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## Council to Hear from Quiet Orinda

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Members of the citizen's group Quiet Orinda will address the Orinda City Council on November 16th to express their concerns about the air and noise pollution caused by the widespread use of leaf blowers in the city. "We want it addressed, we want relief, and we want it fast," says Peter Kendall, the group's leader.

Quiet Orinda will have fifteen minutes to present their case, and Kendall plans to have several residents and a pollution expert on hand to speak to the many aspects of the issue including a potential ordinance to limit or ban leaf blower use. "We feel that we need to educate everybody," says Kendall, adding that the City's current noise ordinance is totally inadequate to deal with the problem. Following Quiet Orinda's presentation, the Council will have the opportunity to ask questions of the group, and the public will have a chance to address the Council on the issue in the usual three-minute time allotment.

Kendall and his wife Susan have been championing their quiet cause for more than a year and it appears that people are starting to listen. Quiet Orinda recently received national coverage with a tongue-in-cheek article entitled Blowback by the New Yorker's Tad Friend. However, while Quiet Orinda has gained a following, not all residents support the group's goal. At the City Council's October 19th meeting, residents George Fahd and Marc Ericksen stated emphatically that they were opposed to any ban on leaf blower use.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way.

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