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Good day,

Here is my latest damages claim for the City's OMF / Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services / Risk Management office for race track damages I've incurred in recent weeks during the current track season from not being able to be in my apartment on track race days.

Kenton, Portsmouth and St. Johns residents have been trying to address emissions of lead, CO2 and noise pollution from the track for many years. People have moved because of it. I live in a low-income, intergenerational community of elders and foster families, directly in the track's noise blast zone, as do New Columbia's children and elders. With races like the recent grand prix race weekend, everyone on the North Portland Peninsula and beyond heard the roar. It was horrific. As I've written many times, these races most negatively impact elders and youth.

Race track facts:

- Leaded fuel from these races covers a 25 mile radius around the track, according to Cornell researchers.

- Each gallon burned emits about 20 pounds (9 kilograms) of carbon dioxide, so that's about 120,000 pounds (54,431 kilograms) of CO₂ for a race weekend
- The theory offered by the economist, Rick Neivn, is that lead poisoning accounts for much of the variation in violent crime in the United States..

Here is a recent study by OSU on noise pollution health impacts in Oregon:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2025/08/13/think-out-loud-oregon-state-university-noise-pollution-sound-study-science/>

I would like to see this land along the Columbia Slough become a history nature park remembering the Vanport site and the internment of the Japanese during WWII where the Expo Center is.

Another "climate action plan" from the city is pointless to me when one of its own parks is a huge polluter in an area where we have a lower life expectancy and some of the worst air pollution in the nation.

I would also like to know how much Parks and Rec earns from track revenue.

Thanks,

Laura Feldman
Portsmouth Neighborhood

7/6/25 Sunday - \$300.00
(minor foot surgery needed to be home but had to escape the noise--on my bike).
7/10/25 Thursday \$200.00
7/12/25 Saturday \$200.00
7/13/25 Sunday \$200.00
7/29/25 Tuesday \$200.00
8/2/25 Saturday \$200.00
8/7/25 Thursday \$200.00
8/8/25 Friday \$200.00
8/9/25 Saturday \$200.00
8/10/25 Sunday \$200.00
8/9/25 Saturday \$200.00
8/10/25 Sunday \$200.00
Total: \$2,500.00

Sources: [Noise pollution can take yeas off of your life - New York Times, June 9th, 2023](#) [Children in Portland could have lower test scores due to lead emissions from nearby racetrack - Guardian, June 21, 2023](#)
[Lawmaker seeks ban of toxic fuel at Portland racetrack after Guardian story,](#)
2025. <https://freakonomics.com/2007/10/did-banning-lead-lower-crime/>