncharlesmasters@gmail.com  
(Mobile) 312-622-0528

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**From:** Doug Krupa <dougakrupa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 3:04 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Re: Gas Blower Registration

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Recirculating the below. I continue to be shocked by the potential banning of gas powered leaf blowers. Landscapers will need to purchase new equipment in response to this ordinance - with many businesses still in recovery post Ian and last fall's twin hurricanes.

Lastly - assume you are okay with landscapers running portable generators to help with recharging battery powered blowers? Batteries won't last long enough to finish some individual properties let alone an entire day's worth of landscaping.

Best, Doug

Sent from my iPhone

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> Best,

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> Doug Krupa

> 466 Sea Oats

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**From:** Michael Oak <michaeleoak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 12:14 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Subject:** Re: Gas Powered Leaf Blower Use on Sanibel

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This is an absolute waste of time. If this type of stuff is what the city is spending time on then priorities are GREATLY misaligned with residents and property owner needs. Come on now.

Michael Oak  
5802 Sanibel Captiva Rd

On Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 12:06 PM City of Sanibel - City Manager's Office <[email-list-mysanibel.com@shared1.ccsend.com](mailto:email-list-mysanibel.com@shared1.ccsend.com)> wrote:

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**FW: Please continue prohibition on gas powered blowers.**

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**From** Vicki L. Smith <[vicki.smith@mysanibel.com](mailto:vicki.smith@mysanibel.com)>

**Date** Fri 7/11/2025 8:49 AM

**To** Dana A. Souza <[Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com](mailto:Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com)>; Steve C. Chaipel <[steve.chaipel@mysanibel.com](mailto:steve.chaipel@mysanibel.com)>; Anna M. Hicks <[anna.hicks@mysanibel.com](mailto:anna.hicks@mysanibel.com)>

Here is the one from Scott, received yesterday, v

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**From:** Steve C. Chaipel <[steve.chaipel@mysanibel.com](mailto:steve.chaipel@mysanibel.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 2:06 PM

**To:** Vicki L. Smith <[vicki.smith@mysanibel.com](mailto:vicki.smith@mysanibel.com)>; Anna M. Hicks <[anna.hicks@mysanibel.com](mailto:anna.hicks@mysanibel.com)>

**Cc:** Scotty L. Kelly <[Scotty.Kelly@mysanibel.com](mailto:Scotty.Kelly@mysanibel.com)>; Dana A. Souza <[Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com](mailto:Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com)>

**Subject:** FW: Please continue prohibition on gas powered blowers.

To add to public comment. I have others from the CM email address I will forward.

**From:** Scott Crater <[scottcrater@yahoo.com](mailto:scottcrater@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 1:19 PM

**To:** sancouncil <[sancouncil@mysanibel.com](mailto:sancouncil@mysanibel.com)>

**Subject:** Please continue prohibition on gas powered blowers.

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Hi all

I am sure you will get some naysayers at this late hour, but remember the reasons why we pursued it in the first place.

NOISE reduction. The sound of these things carries for blocks. Worst in winter when our doors and windows are open and we want to enjoy the fresh air.

Air pollution. Blue smoke wafts into our windows from the the highly polluting two stroke engines.

Lastly, electric blowers work well and are not higher cost when gas and maintenance are factored in. I have had one myself for four years. I spent \$250 on it, which is not the cheapest option, but you get what you pay for.

Also, a ten prong sharp pitchfork is amazing for picking up seagrape leaves without bending over. It is super easy.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone