



November/December 2023

Greetings to Friends of PIR members

Welcome to the final FOPIR newsletter of 2023.

This newsletter tends to talk (brag?) a lot about FOPIR volunteers. But I'd like to give one more thank you to all the FOPIR volunteers who helped make this year's Formula E, NASCAR, IndyCar and the Rose Cup Races a success. Portland has had a rough go of it over the last few years, but racing put the best side of our city on display to the rest of the country and the world. FOPIR volunteers were a critical element to making these events run smoothly. Thank you!

Before we start thinking about 2024, there is one more event at PIR this year. Now that we are past Thanksgiving, the track has been transformed into a holiday wonderland of lights. See below for special dog walk, bike nights *coming this week*.

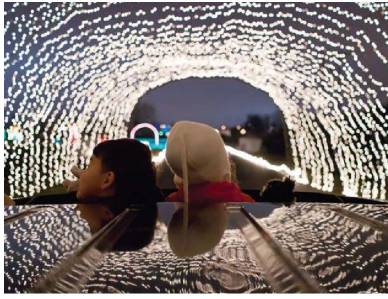
The 2024 calendar for IndyCar, Formula E, NASCAR and Rose Cup Races is now available. Some of the events have shifted to new dates and there are a few surprises in store, so take a look below.

Lastly, I'd like to wish all our members and their families a happy and safe holiday season.



FOPIR President
Darrell LeBlanc

Winter Wonderland



Holiday Lights are back at PIR

The biggest drive-thru holiday light show in the Northwest is open every day **November 24th –December 31st, 2023**



**DO SOMETHING SPECIAL
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

The largest holiday light show west of the Mississippi is back! The 31st annual Winter Wonderland boasts over a million LED lights and hundreds of displays, many of them animated, that will grab your attention around every corner!

Special Event Nights

Bike the Lights Night

November 28th | 4:15pm – 9:30pm (Bikes ONLY. No cars, skates, or walking)

Lights and Leashes Dog Walk Night

November 27th and November 29th | 4:15pm - 9:30pm (Walking ONLY. No cars, bikes, skates)

Ticket sales for Bike the Lights Night AND Lights and Leashes Dog Walk Night end at 8:30pm the night of the event.

Tickets are the SAME PRICE as last year AND every dollar raised directly supports [Sunshine Division's](#) food relief efforts in the Portland metro area.

Tickets are per carload, so you can bring the whole family in one car for one price with no service fees!



FOPIR Pavilion

As we close out 2023, FOPIR has raised almost \$200,000 towards the new FOPIR pavilion that will be built next to the Fast Track Café in the south paddock. The final design drawings are complete and we are looking to buy steel and start the fabrication in the winter months. Construction won't be far behind. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this effort.



Visit our [pavilion donation website](#) or use the QR code below to help.



2024 Pro Racing + Rose Cup Calendar



[NASCAR Xfinity May 31-June 1](#)

[Formula E Double Header June 29-30](#)



[Rose Cup Races July 13-14](#)



[IndyCar Aug 24-25](#)

Ways to donate to Friends of PIR

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Portland International Raceway

Our non-profit is run by volunteers with donations and grants from people like you.

Volunteering FOPIR is always looking for volunteers who want to get a little closer to the track action. Want to be a flagger? A fireman? Work in race control, registration, pre-grid, race communication or timing/scoring? We will train you! Come on out and join us. For more information, you can reach us at info@fopir.com.

Professional Services FOPIR contributions to the track often require professional services. If you have a professional skill or trade and are willing to donate your time, please contact us at info@fopir.com. We need licensed skills such as general carpenters, electricians, welders, painters, and HVAC. And we are always looking for volunteers to help with web development, newsletters, PR and marketing. Opportunities exist for both project-based and long-term volunteering efforts.

FOPIR BottleDrop Contribute to Friends of PIR by donating your bottle and can recycling to a Bottle Drop Redemption Center, or just drop them off at the track. This is an easy and consistent way to help the environment AND support FOPIR and the track. Last year FOPIR recycled over \$1,000 in bottles and cans.

Come by PIR and we can give you BottleDrop "blue bags" with FOPIR bar code stickers. You can then load your own "blue bags" and drop them off any BottleDrop center. The barcode ensures the proceeds go to FOPIR and then on to PIR. www.bottledropcenters.com/fundraiser/friends-of-pir/

PayPal Giving Fund You can now donate to FOPIR via PayPal without any service fees - 100% of your donation goes directly to FOPIR. Over time, this adds up to significant savings that directly impacts PIR. For more information, visit

www.friendsofpir.com or go to www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2294159 to make a donation. If you are already making a recurring donation to FOPIR, please update your donation to use PayPal Giving Fund.

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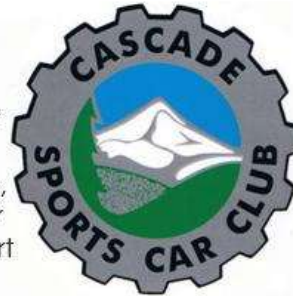
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Friends of PIR is now accepting donations online or by check. Several user groups have made some great donations to FOPIR. Please keep FOPIR in mind when making end-of-year donations. We appreciate your continued support.

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