



# PALMER *Alaska*

## WARREN “BUD” WOODS PALMER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT *Newsletter*

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### Airport Advisory

#### Commission Calendar

All meetings are at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month in the Palmer City Hall Council Chambers, 231 W. Evergreen Avenue.

- ❖ January 30, 2018
- ❖ February 22, 2018
- ❖ March 22, 2018
- ❖ April 26, 2018
- ❖ May 24, 2018
- ❖ June 21, 2018
- ❖ July 26, 2018
- ❖ August 23, 2018
- ❖ September 27, 2018
- ❖ October 25, 2018
- ❖ November 29, 2018
- ❖ December 27, 2018

Contact Chair John Lee at 907-841-6100 or [johnlee@nhtusa.com](mailto:johnlee@nhtusa.com) for more information.

Your source for news at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport.

### What’s Happening?

June 2018							
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

#### FAA Fly-In Pancake Breakfast – June 2, 2018

Come celebrate the 26th annual FAA Fly-In with pancakes flipped by FAA personnel from 8 to 12 a.m. at the New Horizon Telecom, Inc. hanger. This past year we had over 275 people attend.



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#### Summer Solstice Boogie – June 19-24, 2018

The Alaskan Summer Solstice boogie is back, and this year the boogie will be for 6 days, June 19-24, 2018!

- \$600 includes 13 jump tickets.
- Twin Otter skydives from 13,000 feet.



- Alaska state head-down and head-up record jumps.
- Midnight "Summer Solstice" jump.
- Glacier jump (3 tickets include 2 skydives).
- Helicopter jumps (2 tickets).
- Pro packers and riggers available.

You can manifest for the glacier jump as soon as you register for the boogie. Since this is a very special jump that is highly dependent on weather, we recommend you register now to have your best chance at getting on one of the first

loads! We have various lodging choices available at a discount and have put together a variety of excursions for you to choose from. Visit <http://www.solsticeboogie.com/> often as we continue to add more details and options!

## Construction Update

**Please be sure to check NOTAMs for the latest closure information.**

On March 22, airport staff and our consulting team met with airport users to discuss upcoming construction on the airport. We anticipate there will be three projects: completing the new heliport apron, finalizing work on the Rehabilitate Runway 16/34 project, and pavement maintenance on taxiways.

In May, city staff will be installing the heliport lights on the new heliport apron at the far south end of the airport. We are excited to complete this project and open this new facility for public use.



Starting in June, Pruhs Construction will be back to complete remaining work from last year's project. Runway 10/28 will be closed for about two weeks to accommodate this highly weather-dependent work. Please be sure to check NOTAMs for the latest closure information. The work will include:

- Installing an asphalt surface treatment on Runway 10/28, followed by new permanent markings.
- Repair of erosion on slopes, minor grading, and seeding.

Photo: Asphalt surface treatment operations.

Also this summer, we anticipate a contractor will perform pavement maintenance on the taxiways. This work is dependent on receipt of a grant from FAA. Bids from contractors are being solicited now, and we anticipate the work will start in late June. The work will require daily closures of portions of taxiways for a 3 to 4-week period; however, access to runways and aprons will be provided at all times. Please be sure to check NOTAMs for the latest closure information. The work will include:

- Repair of large cracks.
- Sealing of smaller cracks.
- Installing asphalt surface treatment.
- Painting taxiway markings.



Photo: Crack sealing operations.

## Operations Spot Light: Glacier Aircraft Parts

Glacier Aircraft Parts has been serving the Mat-Su Valley's aeronautical customers for over 25 years. With over 40,000 parts on hand, you are sure to find

a wide variety of inventory to meet your aircraft's needs. They continue to carry a large selection of both generic and specialized aircraft hardware, recovering supplies, consumables, manuals, maps, log books, aircraft tools inventory and student items. If they don't have it currently, they can get it in just a few short days. All inventory is competitively priced, so save time, effort and money by not driving to Anchorage. Mention this operations spotlight and receive a 5% discount on



all purchases over \$50 before July 1, 2018.

Glacier Aircraft Parts is conveniently located on the south ramp of the Palmer Municipal Airport at 905 Cope Industrial Way. You can also give Pam Nolen a call at (907) 745-7100 or reach her through email at [pamnolen60@yahoo.com](mailto:pamnolen60@yahoo.com) or visit their Facebook page.



## AIRPORT SECURITY PLAN UPDATE

By Frank Kelly, Airport Superintendent

Greetings to all Palmer Municipal Airport users,

As your Airport Superintendent, I would like to provide a brief update to all of the airport's various user groups with regard to a new and unfolding airport security plan now in the works. The City has to date taken certain measures to help ensure our airport remains a secure place to run your business and park your aircraft. The Airport Advisory Commission has been working with the City's Administration and the Palmer Police Department to address measures on both the near term and long term and to provide additional guidance for increased security measures at the Airport. As many of you have already noticed, there are 20 new "Airport Watch" program signs recently installed at various entrance points around the airport. In addition, the City has begun the process with MEA to install more street lighting along Yukon Street and the Airport's Evergreen entrance and this summer, the City plans to install several security cameras in vital locations on the airport with a direct feed to the Palmer Emergency Dispatch Center for monitoring.

The Airport Advisory Commission at the request of the City Administration, is in the process of developing a new and updated comprehensive airport security plan. Many of you have already received a letter at the request of the Airport Advisory Commission regarding your input in this security planning process to get a better idea of your thoughts and ideas. Although the response was limited, it is the Commission's intentions to utilize this input as guidance for a draft "Airport Wide Security Plan" now in the works. Once this draft has been completed, the City and the Airport Advisory Commission will be inviting your participation and attendance at a subsequent Airport Watch Program meeting later this summer in order to review the draft security plan and provide additional security input.

It is my hope that you have found this security update helpful and reassuring and that additional security measures are being taken. It is also important for aircraft owners and business owners to report suspicious activities and to make sure you take your own security precautions as well. Ultimately, a secure airport will involve the participation of all airport users. I would also like to invite anyone interested to attend our Airport Advisory Commission meetings or alternatively to please contact me directly as outlined on the cover page of this newsletter.

## Safety Spotlight

### Hold Short Lines

**Look Listen FOCUS**

**LIVES ARE AT STAKE!**

- **IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU:** By keeping your head down to complete a checklist or other operational duties, OR engaging in non-operational conversation with passengers while approaching the runway, you may accidentally cross a hold short line.
- **THE FIX:** Complete all checklists prior to leaving the ramp and follow the airlines' lead and adopt a sterile flight deck rule while taxiing.

Federal Aviation Administration

For additional runway safety education, take the AOPA Air Safety Institute's Runway Safety online course at [www.airsafetyinstitute.org/runwaysafety](http://www.airsafetyinstitute.org/runwaysafety).

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[https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2018/media/MarApr2018.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2018/media/MarApr2018.pdf)