

I have lived with my family in the Cherry Creek Vista neighborhood (near Orchard Rd. & Dayton) for 17 years, and it has always been a wonderful neighborhood to live in. In the past we had only occasional planes flying overhead which were never disruptive.

However, over the last two years I have noticed an increasing number of extremely loud planes flying very low and directly over my back yard. Last Spring and Summer, the noise in the backyard was so loud and frequent, that I was unable to have friends over to sit in the yard during the afternoon, or to talk on the phone in my kitchen that overlooks the yard. Additionally, I have noticed very loud planes flying over my home late into the evening (after 10 pm) and even in the middle of the night. One of our neighbors moved out because of the annoyance of constant air traffic! The air traffic and noise over my home seemed to have subsided during the Winter, but again I am noticing an increasing number of planes as we approach Spring.

This has always been a quiet and enjoyable family neighborhood, and I would hate to think that the quality of life in this neighborhood is being ruined by too much uncontrolled or improperly directed and noisy air traffic!!! We are not living near a large municipal airport but a private airport, and most residents do not expect or appreciate continuous, loud, and disruptive air traffic.

I was very pleased to see the small article in The Denver Post calling for public comment regarding the Centennial Airport noise-compatibility program and hope that you will seriously consider the negative impact that frequent loud air traffic is having on our neighborhood and all the neighborhoods surrounding Cottonwood Creek Elementary School.

Please phone me at home if you would like to speak with me in person - 303-850-7417. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gail Shands