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**Board Meeting dates:**

1st Wednesdays, 7:30 pm.

**2006 Dues:** \$25/address

NBCA has adopted a new logo containing a hummingbird, a bird of natural beauty and fierce energy, a symbol appropriate to this area and this civic association. Come take a flying overview of the North Briarcliff area at the NBCA Annual Meeting.

## NBCA ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7-9 PM

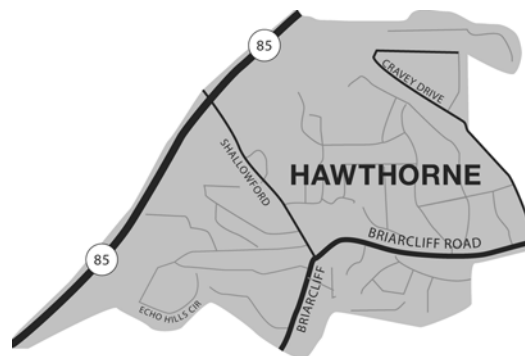
SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**What happened** in the past year? The board will wrap-up this year's efforts, from A (airport) to Z (zoning) and everything in between, including redevelopment along Shallowford and at Northlake, infill housing, status of the nature preserve, various safety concerns, an emerging coalition of neighborhoods, etc.

**Who will lead** the civic association for the next year? We'll elect a new board. (more info on page 2)

**What next?** What would members like the board to address in the upcoming year? Who can help with that effort?

We also plan to welcome an outside speaker on a countywide issue of importance.



North Briarcliff Civic Association area is congruent with the Hawthorne elementary school district and includes more than 1400 owned residences (houses & condos) and more than 1700 rental apartments.

## CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE 2006-07 NBCA BOARD

**Name:** residence <board specialization> applicable experience

**Laura Bulbin.** Briarmoor Manor since 2006 <generalist> Past president of North Druid Hills Residents Association. Helped created the DeKalb Civic Coalition. Retired government attorney.

**June Buechner:** Briarmoor Manor for 35 years <generalist> Hawthorne precinct poll manager for many years. Grandmother of 16. Master gardener since 1979.

**Ralph Carl:** Canna Ridge <schools/kids> Hawthorne Elem. School Advisory Council since 2001. Hawthorne PTA Rep. to Emory LaVista Parent Council. Past board member & chair of Shallowford Presbyterian Preschool.

**Larry Foster:** Echo Lake area since 1986 <PDK> American historian at Georgia Tech. Three children attended Hawthorne. President of HCA 1994-2003.

**Edward Frost:** Sherbrooke neighborhood since 1996 <generalist> Retired Minister. 45 years experience as institutional leader. Also counselor and marriage and family therapist. Gardener and woodworker.

**Michael Gross:** Flair Forest since 1999 <generalist> Neighborhood native. Property management professional.

**David Markus:** Briarmoor Manor since 1992 <social programming> Attorney specializing in domestic relations and criminal law. Certified mediator, domestic mediator, arbitrator, and neutral case evaluator.

**Beth Nathan:** Flair Forest since 1999 <systems: political, info, admin, and eco> Past president & past executive director, League of Women Voters of Georgia. Small business owner: information technology.

**Betty Phillips:** Flair Forest since 1969 <neighborhood integrity & value; zoning> HCA founding member. Retired CPA. Community Council member.

**Gary Powell:** Sherbrooke Forest since 1992 <generalist> Recovering attorney. Publisher of business-to-business periodicals in visual communication industry.

**Rodney Zell:** Evergreen Hills for 5 years <generalist> Neighborhood native. Attorney specializing in appeals and habeas corpus.

## NOVEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION – EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 30

(sample ballot for entire county: <https://dklbweb.dekalbga.org/voter/pdf/GenElectionSampleBallot06.pdf>)

Election: Nov 7 (runoff Dec 5) Early voting: Oct 30-Nov 3 voter registration deadline Oct 10

