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Keeping the Glendale Municipal Airport Community Informed



AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS UPDATE

December 2021 Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) were 6,489. This is approximately 1.6% above December 2020 at 6,387. Overall calendar year 2021 operations were down 8% compared to 2020. 2021 operations were 79,343 compared to 86,332 in 2020. Most of the decrease is attributed to several runway closures that took place to facilitate airfield maintenance or construction during the year.

GENERAL AIRPORT UPDATES

AIRPORT PROJECTS AND OUTREACH

- Airport staff worked with Sunland Asphalt and Construction Company to crack seal and seal coat the Terminal ramp. The firm completed the work in 8 calendar days. The project cost was \$125,239.
- Construction on the Taxiway Alpha Reconstruction project is complete except for minor punch list items. The FAA funded 100% of the project with no local match required. The total grant amount is \$1,700,933.
- The low bidder on the Automated Weather Observation System project was Rural Electric. We held the project kick-off meeting November 2nd. We began work on the project December 6, 2021 and completed the project within 14 calendar days. The FAA funded 100% of the project with no local match. The total grant amount is \$351,300.
- Work on the Airport Business Plan and the Airport Design Standards is underway. Genesis Consulting is working with us on the Business plan development while DWL Architects is working on the Design Standards. The Airport Administrator anticipates completing the Airport Business Plan by the end of February 2022 and completing the Airport Design Standards by the middle of April 2022. Both projects are part of the Airport Strategic plan which can be found on the Glendale Municipal Airport web page.

AIRPORT ISSUES & EVENTS

- There was one noise complaint received in November and one in December. We thank all pilots for "Flying Friendly".
- Young Eagles is a program created by the US Experimental Aircraft Association. It is designed to give children between the ages of eight and 17 an opportunity to experience flight in a general aviation airplane while educating them about aviation. The program is offered free of charge with the costs covered by volunteers. The local program was inactive during COVID however, it began again on November 13th. The organization used the Terminal Building and the Terminal Ramp to host the event. For more information on Young Eagles go to www.eaa.org/eea/youth/free-ye-flights/become-a-young-eagle



Mike Parker Airport 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 Mike Parker, Airport Service Worker.

A few months ago, Ryan Millsaps who worked for the Glendale Municipal Airport for several years resigned to relocate to another part of the country. We were very sad to see Ryan move on, but it provided us with an opportunity to recruit and see what other talent was available in the area. We were very fortunate because Mike Parker, who worked for Glendale Aero Service, expressed interest in the job and the Glendale Municipal Airport senior staff recommended hiring him. His first official day with the City of Glendale was June 1, 2021.

Mike has enjoyed a long career in the aviation industry. Prior to joining the Airport staff, he held positions such as Aviation Line Service Technician; Fueling Supervisor; Into-plane Fuel Quality Control Supervisor; "Train the Trainer" for American Airlines, Emirates, Volaris, and FedEx fueling; Tier II IT Support for Dell supporting Boeing Enterprise Solutions.

While he is an Airport Service Worker, Mike serves as the Airport Wildlife Coordinator to reduce or eliminate conflicts between wildlife and aircraft.

When asked what he enjoys most about working for the City of Glendale, he says "I enjoy working for an organization that values their community and strives to provide a good work/life balance for their employees".

Mike has a passion for aviation and working in the industry allows him to indulge that passion and further his knowledge, while also paying the bills. As a "Service Worker" he performs tasks that are required for the day-to-day operation and upkeep of the airport such as runway FOD checks, mowing, sweeping, fixing gates, safety patrols, and issuing NOTAMS to alert aircrews of potential safety and operational concerns. The added role of Airport Wildlife Coordinator means he works with entities both on and off the airport to mitigate wildlife hazards on the airport and in the surrounding airspace. His most enjoyable task is any task that has him out and interacting with the tenants and visitors to the airport.

When asked what he would do if he was King for a day, Mike responds "I would build a community park adjacent to the airport fence with viewing areas designed to allow the Glendale community a place to experience, enjoy, and learn about aviation and their airport. This is something that has proved a great tool at airports such as Van Nuys and Dallas/Ft. Worth and I think Glendale and the West Valley could benefit from showing that aviation is accessible to all who are interested".

The Airport is very fortunate to have Mike on staff.

Roy Simmons Air Traffic Controller

Meet your Air Traffic Controller is a regular feature of the Airport Newsletter. This month we introduce Mr. Roy Simmons. For those in the pilot community, you have undoubtedly worked with Roy and his professional, straight forward manner of communicating.

Roy has been an Air Traffic Controller for more than 22 years. He became a Controller while in the Air Force and started at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage Alaska. Elmendorf is the largest and principal unit within the 11th Air Force. He has been providing service at Glendale Municipal Airport the past four years.

