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Subject: Orton Park Festival: Too Big, Too Loud, Too Many People, Too Many Days

Dear Board of Parks Commissioners;

I live directly on Orton Park. The Orton Park Festival has been allowed to grown well beyond the capacity of the park and the surrounding neighborhood. Residents around the Park, as well at the Park itself, suffer before, during and after the event. In my opinion the festival is an inappropriate sized / volume / length event for a neighborhood park.

The festival is too big, too loud, too many days, too late at night, too many people and too much alcohol.

It is driving me, my family and my neighbors out of our own homes for the duration of the event.

The festival cannot or will not regulate itself.

The Parks Department is not able to enforce its own conditions on the festival.

From the Parks Department's web site (<http://www.cityofmadison.com/specialevents/parkEvents/>) Orton Park is NOT suitable for a multi-day event:

Multi-Day Events

When scheduling a multi-day event or program in a Madison Park, several variables are taken into account to determine the best location for the event. Variables such as park size, proximity to residential areas, parking availability, sanitary facilities, and regularly scheduled activities in the park are considered.

The following parks have been designated as suitable sites for multi-day events and/or programming:

- Bowman*
- Brittingham
- Demetral
- Elver*

- Olin
- Reindahl
- Vilas
- Warner*

Please SUBSTANTIALLY reduce the event's number of days, hours of operation, volume of amplification and alcohol sales.

If the sponsors want to have such a big festival perhaps they should move it to a Park that is more appropriate like Central Park, just a few blocks away.

Thank you, T. R. Loon

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“What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs. Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic.”

— Carl Sagan