### Candidates on our local ballots – partisan races (parties listed in ballot order)

Office	Republican	Democratic	Libertarian	Write-In
DeKalb Commission, dist 2	Hubert J Rambo Sr.	Jeff Rader		
DeKalb Solicitor	Shawn Ellen LaGrua	Robert Janes		
GA Attorney General	Perry McGuire	Thurbert Baker		
GA Commissioner of Agriculture	Gary Black	Tommy Irvin	Jack Cashin	
GA Commissioner of Insurance	John Oxendine	Guy Drexinger		
GA Commissioner of Labor	Brent Brown	Michael Thurmond		
GA Governor	Sonny Perdue	Mark Taylor	Garrett Michael Hayes	William Arth; David C. Byrne
GA Lt Governor	Casey Cagle	Jim Martin	Allen Buckley	Al Bartell
GA Public Svc Commission, dist 3	Chuck Eaton	David Burgess	Paul MacGregor	
GA Public Svc Commission, dist 5	Stan Wise	Dawn Randolph	Kevin Cherry	
GA School Superintendent	Kathy Cox	Denise Majette	David Chastain	
GA Secretary of State	Karen Handel	Gail Buckner	Kevin Madsen	Henry Anderson
GA State Rep, dist 82	Steve Schultz	Kevin Levitas		
GA State Senator, dist 40	Dan Weber	Martin McConaughy		
GA State Senator, dist 41	Frank Auman	Steve Henson		
U.S. Representative, dist 4	Catherine Davis	Hank Johnson Jr.		Loren Collins

**Candidates** on our local ballots: **Non-partisan offices** (opposition in Supreme Court, Soil/Water races)

Board of Ed dist 1	James Redovian (unopposed)
<b>DeKalb Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</b>	<b>William D Denton; Patrick C. Dotson; Dell F. MacGregor; Jeffrey W. Mueller; Donald L. Murray (vote for any 3)</b>
GA Court of Appeals	John Ellington; M. Yvette Miller; Herbert Phipps; J.D. Smith (all unopposed)
<b>GA Supreme Court</b>	<b>Carol W. Hunstein vs. Mike Wiggins</b> Harold D. Melton; Hugh P. Thompson (both unopposed)
State Court	Edward Carriere, Jr.; Johnny Panos; Alvin Wong (all unopposed)
Superior Court	Robert Castellani; Daniel Marshall Coursey, Jr.; George Carley (all unopposed)

**Constitutional Amendments (1-3)**

1. TO RESTRICT THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to prohibit the use of eminent domain by certain nonelected authorities and to prohibit the contested use of eminent domain except for public use as defined by general law?
2. TO PROTECT THE TRADITIONS OF FISHING AND HUNTING. Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provided that the tradition of fishing and hunting and the taking of fish and wildlife shall be preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good?
3. TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEDICATE REVENUE FROM SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES. Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide for special motor vehicle license plates and dedicate the revenue from such plates for stated purposes, including dedications for the ultimate use of agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations where it is found that there will be a benefit to the state?

**Statewide Referenda (A-F)**

- A. TO EXPAND THE AD VALOREM EXEMPTION FOR FARM EQUIPMENT. Shall the Act be approved which expands the ad valorem tax exemption for agricultural products and equipment to include certain additional farm equipment held under a lease purchase agreement?
- B. TO EXPAND THE AD VALOREM EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH REFURBISH AND OPERATE HISTORIC MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. Shall the Act be approved which expands the ad valorem tax exemption for veterans organizations to include certain additional nonprofit veterans organizations which refurbish and operate historical military aircraft for educational purposes?
- C. TO EXPAND THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS. Shall the Act be approved which grants an exemption from ad valorem taxation on property owned by a charitable institution which generates income when that income is used exclusively for the operation of such charitable institution?
- D. TO PROVIDE A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN RESIDENTS WHO ARE SENIOR CITIZENS WITH RESPECT TO STATE AD VALOREM TAXES. Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption for senior citizens in an amount equal to the actual levy for state ad valorem tax purposes on the homestead?
- E. TO PROVIDE A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PEACE OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption for the full value of the homestead with respect to all ad valorem taxes for the unremarried surviving spouse of a peace officer or firefighter who was killed in the line of duty?
- F. TO PROVIDE THAT A SURVIVING SPOUSE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A CONTINUATION OF THE BASE YEAR VALUE UNDER A BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. Shall the Act be approved which provides that, with respect to base year assessed value homestead exemptions, the surviving spouse of a deceased spouse who has been granted a homestead exemption shall receive that exemption at the same base year valuation that applied to the deceased spouse so long as that surviving spouse continues to occupy the home as a residence and homestead?

**County Referendum**

DEKALB COUNTY HOMESTEAD REFERENDUM. Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead?"

