

PDK WATCH HEADLINES June 2007

1. PDK Aircraft Noise

Are you tired of aircraft from PDK flying too low over your home or waking up your family at night? As a result of the August 2005 victory in the PDK Open Records lawsuit, you can now quickly identify the owner and type of aircraft that disturbed you and contact that person or organization directly to express your concerns. For details, go to <http://www.pdkwatch.org> and click on “How to request flight information.”

2. PDK Watch Meeting for Community Leaders

On April 9, 2007, PDK Watch Inc. sponsored a special meeting for presidents of civic associations and other community leaders. The meeting explained the important organizational changes with PDK Watch Inc.’s incorporation and requested their support for PDK Watch Inc. as their representative on PDK Airport issues impacting the neighborhoods. In addition, Susan Gouinlock, an attorney for the successful Feltus v. DeKalb Open Records Lawsuit, explained the 66,000 lb. weight/size limit at PDK, documented that it is being repeatedly violated by illegally oversized jets, and emphasized the necessity for going back to court to secure mandatory enforcement of the weight limit. (See #3 below.)

3. Back to Court!

Open DeKalb Inc. has launched a major effort to get the funds necessary to secure mandatory court-ordered enforcement of the County’s contractual 66,000 lb. weight limit at PDK Airport. Between 200 to 250 illegal takeoffs or landings by oversized jets are occurring per month, according to the electronic flight data secured as a result of the successful PDK Open Records Lawsuit. Your generous financial contributions to Open DeKalb Inc. are essential in order to initiate the necessary legal action to stop such oversized jet flights that threaten our homes and neighborhoods. We won before and we must win again. Contributions to Open DeKalb Inc. are fully tax-deductible. You can send your check to Open DeKalb Inc. at P.O. Box 190895, Atlanta, GA 31119, or to donate on-line, or to get more information and see the Appeal Letter, go to: <http://www.opendekalbinc.org/news/2007/20070619-appeal.pdf>

Your support is vital. Please help once again! We now can prove the violations, but we must carry through to require enforcement of the County's agreement on the PDK weight/size limit.

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P.S. Have you wondered what the difference is between PDK Watch Inc. and Open DeKalb Inc., or why contributions to PDK Watch Inc. are not tax deductible while contributions to Open DeKalb Inc. are tax deductible? For answers, go to <http://www.pdkwatch.org> and click "PDK Watch and Open DeKalb."

For a summary of the history about the PDK weight limit, click <http://www.pdkwatch.org/about-pdk/weightlimit.asp>. For key documents about the weight limit, go to <http://www.pdkwatch.org> and click "Sampling of government records."

For documents from the April 9 meeting for community leaders, go to <http://www.pdkwatch.org> and click "PDK Watch meeting materials."

If you would like to have your name taken off--or added to--the PDK Watch Inc. e-mail list, please let me know, and I'll do so promptly.