

It's not just an airport, it's a neighborhood

When you fly into Westchester County Airport, you're not just entering an airport, you're entering a neighborhood.

More than 60,000 people live within a short distance of the airport and are sensitive to the daily sounds of incoming and outgoing air traffic. Some airport neighbors are probably your friends, colleagues or employees.

That's why Westchester County has instituted a Voluntary Restraint from Flying Program, (commonly referred to as the "voluntary curfew") which asks that flights be avoided between midnight and 6:30 a.m. each day.

The county doesn't have the authority to impose an airport curfew, but during the past two decades has asked airlines, private charters and private pilots to respect this voluntary measure. The vast majority of airport operators regularly comply with the request, making it very noticeable when a plane takes off or lands during the voluntary curfew hours.

The airport's Environmental Department keeps track of all operations that take place during the curfew hours.

Residents of the airport neighborhood view flights between midnight and 6:30 a.m. as a "violation" of the curfew and will often file complaints with the Environmental Department. These records are available to the public and the news media upon request, under New York State's Freedom on Information Laws.

Airport neighbors understand that sometimes weather will delay flights to beyond the midnight curfew - making a late landing unavoidable. But other operations, like scheduling a takeoff before 6:30 a.m., can be avoided. We at Westchester County Airport ask that you keep the midnight to 6:30 a.m. voluntary curfew in mind when making travel plans. We want to maintain a balance between the needs of our community and our operators.

So please remember that Westchester County Airport is not just an airport, it's a neighborhood.



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