**3CK Pandemic Response**

The COVID-19 crisis has forced airports across the country to rethink how they can continue to provide services to the public, operate under contractual agreements, and stay in business while balancing the health of employees, customers, and the general public. Lake in the Hills is no different. Here are a few ways we are addressing these challenges:

- Airport operations staff members are considered essential employees and continue to be available to conduct daily inspections, haze wildlife, and resolve other issues that arise on the airfield.
- Full-service fuel is and will continue to be available for all aircraft with social distancing practices in mind during the actual fueling.
- Access to the airport office is limited to staff members only to allow for the safe continuity of operations.
- Restrooms for our tenants and customers are available adjacent to hangar P-40 and at the self-service fuel farm. We ask that tenants refrain from driving personal vehicles down to the fuel farm. Both restrooms are stocked weekly with hand sanitizer.
- The airport has taken advantage of lower fuel prices and has passed this sharp discount onto our customers. See the next page of the newsletter for more information.
- The airport has suspended late fees on lease and commercial activity payments for the foreseeable future. Customers with automatic withdrawals scheduled who would like to alter their arrangements should contact the Village Finance Department by calling 847-960-7400.
- Certain commercial activity fees for businesses impacted by decreased flight activity will be waived.
- The airport is working with other departments within the Village to procure additional protective equipment which will be used to ensure the continued safety of our team.
- Airport tours provided to non-profit and school groups have been suspended until the statewide stay at home order is lifted.
- Events scheduled at the airport this summer are tentative. The movie night on June 9 and the annual Open House + EAA Pancake Breakfast on June 28 will be evaluated further based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and any orders from the State of Illinois.
- Where possible, the airport is following the below guidelines from the CDC to limit exposure.

**The CARES Act**

In response to the pandemic, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,

Specifically to address a decline in commercial and private flight activity, a total of $10 billion in funds will be sent to eligible airports across the nation in several tiers. The Village is anticipating a small portion of a $100 million stimulus earmarked for general aviation airports that will be distributed based on category of airport. In all, there are 2,815 public airports that fall into this category. Lake in the Hills is considered a regional general aviation airport and ranks in the top 50 airports in the country for demonstrated capital need. Further guidance that defines specific amounts that will be levied to each airport is not expected for several more weeks; however, the money can be used for any purpose lawfully allowed by airport revenues.

For more information on how the CARES Act is assisting airports across the country, visit https://www.faa.gov/airports/cares_act/.

Another aspect of the CARES Act is a suspension of taxes due on kerosene used in jet fuel. This tax relief was only made available to commercial aviation; however, and will not impact Lake in the Hills. According to the National Air Transport Association, local FBOs are not equipped to determine commercial or noncommercial status of a given flight operation nor are they eligible for refunds for the taxes paid.

Sorry… we tried.

**Events scheduled below will be re-evaluated based on guidance from the State during the month of April. As of publication time, none have officially been cancelled; however, please consider calling ahead prior to arriving for any scheduled event at the airport.**

**Fuel Prices**

Crude oil prices hit record lows in the latter part of March with the onset of the global pandemic.

The Village was able to capitalize on lower prices for both 100LL and Jet-A. Prices listed below are effective as of April 10, 2020 but are subject to change without notice.

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Airport Construction Project Updates

Repaving Transient Apron 1 was one of five projects included in a request for proposals (RFP) posted by the Village in early 2020. The low bidder was Champion Paving out of Hampshire, IL. Champion is familiar with the airport after winning the bid to repave the airport parking lot in 2019. They anticipate a start date in early June.

This repaving project should have a very low impact on operations at the airport. No runway closure will be needed; however, some daytime closures of adjacent taxiways may be needed to facilitate men and equipment inside the airport perimeter fence.

The airport will also be pursuing a small runway project this summer under Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding. The project will be included in this month’s letting with the Department of Transportation (IDOT). This project will remove the airport’s displaced thresholds, repaint the entire runway, and add lighted supplemental windsocks on both ends. Construction is anticipated to start in late summer. A one-week shutdown of the runway is planned.