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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 28, 2021 *
Cancelled Covid 19
- ❖ April 22, 2021
- ❖ July 22, 2021
- ❖ October 21, 2021

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Your source for news at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport
“The aeronautical gateway to Palmer and the Matanuska Valley”

What’s Happening?

New City of Palmer Web Site:

The City of Palmer has successfully launched a new and more user friendly web site. Information regarding the Palmer Municipal Airport is now located under the Community tab “Places of Interest” / Airport. The design, layout and access to important information is much more accessible. I would encourage all airport stakeholders to test flight the new web site and airport web page at:

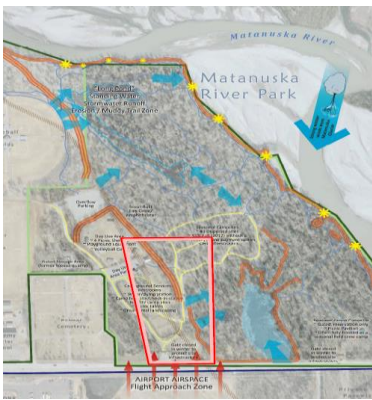
<https://www.palmerak.org/airport>

New Chief of Palmer Fire and Rescue Department:

On November 30th, the City of Palmer has welcomed Chad Cameron as its new Chief of Fire and Rescue. Chief Cameron is a 25 year fire and rescue veteran of the Capital City Fire and Rescue Department in Juneau where he last held the post of Assistan Fire Chief. Among other things while at CCFR, Chief Cameron was



(Photos: Chief Cameron and then Assistant Chief Cameron with Assistant Chief Quinto at a Juneau fire call) responsible for numerous technology upgrades to the department and was also pivotal in the departments new eye catching ambulances liveried in the style of northwest coast arts. Chief Cameron was also active in many Juneau community activities with the Boy Scouts, the local hockey league and others. Our new Chief is excited to be in Palmer and to head Palmer Fire and Rescue, getting to know the department and our community. He will be touring our airport soon to learn the lay of the land and our various operations. Please help us welcome the Chief to our community and the Palmer Municipal Airport.



(Diagram: Limited Existing Aviation Easement Currently in Place with MSB)

Project Update: “Avigation Easement Planning Study”

The City of Palmer is continuing in the process of completing an Avigation Easement Planning Study (Phase I) at Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport. The documentation of the critical large aircraft and the number of their annual operations at PAQ has now been completed. Now that this has been determined, the required runway length of 6060 has been established and the safety design critia can be incorporated into finding several feasible design alternatives. From this phase I study a suitable best alternative design will be chosen. Phase II of the study, which should take place middle to end of 2021, will look at a more detailed analysis of what will be needed to satisfy the process of moving forward with the best alternative design which was chosen. Phase III will entail the actual development and construction of the best alternative design chosen.

Additional PAQ News Updates

COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY & AIRPORT OPERATIONS:

City of Palmer Cares Act Grants to Airport Businesses:

Through the Cares Act initiative, the City of Palmer has awarded three airport businesses with a total of \$50,000 in Cares Act Grant funding to assist their operations through these challenging times.

Airport Management Office:

The Airport Management Office is open and operational, but still closed to the public, unless by scheduled appointment. If you are visiting the airport office by appointment, please bring your face covering and practice social distancing. 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.



PAQ Welcomes New Tenants:

Angel Aviation, Inc.

Angel Aviation has received a new lease at the Palmer Municipal Airport just off E. Evergreen in front of the Airports maintenance building and behind Apron B encompassing 1.94 acres. Angel Aviation will now have two locations in Alaska at Merrill Field and Palmer and one in Glendale Arizona. The Palmer location will allow Angel Aviation to expand their current offerings in Alaska dramatically. For additional information regarding Angel Aviation please visit their web site at: <http://ak.angelaviation.com>



Tatonduk Outfitters Limited

Tatonduk Outfitters Limited is the parent corporation for Everts Air Alaska and Everts Air Cargo. Tatonduk has recently purchased the former Ravin Air facility off Cope Industrial Way on the South Ramp of the airport and is in the process of evaluating the property and exploring different opportunities for its use. For additional information regarding Everts Air please visit their web site at: <https://evertsair.com>



Please help to extend a warm welcome and a Happy New Year to our new business operators at the Palmer Municipal Airport!

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS:

Blue River Aviation, LLC

At Blue River Aviation the focus is on professional aviation training, preparing students for everything from careers in the airlines to off-airport landings in Alaska's vast backcountry. Blue River Aviation takes pilots from zero hours to commercial multi-engine and CFI. In addition, they provide tailwheel, seaplane, and ski instruction.



In 2019, Blue River Aviation consisted of 5 instructors and 5 planes. Since then, they have seen an explosion of growth. They now have 10 full time instructors and 12 planes consisting of three Twin Comanches, five C172's, two Super Cubs, a C150, an Aeronca Champ and a full motion Redbird Sim. In the last year Blue River Aviation has sent over 150 students to check rides, many of whom started as student pilots and are now flying commercially with the various operators around the state. They operate year-round and their airplanes are hangered during the wintertime.



They provide training to people of all ages at all stages of training. Many of their students are local and work through their ratings at their own pace, as well as students who come to them from out-of-town to complete an accelerated course and have finished a rating in as little as 9 days. This past fall they expanded their business by adding another hanger to serve as a comfortable space for students to come check out their aircraft, study, and do ground school with their instructors. They have also opened a maintenance shop to provide service to other aircraft owners. At Blue River Aviation, their staff works as a team to ensure that their customers have an enjoyable experience.



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