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AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS UPDATE

The July 2021 Aircraft Operations were 7,181 as compared to July 2020 Aircraft Operations which were 5,380. This is approximately 33% above July 2020. Aircraft Operations for the CY2021 are 49,274 compared to 53,820 for CY2020. This is an 8% decrease.

GENERAL AIRPORT UPDATES

The Taxiway Alpha design is complete, and the project was advertised for bid March 18, 2021. Bids were accepted April 21, 2021. The low bidder was Combs Construction. The Glendale City Council approved the contract with Combs on August 10, 2021. The FAA funded 100% of the project with no local match required. The total grant amount is \$1,700,933. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin September 20, 2021. The runway will be accessible during the project.

The Automated Weather Observation System design is complete, and the project was advertised for bid March 25, 2021. Bids were accepted April 28, 2021. The low bidder on the project was Rural Electric. The FAA will fund 100% of the project with no local match required. The Glendale City Council approved of the contract for Rural Electric August 24, 2021. The total grant amount is \$351,300. The start date for the system replacement has not been established.

The Airport Strategic Plan presentation to the Glendale City Council was moved to September 28, 2021. We will present the plan during the Council Work Session. The Airport staff have developed the scope of work for both the Airport Business Plan and the Airport Design Standards. The Airport Administrator anticipates completing the Airport Business Plan by the end of February 2022. He anticipates completing the Airport Design Standards by the middle of April 2022.

The Airport staff are going to have the Terminal Ramp crack sealed and seal coated beginning November 1, 2021. Tiedown tenants in the affected area will be contacted well in advance to temporarily relocate aircraft for the project.

FAA & ADOT GRANT ACTIONS

The Glendale Municipal Airport received an Airport Rescue Grant in the amount of \$59,000 from the FAA on August 8, 2021. We have four years to expend the funds. The funds can be used to support the operations of the Airport.

AIRPORT ISSUES AND EVENTS

There were three noise complaints received in May all from the same person. There were none in June and one in July. The support of the flying community is appreciated in reducing noise complaints associated with the Glendale Municipal Airport.



Andrew Gonzales Senior Service Worker

Meet Your Airport Staff has been a regular feature of the Airport Newsletter since we began publishing it. This quarter, we want to feature and introduce you to Andrew Gonzales, Senior Airport Service Worker.

Andrew began working for the City of Glendale in 2000 as a part timer. He worked for Field Operations for about a year and a half repairing and replacing fuel hoses and pumps around the City of Glendale. He was laid off with a large group of City employees due to budget cuts but came back to work for the City of Glendale in 2007 as a full-time employee.

In 2011 he transferred to the airport as an Airport Service Worker. He strove for excellence and took it upon himself to go above and beyond regular work duties. The Airport Administrator and The Director of Transportation recognized his hard work and determination to make the airport a better place and he received a promotion and earned the title Sr. Airport Service Worker in 2019. What he enjoys most about working for the City of Glendale are the benefits and what they provide to him and his family.

Andrew says “I enjoy working at the City of Glendale Municipal Airport because it gives me the opportunity to still be who I truly am. I am a trained, certified, and experienced First Responder. I value the opportunity to help people in times of crisis or need. I have improved the airport in many ways such as reevaluating our emergency procedures and restructuring them to be more efficient. I created SOPs for emergency alerts to name a few. My most enjoyable task is learning more and having hope that I can continue to grow here”.

If he were King for the day, he would open opportunities for employees to grow. He would focus on making the airport more business oriented so that the airport made money to cover its losses. This would allow us to be better trained, purchase safer equipment and more efficient technology.

Carl Newman, Earns National Service Award

Our very own Airport Manager, Carl Newman, has earned the **2022 Distinguished Service Award** from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) earlier this month. Make sure you congratulate him next time you see him making his rounds.

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Meet Major Klara G. Olcott, CAP Glendale 388th Composite Squadron Commander

One of the goals of the Airport Newsletter is to highlight the interesting people operating at Glendale Municipal Airport. This quarterly newsletter features Major Klara Olcott, commander of Civil Air Patrol Glendale 388th Composite Squadron.

