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Airport

There are many exciting things happening at the Lake Wales Municipal Airport. The City recently hired a new Airport Manager. Jared N. DeLong started in March 2018. He was born and raised in West Palm Beach, FL. Mr. DeLong is a military veteran. He served on active duty in the United States Air Force (USAF) from (2006-2014). He served 7 years as a Combat Search and Rescue enlisted aviator on HC-130's and 2 years as a Special Operations Combat Controller. Currently, he is a USAF reservist as a Combat Search and Rescue enlisted aviator on HC-130's. Mr. DeLong has taken on the existing capital improvement projects; two projects ongoing at the Airport since late September, early October 2017 are the extension and rehabilitation of RWY 6/24 and extension of TWY Alpha parallel to RWY 6/24. The project will add 1,400 ft. to lengthen the entire runway from 4,000 ft. to 5,400 ft. and effectively increase air access and capacity. The intent is to attract larger class General Aviation



photos of Runway 6/24 and Taxiway Alpha Extension at the Lake Wales Municipal Airport

aircraft and Corporate/Business jets. Included in the project scope is the update of a new runway lighting system for RWY 6/24 and update of new 6 ft. high 3 strand barb wire airfield perimeter fencing for a portion of Runway (RWY) 6/24. Mr. DeLong was quoted saying "I'm privileged to be part of this Airport with its storied history of military aviation, general aviation and other aviation activities such as skydiving, ultralights, and paramotors. Since my arrival, I have been diligently networking with

local/regional aviation industry partners and business/economic development groups to seize new airport business opportunities. As an ardent aviation professional, I'm excited for the promising future and economic impact the current and future airport capital improvement projects will have on the City of Lake Wales and the local/regional community". In the short-term future, the Airport has a Design/Build project for four (4) 60 ft. x 60 ft. Corporate Hangars. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in May of 2018 and a tentative completion in September 2018. Additionally, the airport has two Taxiway (TWY) projects, TWY Alpha Rehabilitation and TWY Bravo Construction projects are currently in the bidding process.

Administration

The Administration team plays an integral part in the coordination of new construction and development, maintenance, and repair of the utility system and the systematic expansion of utilities into newly annexed areas. Administrative staff maintains new construction development standards, locating utilities prior to others digging in the right of way and maintenance of all records of utilities within the right of way as well as utility easements. Administration coordinates with various other departments to complete the Municipal Sanitary Storm Sewer System (MS4) annual report. This report chronicles all stormwater maintenance activities on a yearly basis. The administrative staff consists of the Utilities Director, Engineering Technician, Utility Inspector, Utilities Permit Technician, and administrative assistant.

Wastewater

Wastewater maintenance is essential to the daily functions of our wastewater operation. In plant operations, their job is to maintain a safe, quality end product or effluent. Through lab testing and process control, they eliminate and reduce bacteria and other by products of the waste stream; thus protecting our community from disease as well as creating a quality reusable water source for irrigation. Treated effluent is an end product used in fertilization. Another aspect of wastewater

is our F.O.G program. FOG is an acronym for Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG). Community awareness is key in keeping FOG from entering the sewer system. FOG is a by product of cooking, food and drink preparation, and meat preparation. FOG is generated from meat fats, shortening, butter margarine, sauces, and dairy products. When these products are washed down the drain from cookware, utensils and other means, they can impact plumbing and the sewer collection system. The City's Wastewater Division

manages our FOG program. The FOG program is vital in our food industry. Local food business must comply with state regulations for FOG removal. The City requires all grease haulers and clear oil haulers doing business within the City to submit hauling manifest to the wastewater division located at 840 Henry Street to help keep grease generating/oil generating facilities in compliance with their D.E.P. / E.P.A. permits. For more information regarding FOG call 863-678-4114 and speak with Ted Long.

Fight F.O.G.
Help Keep **F**ats, **O**il & **G**rease Out of Your Drain!
Prevent Sewer Backups in Your Home, Business & Neighborhood

SUN 5/20 78° / 71°	MON 5/21 83° / 76°	TUE 5/22 88° / 73°	WED 5/23 93° / 72°	THU 5/24 88° / 74°	FRI 5/25 89° / 73°	SAT 5/26 91° / 74°
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