



# 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 the month on a quarterly basis in the Palmer City Hall Council Chambers, 231 W. Evergreen Avenue. Special meetings will be held on an “As Needed” basis on the fourth Thursday of the month following the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.

- ❖ January 23, 2020
- ❖ January 28, 2020 \*  
Joint w/ City Council
- ❖ April 23, 2020 \*  
Cancelled
- ❖ July 23, 2020
- ❖ October 22, 2020

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*“The aeronautical gateway to Palmer and the Matanuska Valley”*

### **What’s Happening?**

#### **Construction Project Update: 2019 “Airfield Safety Improvements” Project**

The ASI project has started up again with New Horizons Telecom to begin the installation of the new Apron light poles this week and the replacement airfield directional signs to follow soon thereafter. The tree clearing area off of the transitional surface south of Runway 10/28 is slated to be completed this summer. Once the ground thaws sufficiently, the final root grubbing, flatten of the hills and hay seed planting will finish this area. The three new Blinkerstop and Aircraft Operations Area Danger signs are now in place and operational at the main entrances to the airport.



(Photo: New Horizons Telecom crew prepares to stand a new light pole on Apron B)



(Photo: Newly installed Apron Lighting and Blinkerstop and Aircraft Operations Area Danger sign at PAQ)



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## Additional PAQ News Updates

### COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY & AIRPORT OPERATIONS:

#### Airport Management Office:

The Airport Management Office is open and operational, but temporarily closed to the public as is all City Office until state mandates are lifted. To conduct airport business, please call the airport office main line at (907) 761-1334 or contact the airport superintendent by email at [fkelly@palmerak.org](mailto:fkelly@palmerak.org).

#### Ravn Air Group Temporarily Suspends Statewide Operations:

Due to a 90% drop in statewide passenger service brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic, statewide travel mandates and restrictions, shelter in place orders, etc., Ravn Air Group has temporarily suspended statewide operations. PAQ is the home to Ravn's 135 maintenance operations which previously employed almost 80 support personnel. To assist our airport partner in its recovery, the airport has agreed to work with Alaska's largest regional airline to temporarily park some of its aircraft until the federal CARES Act grant funding can be sought. The company previously served 115 rural Alaskan communities.



(John Lee: 01/12/1946 to 03/10,2020)



(Photo: John Lee, Mayor DeVries and members of the AAC at the FAA "Fly In" Pancake Breakfast 2017)



(Photo: John Lee & Earl Valley, FAA "Fly In" Pancake Breakfast 2016)

## Tribute to an Alaskan Pioneer: John Stuart Lee

Early last month, the Airport lost one of its most treasured members of our aviation community. John Lee operated at the Palmer Airport for over 4 decades, founding New Horizons Telecom, Hinchinbrook Equipment, Hinchinbrook Aero Fuel, and Alaska Flightline Logistics to name a few. He loved aviation and served countless hours on the Airports Advisory Commission, serving as Chair for many years. For over two decades, his business hosted the FAA "Fly In" pancake breakfast. John was a Civil Engineer, a Vietnam Veteran and a skilled pilot with single engine, multi-engine and helicopter ratings. He was much loved by his family, friends and our Palmer aviation community. John S. Lee, you will be missed by all who had the privilege to know and work with you!



(Photo: Palmer Mayor Edna DeVries and John Lee at the new Helipad Grand Opening April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019)