

Anti-idling campaign underway

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This fall you may be surprised while waiting in your car to pick up your child from school or your spouse from the train, when a Belmont Police Officer knocks on your window and hands you a card thanking you for not idling.

In August Sustainable Belmont received a grant from the Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) to promote Belmont's anti-idling campaign. The grant, matched by Belmont's Vision 21 Implementation Committee, allowed Sustainable Belmont to create informational post cards about idling.

Belmont's Police Chief Richard McLaughlin is in full support of the anti-idling campaign. In late August he sent out a letter to parents through the school's list-serve reminding parents of the Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law and providing safety tips. A Belmont Police Officer will distribute the cards to remind drivers to turn off their engine and to thank those whose cars are not idling. Below are the samples of the two different messages.

Each one of us can take part in helping Belmont reduce our carbon footprint and create a healthier community by turning off our engines while we're waiting to pick up a child at school, talking to a neighbor, or waiting for the train. Thank you for not idling.

