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AIRPORT NEWS  
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**AIRPORT EVENTS**

**Dec. 4: EAA Chapter 64  
Mtg., Hgr. 2 at 7 pm**

**Dec. 6: Gateway Area  
Ultralight Assoc. Mtg.  
Hgr. 2 at 7 pm**

The airport is open and attended 24-hours daily.  
JetAviation 618-646-8000  
Ideal Aviation 618-337-3400

ATC Tower Hours 0630-2200	
ATIS	121.45
CLNC DEL	118.275
Ground Control	121.8
Tower/CTAF	119.925
Tower UHF	379.3
Unicom	122.95

Airport Firefighters On-Duty  
Every Day 0800-2100  
(Other times by request)  
618-337-7478 or 410-0188  
Call "Rescue" on 121.8  
Dial 911 for emergencies

For Airport Administration  
after hours, contact the  
firefighter on duty.



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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

This year's fencing, road, and parking lot improvements are finally complete and we're looking ahead toward the 2013 construction season with two projects programmed.

The north taxiway, between Helicopters Inc. and Fostaire Helicopters, will be removed and reconstructed in a two-phased project designed to limit the inconvenience to the aircraft based on the northwest corner of the airport.

The project that will have the most impact will be reconstruction of the infield storm water drainage system between runway 12R/30L and parallel taxiway B. This FAA-mandated safety area project includes a paved drainage channel that will run the full length of the runway. While there will not be any long-term runway or taxiway closures, having heavy construction equipment operating in the middle of the airport operations area will present some significant safety challenges.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

The airport administration office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan 1. Airport fire department personnel will be on off-airport standby duty only, beginning at 5, on Dec. 24 for Christmas and at 5, Dec. 31 for the New Year. Jet Aviation will remain open 24-hours daily.



**WINTER AIRPORT OPERATIONS**

Our equipment is ready and we have an ample chemical supply to do battle with winter.

Our highest priority is keeping runway 12R/30L open and operational and ensuring access to it for our emergency responders. Taxiway access from each of the ramps to the runway is next on our priority list. Once those areas are open, we will begin working on the main roadways and other taxiways. Each of the FBOs are responsible for clearing their own ramp areas. Vehicle parking lots are always the last areas to be cleared.

Vector Drive and Curtiss-Steinberg Drive east of the four-way stop sign are NOT maintained by the Village or the County and often require extremely careful driving to safely negotiate them, long after other roadways are clear, so use caution and expect them to be slick.

Our maintenance team does a great job handling snow, but ice storms can be very prolonged and difficult to combat. Once the surface temperature drops below about 25 degrees, our chemicals are very slow to produce results. With ice on the pavements and temperatures in the teens or below, we often use FAA-approved sand to increase the surface friction. Of course, then we have to sweep up the sand as soon as the ice is gone.

Attention pilots! If you report runway braking action as "nil," you have just closed the runway for everyone! We are required to treat the runway when braking action is reported "poor" and to close the runway anytime it is reported "nil" until braking action can be improved and verified.

We test runway braking action using a calibrated Bowmonk runway friction tester and announce the results in numerical mu readings. Mu readings of 40 or greater are not reported as braking action is considered to be "good." The following chart compares MU to the more general terms pilots are familiar with:

<b><u>General Term</u></b>	<b><u>Mu Reading</u></b>
Good	40 or more
Medium to Good	36 to 39
Medium	30 to 35
Poor	26 to 29
Nil	0 to 25

The Airport Administration Office is located in the Fire Station at 6100 Archview Drive, Cahokia, Illinois 62206-1445

Office Hours: 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. (Closed most holidays) Phone (618) 337-6060

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**Sean Burke, Manager**

**Andrew Hillis, Manager**



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