



**AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT  
JUNE 2019**

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**ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

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## AIRPORT FEES



## LAND LEASE AND TIE DOWNS

Airport staff has invoiced and collected tie-down and land lease fees.

## AIRFIELD MOWING

Mowing operations are on-going. Thanks again to the Board of Trustees for the mowing equipment!

## NOISE COMPLAINTS

Airport Management received one noise complaint during the month of May. The Airport Manager spoke to the complainant.

## AIRPORT PROJECTS – SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT BUILDING

The Snow Removal and Equipment (SRE) building project broke ground in early May. The contractors are working diligently on the project, which has been a challenge due to the adverse weather conditions in May.



Early May



Late May

What started out as a hole filled with mud due to the wet weather earlier in the month, is now looking more like a Snow Removal Equipment Building.



Early June



Late June



Late June

The contractor is confident that the project will be completed in a timely manner barring any further delays.

### **AIRPORT INSPECTIONS**

Airport staff performed daily and weekly inspections of the airport. These inspections include but may not be limited to:

- Ensure all NOTAMs are current
- Check for FOD (foreign object debris). Remove as needed
- Inspect condition of the runway surface, and markings
- Inspect condition of the taxiway and connector surfaces and markings and Performing routine maintenance as needed
- Inspect performance of runway and taxiway lighting and signs and performing routine maintenance as needed
- Inspect performance of navigational lighting performing routine maintenance as needed
- Inspect condition of the ramp areas
- Ensure tied down aircraft are secure
- Inspect all airport equipment and vehicles and performing routine maintenance as needed.
- Inspect all airport wind socks for wear. Replace as needed
- Inspect segmented circle. Perform maintenance as needed





## FUEL ISLAND INSPECTIONS

Airport staff continues to perform daily, weekly and monthly inspections of the fuel island. These inspections include but may not be limited to:

- Physical inspection of tank exteriors, including fitting, valves, connections etc, for leaks
- Verify security of ladders
- Inspect tanks opening to ensure proper seal
- Inspect overfill prevention equipment and spill bucket
- Inspect tanks for contamination by water
- Inspect the area around the tanks for signs of leakage
- Verify fuel levels and alert Airport Management if fuel needs to be purchased
- Sump fuel tanks to check for contamination





**FUEL SALES**

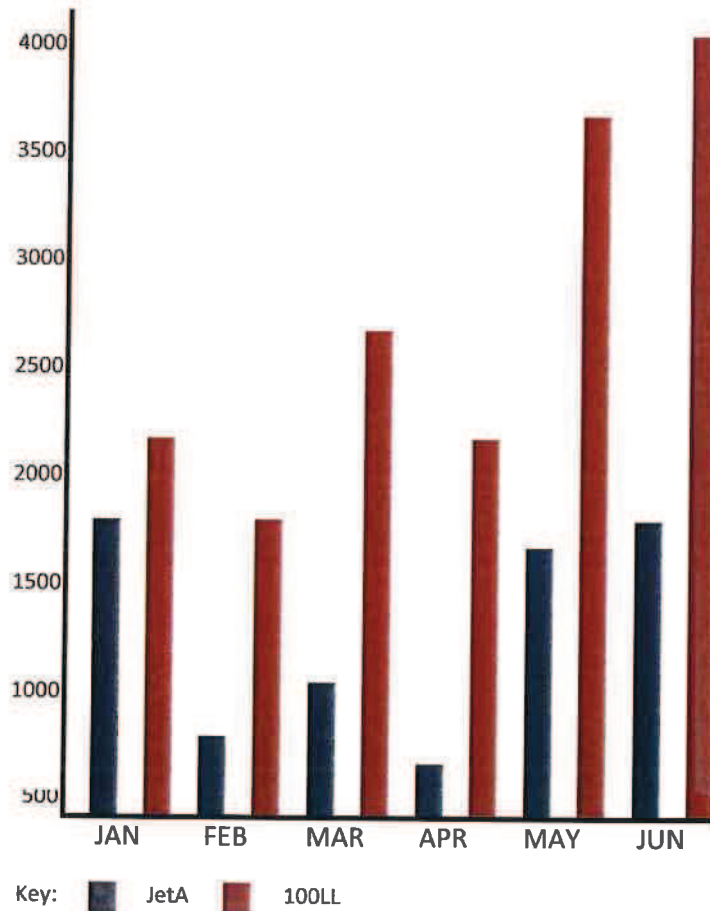
**YEAR-TO-DATE FUEL SALES**

	<b>JetA</b>	<b>100LL</b>
<b>January</b>	1833	2153
<b>February</b>	712	1733
<b>March</b>	1097	2525
<b>April</b>	584	2262
<b>May</b>	1752	3744
<b>June</b>	1538	3965

**JUNE FUEL SALES**

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**MONTH-TO-DATE FUEL SALES**







## AIRPORT FACT OF THE MONTH – DRONE OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT

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Airport Staff are experiencing an increase in drone operations in the vicinity of the Airport.

The FAA defines a model aircraft, or a drone, as an unmanned aircraft that is capable of sustained flight, flown within visual line of sight of the operator, and flown for recreational purposes.

An operator must register his drone with the FAA. The registration number must be marked on the outside of the drone and the operator must carry proof of the registration with him.

Currently, recreational drone operators, operators who fly drones for fun, are required to call the local airport or contact the airport control tower to notify the airport of the intention to fly a drone in the vicinity of the airport with controlled airspace. That rule is changing. Under the new rules, the operator will be required to use the FAA's Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC) system to receive approval for operations in controlled airspace.

The Erie Municipal Airport's airspace is defined as "uncontrolled airspace". The term "uncontrolled airspace" is defined as *"an aviation term to describe airspace where an Air Traffic Control (ATC) service is not deemed necessary or cannot be provided for practical reasons. ATC does not exercise any executive authority in uncontrolled airspace, but may provide basic information services to aircraft in radio contact."* Recreational pilots will be allowed to operate in uncontrolled airspace up to 400 feet without further training or approval

Drone operators are required to notify the airport of their intention to fly a drone within 5 miles of the airport, however Airport Management cannot grant or deny permission to fly in the airspace at the Erie Municipal Airport. Airport Management has requested that drone operators within five (5) miles of the Airport notify us via email as to when and where they plan to fly their drone. When Airport Management receives this information, Airport Staff acknowledges that the drone operator has met the obligation to notify the Airport of the intended operations.

Operators are not to fly near other aircraft, groups of people, public events, or stadiums full of people, or near emergencies such as any type of accident response, law enforcement activities, firefighting, or hurricane recovery efforts.

The FAA website has numerous resources for drone operators to help them operate their drone safely.