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS** (clustered by office, then ordered by party order on the ballot)

NBCA invited all candidates for State House district 82, State Senate districts 40 & 41, and DeKalb Commission District 2, to write a short article of 150 words in length, for this newsletter, on three things each would want to work on over the next two years if elected to the office sought. Following are their responses, unedited.

### **>>> State House District 82: Steve Schultz (R); Kevin Levitas (D)**

#### **Steve Schultz (R)**

Steve Schultz has been married for thirteen years to Heather. They have a seven year old daughter, Liberty. Steve earned a degree in Criminal Justice and currently works with a public relations firm. Steve has also served as a legislative aide at the Capitol.

Steve is a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator in our community. Steve is a volunteer for the Salvation Army, Evansdale PTA, Dream Factory and is a coach for his daughter's softball team.

Steve is a parent of a student at our public schools and has a vested interest in our schools. He will always put the children first.

Transportation funding should be allocated to areas actually suffering from traffic congestion not on who has political clout.

Steve supports giving residents 100% exemption on the increased assessment of their property. Steve will always work to lower taxes so young people can afford a home and seniors can keep theirs.

#### **Kevin Levitas (D)**

My priorities in the House of Representatives are: (1) to provide our public schools with adequate funding and effective reforms and to work to hold down tuition at Georgia colleges while protecting the HOPE Scholarship; (2) to keep career criminals behind bars and treat repeat DUI's as felonies with mandatory jail time and (3) to eliminate unfair property-tax increases while keeping DeKalb tax dollars working in DeKalb.

As a lifelong resident of DeKalb County and the father of two young children, I am proud of being an active community leader while helping to operate my family's third-generation business. I have also served as an assistant district attorney in DeKalb and as Legislative Assistant to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Please feel free to give me a call to discuss the issues that are important to you at (404) 634-9171. I would appreciate your vote on November 7.

### **>>> State Senate District 40: Dan Weber (R) ; Martin McConaughy (D)**

#### **Dan Weber (R)**

As an officer of the senate's State and Local Government Committee, I will continue to work to reform DeKalb County government. This year I encouraged senate leadership to appoint a senate study committee to look at this issue, and we have begun looking at what changes are needed to make the county more responsive and efficient.

As a member of the Education Committee, I will continue to fight for more flexibility for charter schools to allow parents more input and control in the education of their children.

As a member of the Natural Resources Committee and as an engineer, I will continue to fight for increased use of environmentally friendly alternative fuels and for conservation measures in energy usage starting with our state and local governments. I will also fight for increased funding for alternate transportation modes from bike paths to mass transit.

#### **Martin McConaughy (D)**

I will be serious about seeking excellence with education. Improving kindergarten through 3rd grade education is our best opportunity for assuring students' success in later grades and increasing graduation rates in Georgia.

As a senator, I will vote to remove the unnecessary restrictions placed on the Hope Scholarship Program. But I would also like to see an exciting new dimension added to the program, I call Hope Returns.

Hope Returns will require scholarship recipients to complete community service projects following their sophomore year in college as a prerequisite for remaining in the program and receiving scholarship money. The Hope Scholars will earn money for their efforts. The main focus will be on tutoring K-3 students who need extra help to reach success in reading and math.

The program will take Hope full circle and create pride for our young adults by their giving back a large "thank you" for what Georgia has given them.

**>>> State Senate district 41: Frank Auman (R); Steve Henson (D)**

**Frank Auman (R)**

First, to serve as a sound, thoughtful Senator, representing my constituents' best interests. To regain our voice in the Senate by being an ally to our Governor and legislative leadership, rather than an obstacle.

Tax issues: DeKalb has a referendum this November to freeze property valuations for five years while we decide how make property taxes fairer and simpler. It's also about accountability: a commission vote would be required to raise taxes. I favor it; my opponent voted against allowing it on the ballot. The Governor's proposal to eliminate the income tax for seniors; another proposal to eliminate the state's income tax altogether, in favor of applying the sales tax to services as well. Both should get further consideration.

Other important issues include honoring and protecting the value of our citizenship, especially property and voting rights; enhancing our statewide trauma system; providing and encouraging educational choice for parents and students.

