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Oak Park business community to take on idling

A Village-wide anti-idling campaign intended to reduce carbon dioxide emissions was recently extended to the Oak Park business community. The [Environmental & Energy Advisory Commission](#) (EEAC) – whose members already tackled idling at local schools – now is targeting the clean air message to delivery drivers going to local businesses.

The EEAC focused on delivery drivers because they routinely leave their engines running while dropping off supplies to restaurants and businesses. In an effort to get them to adopt better practices, the EEAC will be distributing stickers for delivery invoices, as well as a brochure from [Clean Air Counts](#) and other anti-idling literature created by the EEAC on why idling is harmful to the environment.

On Earth Day, the EEAC rolled out its anti-idling campaign at Whittier School, where students and teachers handed out information to parents parked outside the school, explaining why they should shut off their engine while waiting. According to the EEAC, 30 seconds of idling consumes more fuel than restarting an engine.

Members of the volunteer commission said their goal is to create idle-free zones that improve the environment around schools and businesses, reduces air and noise pollution, and conserves fuel, money and engine parts.

For more information on the EEAC and idling, e-mail publicworks@oak-park.us or call 708.358.5700. Information on living greener also is available online at www.oak-park.us/environment.

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