



## Where have you been, Mr. Clendaniel?

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### Letters to the Editor/The News of Cumber...

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to an open letter published by Mr. Louis A. Clendaniel Sr., (The News, Aug. 5, "Race noise not city's biggest issue").

Because of my membership with Millville First, Mr. Clendaniel's has labeled me as a part of a "little band of complainers."

Mr. Clendaniel's states that "Since day one when the New Jersey Motorsports Park opened, a couple of groups have done nothing but gripe about everything that happens at the park." He further states that "TrackRacket and Millville First would find something else to gripe about if they closed the park down tomorrow. If it's not in my neighborhood, then who cares is the attitude TrackRacket and Millville First seem to have," as stated by Mr. Clendaniel.

If making issue with utilizing approximately \$9 million in taxpayers money, (infrastructure — water and sewage), to accommodate a developer that will only pay \$175,000 a year in taxes for the next 15 years is "griping," I plead guilty. As for not caring unless it is in my neighborhood, Mr. Clendaniel needs to do his homework.

Millville First has questioned our elected officials concerning issues such as tax abatement's, eminent domain, tax increases, revenue allocation district, UEZ zone, unnecessary expenditures during this recession (block parties, foot bridge, \$300,000-plus Command Vehicle, vacant properties owned by the city, etc.).

Millville First attends the commission meetings and questions our elected officials concerning matters that affect every resident of the city of Millville. If that is a non-caring attitude then my definition differs from that of Mr. Clendaniel. Mr. Clendaniel states that "They, along with Paul Porreca and his little band of complainers, never show any concern for the safety of all the citizens of Millville," Again, Mr. Clendaniel needs to do his homework. When the neighborhood summit was held at In His Presence Worship Center, regarding crime within the city of Millville, where was Mr. Clendaniel? Could it be that he and the Weed and

Seed coordinator for the city of Millville were not concerned about the crime in the city and the safety of the residents?

Mr. Clendaniel states that Dave Vanaman is a charter member of Millville First and questions if this is the reason Porreca and Tesoroni refuse to bring up how bad the crime is in Millville. Again, Mr. Clendaniel needs to do his homework. Mr. Vanaman is NOT, nor has he ever been, a member of Millville First. Mr. Clendaniel questions the lawsuits against the police department and why Millville First has not asked about them. There are many issues that need to be addressed in the city and no one group or organization is capable of addressing all of them.

My questions to you, Mr. Clendaniel, are: "Why aren't you attending the commission meetings and questioning our elected officials, if you are truly concerned? Why haven't you formed or joined an organization to address the safety concerns you allude to, if in fact you are truly concerned?"

You criticize those of us that would take their time to hold our elected officials accountable to the taxpayers and you criticize those of us who attend meetings in an attempt to resolve the safety issues within the city, but you are too busy to participate.

As for the Motorsports Park going away, I cannot recall anyone saying they want them to "go away," What the residents are asking for is for the track to be "good neighbors." And if you find that to be an unreasonable request, then I question your motivation(s).

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