**Steve Henson (D)**

I am honored to serve you as Senator from the 41<sup>st</sup> District. First, I will continue to work to improve education in Georgia by lowering the pupil teacher ratio in grades K-12, restoring state budget cuts, enhancing programs for teacher retention, enabling districts to employ paraprofessionals in grades 1-8 for the purpose of enhancing the academic program, and working to protect the HOPE scholarship program. Second, I will work to insure that health care costs are brought under control and that insurance options are available and affordable. Finally, I will continue to work to protect the environment by offering technical support and incentives to businesses to reduce energy and water use, working to reduce traffic congestion, and compelling state Government to be a leader in energy conservation and water use. I have been endorsed by the Georgia Association of Educators and the Sierra Club for my leadership in these areas.

**>>> County Commissioner, District 2: Hubert J. Rambo, Sr. (R); Jeff Rader (D)**

**Hubert J. Rambo, Sr. (R)**

No response received.

**Jeff Rader (D)**

As a professional city planner and fellow resident of a great central DeKalb neighborhood, I want to work with you to create a DeKalb that works. Here's how:

- Improve land use planning in DeKalb to protect our strong established neighborhoods from aggressive overdevelopment without pitting neighbor against neighbor; direct development away from neighborhoods and into higher density mixed use corridors that benefit from access to smart transportation options, and cultivate commercial development that keeps the buying public here, boosting our sales tax base to pay for the services and infrastructure we need.
- Invest in greenspace, environmental protection and infrastructure to complement a high quality built environment.
- Bring a new cooperative approach to problem solving and governmental efficiency, working with and not at cross-purposes to other public and private stakeholders to bring out their best; make the voters proud of their County government.

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**Come One, Come All --- Candidates Fair, Monday, Oct 30, 7 - 9 pm  
Hellenic Community Center/Greek Orthodox Church, 2500 Clairmont Road NE, Atlanta**

Candidates for these offices are invited:

DeKalb Board of Commissioners (2,7)	Georgia Representatives (57, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85)	Governor
DeKalb Board of Education (1,9)	U.S. Congress (4, 5)	Lieutenant Governor
DeKalb Solicitor General	Attorney General	Public Service Commission (3, 5)
DeKalb Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors	Commissioner of Agriculture	Secretary of State
Georgia Senate (40, 41, 42)	Commissioner of Insurance	Superintendent of Schools
	Commissioner of Labor	State Court seats
		Supreme Court (contested race)

Sponsoring Organizations: Clairmont Heights CA, Clairmont Terrace CA, Dresden East CA, Druid Hills CA, Laurel Ridge CA, LaVista Park CA, Leafmore Creekpark Hills CA, Medlock Area NA, Merry Hills HA, North Briarcliff CA, North Druid Hills RA, Oak Grove CA, Sagamore Hills CA

Supporting Organizations: League of Women Voters of DeKalb County

Media Partners: GoDeKalb.com, Champion newspaper

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### BRIARMOOR MANOR ENTRANCE

A group of neighbors is currently developing design options for a new subdivision sign for the Briar Moor Manor entrance. They will be going door to door to collect funding for this project soon. For more info, please contact Tony NeSmith, 770-908-2025.

Many thanks to Robert Jones and Doug McKittrick who have been manicuring that landscape.

### I-85 INTERCHANGE GARDENS

Many thanks to Nikki VanDerGrinten, Doug McKittrick, Bob Berrett, Joe Savage and Billie Sherrod for their hard work in maintaining the NBCA corner at I-85. Great job! Please remember that it is a neighborhood-maintained corner which benefits us all. We continue to need more volunteers for gardening and picking up litter.

Our next group project will be Friday, October 27 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am to plant bulbs for the spring. Please join us! Can't make it on the 27th? Please feel free to park at Publix any day, walk to the corner to pick up litter or pull a few weeds. When each of us does a little, no one has to do a lot and we all benefit!

Need more information? Please contact Billie Sherrod at 404.633.9773 or at billie\_sherrod@bellsouth.net.

### MARY SCOTT NATURE PRESERVE

The county's design consultant should have 100% plans complete by the end of September. The county then reviews the plans, develops a bid package and sends it out. The county should soon be able to make a ballpark estimate on construction costs.

Would you participate in a regular weekend workday, maybe on the third weekend of each temperate month? If you don't get an e-mail soon asking about your preferences, then you're not on the greenspace list. Let me know if you'd like to be on that list.