Major Olcott is an Arizona native. She is a graduate of Western Government University as well as a trained Emergency Medical Technician. Her personal motto is persistence.

She always had an interest in the military and is what drew her to the Civil Air Patrol. She initially joined the Squadron at Deer Valley Municipal Airport when she was 16 and was a member there for approximately a year and a half. In 2012 she visited the squadron at the Glendale Municipal Airport and the rest is history, she has been a member since.

Cadets in the Civil Air Patrol follow a prescribed curriculum that involves 16 steps. Major Olcott attended the CAP Flight Training Academy and soloed in 2013. She eventually earned her private pilot certification in 2017. While a cadet, Major Olcott achieved the General Carl A. Spaatz Award which is the organizations highest cadet honor.

She became the Commander of the 388th in 2020 and she is the youngest squadron commander in the Arizona Wing. At the time, she held the rank of Captain, but about 6 months ago she promoted to the rank of Major. The squadron consist of 121 total members, 62 cadets and 59 adult members. In terms of the mission, the squadron aspires to be activities based, capable of handling all tasks assigned to it. A large portion of their mission is investing in and supporting the local community. To that end, the squadron has conducted 28 blood drives since the inception of COVID and collected 730 units of blood. The unit offers fixed wing flight orientation to cadets and soon plans to offer glider orientation as well.

Her hobbies include hiking, ice skating, and she likes to try new things such as origami. Her favorite aircraft is the SR-71. Her favorite airport code is SEZ (Sedona) because that is where she flew on her long solo cross country. If she were queen for a day, she would like to add a building for CAP use. More space is always needed.

If you happen to cross paths with Major Olcott be sure to say hello but be prepared, she may try to put you to work supporting the squadron.

GLENDALE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Reconstruction of South Side of Glendale Avenue Continues

Work continues for reconstruction of Glendale Avenue from 99th Avenue to El Mirage Road. The segment of roadway from, and including, the 99th Avenue intersection to just east of the Agua Fria Bridge will be concrete, with the segment west of the Agua Fria Bridge to El Mirage Road remaining asphalt. The project includes drainage improvements, concrete work, asphalt sidewalk, and street lighting. Project completion is expected in Spring 2022.

- **Scheduled to take place Tuesday, August 10**, Glendale Avenue traffic from 99th Avenue to the Agua Fria Bridge will be shifted to the south side of Glendale Avenue onto the newly placed concrete pavement. Glendale Avenue will once again be open to travel in both directions from 99th Avenue to El Mirage Road, with one lane in each direction.
- **Scheduled to take place Tuesday, August 10**, Glen Harbor Boulevard will be CLOSED on the north side of Glendale Avenue, with no access to or from north Glen Harbor Boulevard from Glendale Avenue. Glen Harbor Boulevard traffic north of Glendale Avenue should use Northern Avenue as an alternate route during this time, until Glen Harbor can be reopened, expected to be in October. Glen Harbor Boulevard on the south side of Glendale Avenue (for access to Glendale Municipal Airport) will remain open.
- 99th Avenue is currently closed on the north side of Glendale Avenue with no access to or from north 99th Avenue at Glendale Avenue. Please use Northern Avenue as an alternate access during this time.
- The week of August 9, crews are scheduled to lower utilities to prevent them from being damaged during the milling (asphalt removal) activity, and scheduled for the week of August 16, crews will mill (remove) asphalt on the north side of Glendale Avenue, from 99th Avenue to the Agua Fria Bridge.
- During work on the north side, once again, crews will apply a cement-treated-base to the subsurface of the future roadway to prepare for the concrete. This will be followed by concrete work, which is scheduled to take place during night hours, Monday through Friday nights, excluding holidays, to provide a quality end product due to the higher daytime temperatures.
- Access to businesses and facilities is being maintained, although for properties on the north side of Glendale Avenue in the project area, if there is more than one access to your property, one may be closed to accommodate the work effort. Detour signage will be in place to direct travelers around the restrictions or to appropriate access points. Please allow extra time for travel during this work.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS WORK!



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