

Here's the what, why and how of the Track's Expansion Plans:

Lime Rock Race Track has existed and thrived as business in the Town of Salisbury since 1959. Historically, the Track and the community have maintained a fine balance between the Track's right to do business and the community's right to preserve the peace, protect the environment and promote the quality of life in the northwest corner that we all hold so dear.

All of that changed last summer when, with no meaningful discussion with the Town or the community, the **Track went to Court and filed four aggressive lawsuits**. According to the Track's court filings, it cannot compete with larger race tracks if it cannot hold Sunday races, if it cannot accommodate **thousands of spectators** and crews on its campgrounds, and if it cannot attract big contracts like NASCAR that carry T.V. coverage. **So the Track went to Court and sued to get Sunday racing.**

After holding a public hearing, Salisbury's Planning & Zoning Commission stepped in and adopted into the zoning regulations existing restriction against Sunday racing and other limits on hours of operation and permitted activities. The PZC's adoption of these regulations **allows the Track to continue doing business as it has for more than sixty years, but it also protects the important rights of the community:** the right to worship peacefully on Sunday, or to have a quiet day to hold a wedding, a funeral or any other family event; the right to be free from noise and air pollution generated by the Track, and the right to protect the environment and natural resources from the impact of thousands of campers, spectators and crews camping for days at a time.

So then the Track went ahead and sued the Town of Salisbury, too.

Why is the Track suing local residents and now the Town of Salisbury?

- Because the Track wants to radically change its business model to attract NASCAR and other big ticket events by:
 - **Introducing a total of twenty-two (22) Sundays of racing.** Twenty muffled, two unmuffled. Virtually every summer Sunday.
 - **Creating long holiday weekends** of mostly **unmuffled** racing, from 9 A.M. on Thursdays through 6 P.M. on Sundays.
 - **Expanding its campgrounds** from the existing 350+ sites, to an undisclosed number, with **unrestricted traffic in an out** from 11P.M until 6 A.M.

How will this affect you?

- **Races, “muffled” or unmuffled, are loud.** That’s part of the fun. (Some tracks sell ear plugs) Races will be heard not only in the 329 homes around the track, but for miles around.
- **All Roads Lead to the Track.** Races require support vehicles—and spectators. Roads such as Wells Hill, Salmon Kill, Caulkinstown Road and Dugway, to name just a few, are easy short-cuts to the track. Residents can expect trailer trucks, car haulers, equipment trucks, crew SUVs and spectator vehicles to rumble and belch past their homes day and night on summer weekends.
- **Pollution.** Races mean generators running, engines revving, oil spilling, exhaust fumes escaping, car wash chemicals floating—all into our air and waters.
- **Camping.** The Track wants its large outfield to double as a camp ground to accommodate everything from “glamping”—luxury camping—to large RVs to tents. With the expansions, hundreds of transients would have the right to camp for long weekends—up to five nights--using natural resources, creating waste, driving our roads, **all night long.** There are no security plans to assist strained local forces, and no ban on alcohol.
- **NASCAR.** The Track hopes that its expansion will make it an attractive venue for NASCAR with all attendant crowds of NASCAR enthusiasts, TV coverage, and noise!
 - **NASCAR is the Big Box store of racing. Something like Labonne’s suddenly deciding to expand into a Walmart or Costco?**
- **Economic Impact** The track argues that it is an important local economic benefit. Yet it pays only about \$80,000 in local real estate taxes, has mostly seasonal jobs, and seeks to keep its spectators on site. Taxes on homes near the track are significantly lower than taxes elsewhere, a hint of what might happen if its operations expand to affect homes in other areas.
 - **Our community thrives on tourism but who will plan a summer escape to Salisbury if Salisbury is a “track town”?**