

LIME ROCK CITIZENS COUNCIL

FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER

Organized to Preserve and Protect our Community

Dear [],

Sixty years ago, the noise and traffic generated from racing at Lime Rock Race Track became so unbearable that Trinity Church and a group of its neighbors filed a nuisance lawsuit in Litchfield Superior Court asking the court to prohibit Sunday racing and to limit the Track's hours of operation. Finding that the unregulated impact of the Track was incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood, the court issued *reasonable restrictions* allowing the Track to thrive as a business while protecting the surrounding community from the nuisance of unlimited racing. The court-issued injunction represents a promise: a promise of mutual respect between neighbors and the Track. It is a promise the Track agreed to in 1966.

Now that promise is under attack. In September 2015, the owners of Lime Rock Race Track went to court to renege on their promise in order to radically expand the Track's business. Their intent is to transform the once idyllic Lime Rock Park into a venue for NASCAR, IMSA and Trans Am events with Sunday racing, longer hours of operation and an increase in unmuffled (the very loudest) racing. A group of concerned neighbors formed the Lime Rock Citizens Council to *protect the promise*, in response to the Track's lawsuit. Salisbury's Planning and Zoning Commission ("PZC") then acted to *protect the promise*, adopting reasonable regulations to curb the Track's expansion plans.

The Track responded by going back to court to sue the Town of Salisbury and its PZC. The judge hearing that lawsuit, *Lime Rock Park, LLC v. The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury*, recently issued a decision that puts at serious risk the authority of Salisbury's PZC to impose reasonable regulations on Lime Rock Race Track. **Moreover, the court's recent decision will allow racing on Sundays, after twelve o'clock noon.**

We all love this community and hope you believe, like we do, that the Track's right to operate, and its pursuit of profit, does not trump our right to peaceful Sundays. The LRCC and the Town are gearing up to appeal the recent court decision that paves the way for Sunday racing. The next phase of this legal battle will cost at least \$200K, so we need your help! Your contribution can be made by check payable to the Lime Rock Citizens Council, or by credit card on our website: www.savesundays.org.

Please help us protect this longstanding promise to our community!

Thank you,

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