When asked what the most challenging part of his job is, Roy responds that it is the unpredictable manning/staffing for work which impacts scheduling and time off. The ATC staff is limited and often one controller is scheduled on shift which means someone else must cover when someone is sick or needs time off.

Roy says the best advice he has for pilots is to do their part to help controllers to keep them safe. If he were King for a day, he would establish race-day procedures that included automation to ease departures and arrivals.

We are very fortunate to have Roy providing service to the users of the Glendale Municipal Airport.



LUKE DAYS 2022 - March 19 & 20

The event is free and open to the public!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook so you don't miss any updates www.facebook.com/luke56thFW/

Still have questions? Shoot us an e-mail at 56fw.pa@us.af.mil and we'll get back to you ASAP



NEW DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Shahid Abbas brings vast experience in a variety of government settings

The city of Glendale is pleased to welcome Shahid Abbas as the new Director of Transportation. In his role he will oversee all facets of the city's transportation department, which includes Glendale's airport and transit services as well as its pavement management program. He will direct the activities and staff involved with traffic engineering, street signage and striping, traffic signalization, transportation strategic planning and the city's school education programs. He will be involved in developing recommendations regarding both the Transportation and Airport Master plans as well as the Transportation Department's Capital Improvement plan. Mr. Abbas will also represent Glendale on various County and State Committees.

Abbas brings an over twenty-year track record of success in managing high-quality transportation programs in City, County, State and Federal governments settings. He brings experience working on projects which reflected the community vision and improved safety for residents. He is experienced with taking a collaborative approach to working with the community and elected bodies to identify issues, articulate challenges and opportunities as well as providing regular updates on progress toward achieving established goals.

"Shahid Abbas brings an impressive background in every area of transit and transportation and is fully prepared to help Glendale deliver on our significant investments in transportation infrastructure and services," said Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps. "He understands the direct connection between transportation and the quality of life of our residents in addition to how they are vital for our successful economic development efforts."

Most recently, Abbas served as the Director of Public Works for the City of South Pasadena, CA where he provided leadership and overall management for a variety of City's strategic priorities and programs, including transportation, traffic and streets' programs. Prior to that he was the Manager of Transportation and Capital Improvement programs for the City of Sunnyvale, CA, where he collaborated with both the Google and Apple corporations on the review and approval of construction plans for their main campuses. Before that, he was the Manager of Transportation and Environmental Services in Arlington County, VA. There he worked closely with multiple Federal Agencies on traffic and transportation-related projects. Abbas began his public service career as a Traffic and Transportation Engineer for the City of Kalamazoo, MI.

"Joining the Glendale team gives me the opportunity to use my diverse professional expertise, which I acquired from different parts of the country, to help Glendale provide the best possible transportation systems to its residents," said Shahid Abbas. "Glendale is such a wonderful community with a bright future, and I am honored to serve and have an impact on those who call the City home."

Abbas holds a Master's Degree in Intelligent Transportation Systems and Traffic Engineering from Michigan State University, and a Master's in Administration and Planning from University of Cranfield (Oxford), UK. He earned a Diploma in Street Maintenance, Rehabilitation and Applied Asset Management from the USA National Center for Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation. He is certified by FEMA in "Advance ICS Command and General Staff and Complex Incidents Management." Shahid Abbas will join the city of Glendale on February 14, 2022.

www.glendaleaz.com/news/what_s_new/new_director_of_transportation

AIRPORT PROJECTS

Eastside Land Development

The City of Glendale will conduct a study to examine the potential development of approximately 122 acres of land at the Glendale Municipal Airport.

The land is situated east of Runway 1-19, south of Glendale Avenue and west of the New River Channel. The purpose of this study is to identify a specific recommended development plan for the development of the east side of the Airport. The study will consider alternatives that detail aircraft access from the airfield system, various hangar development layouts, variable parcel sizes, existing and ultimate infrastructure needs, vehicle access, and a phased development approach to achieve the ultimate build-out of the area.

The evaluation of this site will consider taxiway/taxilane connections to the airfield system, airside and landside access, and utility needs. The plan will also consider potential non-aviation development on the east side of the Airport given physical land constraints and other factors to be further analyzed during the study. The final report will include an estimated cost of construction and a recommended schedule (phasing) for the identified site improvements.

The Airport contracted with Coffman Associates to complete the work. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-February 2022.