### SAFETY ISSUES

Look for notice of a multi-neighborhood public meeting with the police, organized by Judge Johnny Panos, to discuss the crime in the Northlake Mall area.

We've been quiet for break-ins but other NE Atlanta neighborhoods have been experiencing them. We did have a September mailbox bashing incident. Coyotes have been active near Echo Lake – keep your small pets indoors and don't leave pet food outside at night.

A flasher was reported in the Briar Lake Elementary area in late August. Hispanic male, 5' 7", 170 lbs, bald with goatee, tattoo on neck, red 10-speed bicycle

Pedestrian safety reminder: Walk facing traffic whenever possible. Wear reflective clothing after dark.

### HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY

Hawthorne Elementary School's student population is presently 383 students. The number of local students continues to increase and has led to the addition of an extra classroom for the fourth grade since August 15.

Hawthorne is anticipating delivery of new Apple Macintosh computers for its updated and improved computer lab. Hawthorne's PTA has once again successfully completed a fundraiser, achieving its goal of \$10,000. Originally installed in the mid-1990's, a once state-of-the-art computer lab had become greatly outdated. This effort will provide all of Hawthorne's student body with the ability to work on special projects with up to date programs, with the capability to utilize new music, video and editing programs and with access to the internet in real time.

Hawthorne PTA's second annual Rummage Sale fundraiser (Sat, Sept 9) exceeded all expectations with more than \$2,000 raised. Be sure to pencil in next year's Rummage Sale for the first of September, 2007, and don't miss the many great deals.

### GRANDFRIENDS PROGRAM ..... Kristi Fuqua

Can you believe! We have 22 *Grandfriends* so far at Hawthorne Elementary! We are off to a fantastic start with EVERY class at Hawthorne being honored to have a *Grandfriend*. These wonderful neighbors visit the classroom to read a book, help with a small group, help with an assignment, or listen to a child read. They may be the friend that can attend a special event or lunch when a parent has to work. Many will be the friend that can sit and listen to a child. These wonderful adults will be a caring influence in the life of our children. Hawthorne is lucky to have such a giving community. Our *Grandfriends* so far this year include Minnie Tee, Anchor Shepherd, Andie Heyburn, Melissa Nunn, George Heyburn, Betsy Smith, Judy Jones, Kay McHugh, Julie Anne Autrey, Bill McHugh, Derek Rudd, Hall McKinley, Jan Robinson, Laura Micko, Susan Harte, Susy Ralston, Lillian Sullivan, Barbara Spratte, Mary Ann McMichael, Carol Rudd, Barbie Kendrick and Bob McCreary.

If you know of someone that you feel would be interested in this program, please have them call Kristi Fuqua at 770-939-5152 or Cynthia Casabonne at 404-636-0680 for more information.

### ZONING

NBCA and Briar Moor Recreation Club successfully opposed variance requests which would have facilitated the splitting of a lot which would have had significant negative consequences for the pool and the neighborhood. Thanks to all who helped !!

## PDK REPORT: CITIZEN CONCERNS AND ACHIEVEMENTS THIS PAST YEAR

Larry Foster, Communications Director, PDK Watch, Inc., [larry.foster@earthlink.net](mailto:larry.foster@earthlink.net), cell: 678-637-9227

The following provides highlights of citizen concerns and achievements relating to PDK Airport this past year (August 2005 through July 2006). For more details and supporting documentation, see the PDK Watch web site: <http://www.pdkwatch.org>

August 8, 2005--After an 18-month PDK Open Records Lawsuit (*Feltus v. DeKalb*), the Court rules in favor of plaintiff Mickey Feltus, requiring that DeKalb County and PDK Airport fully open their computerized records on PDK Airport flight activity to the public. This means that the computerized PDK records on all types and sizes of planes, their registration numbers, and noise generated by aircraft using PDK must be made available to the public. The records were not fully made available to the public, however, until May 2006, nine months later. The released records establish that approximately 200 oversized aircraft per month have been using PDK Airport, in violation of the County's 66,000 lb. weight limit agreement with the FAA.

September 19, 2005--A crowd of some 350 citizens packs the Maloof Auditorium to share concerns about PDK Airport policies. This meeting was requested by members of PDK Watch and is chaired by DeKalb CEO Vernon Jones. Written recommendations from the meeting were submitted to all members of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners.

