



Neglect wins race at Derby Downs

Ignored by the city for more than a decade, the Soap Box Derby Downs track on Griffin Ave. between Montecito Drive and Ave. 52, is now overgrown and choked with weeds and growth including trees nearly 10 feet tall growing through the cracked and broken pavement. The track was abandoned by the city following cancellation of the Soap Box Derby races here in the 50s. It is now used by weekend motorcyclists who race down the incline and swerve through the brush. At one time the track drew big crowds for the annual Soap Box Derby trials, winners of which went to Akron, Ohio to compete for big prizes.

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