FBO Hangar Lease

Glendale Aero Services and the City of Glendale have entered an agreement for the firm to develop a new 100' by 100' hangar facility large enough to house multiple, larger corporate jet aircraft. The hangar will be east of the current FBO building. It will be designed and erected using construction methods and aesthetically blend with the current Glendale Aero Services facility. The firm is also leasing additional space of approximately 38,600 square feet for operational space, maneuvering, and locating aircraft in and out of the hangar. We are looking forward to construction!

AIRSPACE ADVISORY - Statewide

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established a 2,000-foot above ground level (AGL) advisory along the Salt and Verde River drainages and lakes such as Lake Pleasant, Roosevelt Lake and Alamo Lake.

These areas are designated on the Phoenix Sectional Aeronautical map and also include Alamo Lake, Ashurst Lake, Greer Lakes, Crescent Lake, Luna Lake, Show Low Lake, Chevelon Canyon Lake, Woods Canyon Lake, Lake Mary, Dogtown Reservoir, White Horse Lake, and the Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge. Special brochures for pilots regarding this advisory can be obtained by calling the Arizona Department of Transportation or AZGFD's Terrestrial Wildlife branch at 623- 236-7506.

To read the article in its entirety, go to: www.azgfd.com/restrictions-in-place-as-bald-eagle-breeding-season-begins.

PILOT INFORMATION

Restrictions in place as bald eagle breeding season begins

Posted December 8, 2021

PHOENIX — Arizona's bald eagles are back, and they will soon be preparing for the next generation of eagles at breeding sites statewide.

To assist with the state's continued bald eagle population growth, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) encourages outdoor recreationists, aircraft pilots, drone operators and motorized paragliders to do their part by not disturbing the state's 93 eagle breeding areas.

To protect breeding attempts, some portions of public land and water areas will be temporarily closed to help these majestic animals and ensure even more young eagles take to the skies this spring.

"Arizona's bald eagles are hard at work preparing their nest for what we hope will be a productive breeding season," said Kenneth "Tuk" Jacobson, bald eagle management coordinator. "The birds' nest, forage and roost at rivers and lakes that are also popular recreation spots. That's why we must be vigilant to help protect the birds and ensure their populations statewide continue to flourish. That success wouldn't be possible without the cooperation of outdoor recreationists who respect the closures during the breeding season."

During the 2021 breeding season, 87 young hatched, and 69 reached the important milestone of their first flight, known as fledging.

Pilots are reminded to maintain the FAA-recommended 2,000-foot above ground level advisory when flying over bald eagle habitat, while drones and paragliders are asked to avoid the areas completely. Bald eagles are sensitive to even short durations of low-flying aircraft activity near their nests, and just a few minutes of disturbance can lead to a nesting failure.

(see airspace advisory below)



NEW!

GLENDALE AIRPORT ATC MINUTE

Presented by: Laini Toten, Air Traffic Manager, GEU FCT

Air Traffic Corner School Spotlight **ATP FLIGHT SCHOOL**

Consistent, timely, and expert level instructor intervention during some of our busiest sessions. Thank you!

Q1 pilot liaison meeting scheduled / Wednesday, February 16th, at 11am.

Hosted in-person at the terminal building, inside the airport conference room, second floor.
School liaisons and special interest flight tenants encouraged to attend.

1st QUARTER 2022

Happy New Year GEU! 2022 is looking to be off to a great start with great weather, and even better flying participation. As 2021 drew to an end, we saw many new changes surrounding the airport, ATC, and the local flying community. We have welcomed new flight schools, new controllers, and new airport equipment! I would like to specifically thank each and every one of you, for your patience and good flying practices. This new year, I welcome all of you to work with our ATC team to bring together a new era of professionalism, communication, and comradery that paves the way for the most efficient and standardized airport in the valley.

MORE PLANES MEANS MORE VIGILANCE

If you have flown lately, you may have noticed the uptick in traffic throughout the day. We are experiencing a great increase in local pattern traffic and daily itinerants. Along with the noticeable increase in local traffic, we have also adopted many flyers from our neighboring airports such as GYR. The valley is ramping up and we encourage maximum vigilance and pre-planning to help keep our skies safe. Some tips from ATC:

- **Plan for delays during peak hours.** We always aim to minimize delays but planning flight times and pattern work around non-peak hours will ensure you get the most out of your flying session.
- **Keep communications clear, concise, and standard.** The less frequency congestion, the more efficient the airspace becomes.
- **Read-backs are necessary.**
- **Allow flexibility for training, special requests from ATC, and solos.** Anticipate sequencing instructions, Line up-and-wait, and expedited instructions. The more you work with your controller, the more we can keep the airspace running safe and smoothly.
- **Communicate. When in doubt, ask!** We love when we can help you through an instruction. Do not be afraid to ask for clarification. That's what we are here for!

