



TIRED OF AIRPLANES ROARING OVER YOUR HOME?

Dear Lauderdale Isles Neighbor:

In response to the dramatic increase in airplane noise we've been experiencing as a result of the opening of the new airport South runway, the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association has formed a new Airport Noise Committee. This committee has been reaching out to other neighborhoods in Fort Lauderdale who are also experiencing increased aircraft noise. In alliance with these other neighborhoods, we all (this means you) need to put the pressure on the Broward County Aviation Department NOW regarding this issue.

What is the cause of this noise?

When the new South Runway was opened in September, the FAA changed the takeoff heading for planes departing the North Runway (the runway closest to Lauderdale Isles). As a result, when planes take off to the west due to the frequent west winds at this time of year, they are much closer to Lauderdale Isles as they climb, and we get more NOISE.

Why did the FAA change the takeoff heading?

We are told that the heading was changed in order to keep a sufficient amount of separation between the planes taking off on both runways. HOWEVER, if you watch the planes taking off on the North runway, it appears that sometimes they head more to the north on the new heading of 285 degrees (closer to us) and sometimes they appear to head out on the old heading of 270 degrees, which keeps them farther from us.

What is the airport doing about the noise?

The Broward County Aviation Department has an Airport Noise Abatement Committee, "ANAC," and staff to address noise concerns. The primary function of this Committee is to receive complaints from the public regarding aircraft noise.

What happens to the complaints when they're received?

Complaints are compiled by the ANAC staff and reported to the Executives of the Aviation Department. The executives meet with the FAA and attempt to get them to address the noise issue. The BCAD has reported that they were scheduled last week to meet with the FAA about the increased aircraft noise.

So what can we do about the noise in the meantime?

We need all neighbors to continually file noise complaints, in order to keep the pressure on the BCAD and the FAA. The old "squeakiest wheel" saying still works. We need to file a complaint every time we have unbearable noise from a plane so that as many complaints as possible flow into the ANAC.

OK, so how do I complain?

It's easy! LICIA has put a quick link to the airport's "Aircraft Noise Inquiry Form" on the home page of our website. Just go to www.ourlicia.com and click on the link on the home page. You will be taken right to the noise inquiry form. Filling out the form only takes a minute. *Note: we do not recommend that you phone-in your complaint.*

What's next?

The LICIA Airport Noise Committee is meeting regularly, as well as communicating with other neighborhoods, our City elected officials, and County elected officials. We will keep you posted on www.ourlicia.com, and thru "Next Door Lauderdale Isles," as well as non-LICIA postings on Facebook. In the meantime, you need to help keep the pressure on BCAD: **FILE THOSE NOISE COMPLAINTS AS THE NOISE CONTINUES!**

The Airport Noise Committee, Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association

To file a complaint, simply go to www.ourlicia.com for the link