October 11, 2005--The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners adopts a set of ten policies to guide PDK Airport and the development of the PDK Master Plan. Included in the County-approved policies are two key PDK Watch-supported policy provisions that had not been included in the earlier PDK Airport Advisory Board policy proposals from June 2006. Those two key additional policy provisions are: (1) that PDK Airport remain a C-II general aviation airport and (2) that the physical boundaries of the airport not be further expanded, except under certain clearly specified conditions.

November 10, 2005--A detailed letter from Open DeKalb, Inc.—the Georgia not-for-profit that raised funds to support the PDK Open Records Suit--challenges both the methodology and the substantive conclusions of the PDK "fleet mix" submitted to the FAA as part of PDK's Environmental Assessment. Those flawed fleet mix projections had been intended to serve as the basis for the PDK Master Plan, being created to guide the development of PDK Airport for the next several decades. Based in part on this information, U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson asks for clarification from the FAA about what is happening at PDK Airport. (Also see #s 9 and #10 below.)

March 29, 2006--PDK Master Plan consultants hold a "kick-off" public participation meeting at St. Pius High School. At the consultants' request, PDK Watch had helped publicize the meeting. Although many citizens who attended the meeting were frustrated that the consultants only answered a handful of the many questions raised, the consultants nevertheless promised that they would promptly post all the written citizen concerns submitted to them, as well as answers to all the questions raised, on their web site: <http://www.pdkmasterplan.com> The

consultants did not, post their answers until May 30, 2006, the same date that a formal complaint about their delay was sent by a concerned citizen.

March 31, 2006--PDK Watch officially becomes incorporated as PDK Watch, Inc., a 501(c)(4) corporation, in order to be most effectively structured to track and respond to the latest developments at PDK Airport and protect our neighborhoods from negative impacts caused by PDK operations. Application for tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(4) organization was filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

June 22, 2006--PDK Watch, Inc.--with the support of Open DeKalb, Inc.--hosts a public information meeting at Clairmont Baptist Church to report the outcome and significance of the PDK Open Records Lawsuit victory. A report is also presented about the concerns that citizens have regarding whether effective and substantive public participation actually is occurring and will occur in the PDK Master Plan process.

June 2006--PDK Watch, Inc., approves and posts on its web site two documents with major PDK Master Plan recommendations that it feels must be included and discussed substantively in all relevant meetings, both public and private, that are being devoted to developing the new PDK Master Plan. The "public participation" consultants have thus far refused to post these important policy documents on their PDK Master Plan web site.

July 10, 2006--At the monthly meeting of the PDK Airport Advisory Board, PDK Airport Director Lee Rimmel announces that the PDK Master Plan has been put on hold until the FAA reassesses the fleet mix that the Airport submitted to the FAA in November 2005. Rimmel also announces that before work on the PDK Master Plan officially resumes that the FAA will also make a decision about the 66,000 lb. PDK weight limit. (See #4, above)

July 31, 2006--A Memo from CDM, the lead PDK Master Plan public participation consultant, confirms that the PDK Master Plan process has been put on hold. The Memo states that the FAA is preparing a new fleet mix, as well as a new "forecast." After contacting the consultants to find out what the word "forecast" means in this context, PDK Watch learns that the word apparently is intended to refer to the size of planes using PDK, and to try to obviate the 66,000 lb. weight limit. (Also see #s 4 and 9, above)

As a point of clarification, PDK Watch points out that the 66,000 lb. weight limit was not a mere "forecast" but rather a contractually binding agreement made by PDK Airport and DeKalb County with the FAA when the FAA paid to extend the principal runway at PDK in 1987 by 1,000 feet, without requiring an Environmental Impact Study.

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**Community  
 Calendar**



Oct 24 (tue)	NBCA Annual Meeting, 7-9pm, Shallowford Presbyterian Church
Oct 27 (fri)	Bulb planting at the interchange, 8:30-10:30 am
Oct 30 (mon)	Candidates Fair, 7-9 pm, Greek Orthodox Church, 2500 Clairmont Road
Oct 30 (mon)	Early voting week begins
Nov 7 (tue)	Election Day (runoff Dec 5, if needed)

*If there's a neighborhood issue that has you concerned, e.g. traffic, sidewalks, litter, etc, please contact the NBCA board. Let's work together!*