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BUFFALO AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 13-1

SUBJECT: LANCASTER DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

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This Letter to Airmen alerts pilots to the voluntary departure procedure for Buffalo-Lancaster Airport.

1. Voluntary VFR Departure procedure only for Runway 26 at Buffalo-Lancaster Airport (BQR) for noise abatement over noise sensitive areas. These areas are depicted on the attached map.
2. Procedure is for Aircraft that want to transition Class C airspace to avoid the areas depicted, when departing.
3. If Buffalo Approach is unable to issue a VFR release then VFR departing Aircraft will remain clear of Class C airspace. Aircraft are required to remain clear of Class C airspace until two-way communication is established.
4. Aircraft remaining clear of Class C airspace are advised of the noise sensitive areas depicted.
5. Prior to departure, aircraft should contact Buffalo Approach via phone at 716-633-0676 for pre-departure information. If unable to reach via phone, contact Buffalo Approach on frequency 134.05. Aircraft should supply the following information:
 - a. Call sign
 - b. Type of Aircraft
 - c. Requested altitude
 - d. Destination/ route of flight
 - e. Approximate departure time
6. Buffalo Approach will issue the following information if able to accommodate the request:
 - a. Departure heading
 - b. Altitude, if necessary
 - c. Transponder (Beacon) code
 - d. Departure frequency
7. Aircraft should contact Buffalo Approach on assigned departure frequency (from #5d above) when ready at Runway 26 for immediate release. After release from Buffalo

Approach, switch back to Unicom. After departure, contact Buffalo Approach, on assigned frequency and Transponder code, **prior** to entering Class C airspace.

8. If Aircraft cannot immediately depart, then Aircraft needs to contact Buffalo Approach, as soon as practicable, to secure a new time or cancel flight.

All airport users are encouraged to give this letter the widest possible dissemination within their organizations.


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All residential areas should be considered noise sensitive.
The closest residential areas to BQR are depicted.