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Meeting of January 5, 2022

Correspondence as of December 9, 2022

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**From:** [Herbie](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [jackie@frankandgrossman.com](#); [jicmurphy@menlopark.org](#)  
**Subject:** Gas Powered Leaf Blowers used on Sunday, December 4, at Caltrain Station in Menlo Park  
**Date:** Sunday, December 4, 2022 2:42:43 PM

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Sunday, December 4, 2022

To: Caltrain Board of Directors ([board@caltrain.com](mailto:board@caltrain.com))  
To: Frank + Grossman Landscape Contractors ([jackie@frankandgrossman.com](mailto:jackie@frankandgrossman.com))  
To: Menlo Park City Manager ([jicmurphy@menlopark.org](mailto:jicmurphy@menlopark.org))

**Gas Powered Leaf Blowers used on Sunday at Caltrain Station in Menlo Park**

I am writing today because a gardener was using a gas powered leaf blower on Sunday, December 4, at the Caltrain Station in Menlo Park at 12:15 pm. The gardener was wearing a Frank + Grossman vest, and a truck with the same name was parked nearby. Please see attached photos.

Menlo Park has an ordinance that specifically prohibits the use of Leaf Blowers on Saturday, Sunday, Holidays, and Spare the Air Days.

**Menlo Park Leaf Blower Ordinance**

8.07.030 Operation.

Leaf blowers may only be used or operated in the city as follows:

(1) Certified Leaf Blowers. Certified leaf blowers may be operated in the city Mondays through Fridays between the hours of eight (8) a.m. and five (5) p.m.

<https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/26335/Menlo-Park-Municipal-Code-807-Leaf-Blowers>

The peace and quiet of a Sunday has once again been shattered by this obnoxious and polluting device. The weekends are the time we can all relax and enjoy our neighborhood. It is a fundamental lack of respect to destroy our peace and quiet with this noise.

I, and many of my neighbors, have switched to using only battery-powered landscaping equipment. The results are the same, and there is no pollution and much less noise.

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 1346 in 2021 to ban gas-powered lawn equipment in the state by January 1, 2024.  
<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/576227-california-to-ban-gas-lawn-mowers-leaf-blowers/>

**Please STOP scheduling gardeners with gas-powered equipment in Menlo Park for Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.**

Thank you,

Herbert Jay





**From:** [Nabong, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [herbiej6@me.com](mailto:herbiej6@me.com)  
**Cc:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Gas Powered Leaf Blowers used on Sunday, December 4, at Caltrain Station in Menlo Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:07:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Herbert Jay,

Your message to the Caltrain Board of Directors was referred to me for response. The Board members will receive a copy of our correspondence.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your observations. Caltrain Staff are working with our sub-contractor to ensure appropriate equipment is being used in compliance with this ordinance. We will reschedule all gas blowers work to weekdays at all Stations, while we work out a different solution/tool with our subcontractor for this needed, maintenance work. We aim to provide safe, clean, and compliant facilities, so we appreciate your awareness and concern.

Best regards,  
Sarah Nabong

**Sarah Nabong, Customer Service Representative 2**

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**From:** [Wong, Shirley](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tagging on and off  
**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 9:18:03 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, Bruce <ThompsonB@samtrans.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:17 AM  
Subject: RE: Tagging on and off

Wesley,

Thanks for your inquiry.

Clipper is currently undergoing changes to the system in which passes will be uploaded to Clipper accounts instantly. For Caltrain users with monthly passes, customers will be required to tap on and off for every single ride at time of this transition, which will probably be in late 2023 / early 2024. There will be some benefits that come along with this change such as zone upgrades being on Clipper, and a change for static to dynamic zones ( a customer with a 2 zone pass could travel within any two zones in the corridor at no additional cost) which were approved by the board on Dec 1st 2022.

Thanks,  
Bruce

-----Original Message-----

From: Wesley Tillu <email.wesley@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:15 AM  
To: Board (@caltrain.com) <board@caltrain.com>  
Subject: Tagging on and off

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Hello,

Can you explain why we need to still tag on and off to add a monthly pass? Is there technology that can just automatically add passes to our card? Most countries and cities have figured this problem out, not to mention high tech developed cities like San Francisco. The issue is people forgetting to tag on and off, and you charging me double or triple what I should pay when I forget.

Thanks  
Wesley