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People must be able to enjoy peace and quiet

This is in response to the letter to the editor, "Racetrack noise has changed my life for the worse" (DJ-1/24).

I feel so sad for Suzanne Robinson and her neighbors living close to the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville. She has my sympathy. Her peace and quiet is gone during the summers now. To most people, there is nothing better or more comforting than to hear the peace and tranquility where they live. There is enough stress and noise pollution in this world without adding more. Most people enjoy hearing the sounds of nature coming in through their windows.

I wonder, did Ms. Robinson and other residents living close to the Motorsports Park voice their concerns before it was built? If they had, would it have made any difference?

Now that it is here, it certainly can't be moved to another location. Too much money and effort has been spent, and a lot of money is coming in for the owner and the city. It's here to stay. I've never been there. Are there enough sound barriers around the racing area? I wonder how many decibels Ms. Robinson and her neighbors are hearing from the noise of the racetrack?

There needs to be a compromise to help lower the noise level for these people living close to the racetrack. I know that a vacuum cleaner puts out 80 decibels and a rock concert is about 100 decibels. Imagine listening to that for many hours without a break.

What can be done to solve this noise problem? I, too, enjoy listening to the crickets, frogs and birds in the summer. You just can't put a price tag on peace and quiet.

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