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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 15, 2019
- ❖ February 28, 2019
- ❖ March 28, 2019
- ❖ April 25, 2019
- ❖ May 23, 2019
- ❖ June 27, 2019
- ❖ July 25, 2019
- ❖ August 22, 2019
- ❖ September 26, 2019
- ❖ October 24, 2019
- ❖ November 13, 2019
- ❖ December 26, 2019
Cancelled

Contact: Chair Ken More at 907-240-3286 or flyartic@articsairacademy.com for more information.

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

What’s Happening?

Construction Project Updates: Proposed 2019 “Airfield Safety Improvements” Project

An informative stakeholder meeting was held March 19th to discuss the major aspects of a new FAA AIP grant for the 2019 construction season. If granted, this project will complete important airfield safety elements to include the following:

- Replacement of poorly functioning airfield directional signage
- Repair of perimeter fence line and gates
- Provide for needed safety lighting to aircraft parking aprons
- Provide for better automobile and pedestrian directional signage
- Tree removal south of RW 10/28 on the transitional surface

The design work is nearly completed and the City anticipates putting this project out to bid this spring. If the grant is awarded by the FAA, construction will begin this summer and be completed by the fall.



(Diagram: HDL Engineering Consultant’s depiction of improvements to be completed with FAA grant)

Additional PAQ News Updates

Upgrades to ASTAR Helos Improves Search and Rescue Capabilities

On March 12th, the Alaska State Troopers visited PAQ to demonstrate one of two, A-Star helicopters freshly outfitted with new infrared cameras and mapping systems. The technology will greatly improve search and rescue capabilities and has already assisted in saving lives since being installed in January of this year. The new equipment will allow the Troopers to be more efficient and do a better job with limited resources.



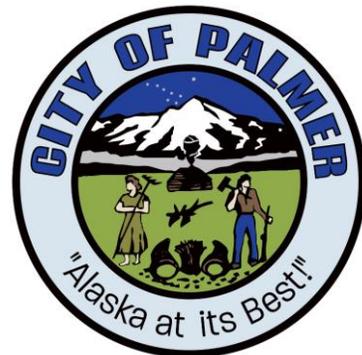
(Photo: Trooper Zac Johnson and Lieutenant Eric Olson of the Alaska State Troopers brief the news media representatives about the new outfitted technology at the “John S. Lee” Lighted Helipad Area)

“John S. Lee” Helipad Announcement & Invitation

All airport users are cordially invited to attend the new sign unveiling and ribbon cutting event for the newly completed “John S. Lee” Helipad and Helicopter Operations area at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport, South Ramp, on Tuesday April 30th, 2019 at 11:30 am.

Location: 905 E. Cope Industrial Way, Palmer, AK. 99654 (South Ramp Entrance) next to the railroad tracks with a reception to follow at the New Horizons Telecom conference room.

Contact: Frank Kelly, Airport Superintendent @ 761-1334 for any additional information or questions.





Palmer Municipal Airport Security Plan Update

The initial phase of the airports surveillance system installation was completed in the late winter and the system is now up and running. The City of Palmer's new surveillance system, in conjunction with the numerous leasee's private systems, provides reasonably good blanket coverage of the most important areas of the airport.

Even with the new surveillance system in place, the most important element of the airports security plan is still our airport users being active participants in airport security and the reporting of suspicious activities to the Palmer Police Department. The "Airport Watch" telephone line is 745-4811 and if there is an immediate emergency please dial 911. Always remember to just report suspicious activities and let the Palmer Police Department handle the rest.

The Airport Advisory Commission and the City of Palmer will be hosting the annual "Airport Watch" meeting this fall to give our airport users an update to security matters, police patrols, and recent developments. These meetings give our stakeholders a chance to voice any questions and or concerns. Date is (TBD).

Operations Spot Light

Palmer Municipal Airport and Public Works Snow Removal Efforts

Just in time for a late spring or an early summer snow storm, the new Caterpillar 950M Wheeled Loader, Snow Plow Blade attachment and a Wausau MP 318 High Capacity Snow Blower has arrived at Public Works. Initial testing and training have been completed and it is now just a waiting game for next year's snow. The new equipment will replace the 23 year old equipment previously in service.



(Photo: The New Cat 950M Loader with Wausau MP 318 Snow Blower attachment at the Public Works Maintenance Facility)