

May 2016



The Albert Month-Lea



Airport Manager Jim Hanson inside one of the hangars with his Cessna 120 and Beech King Air Jet Prop. Right, the current airport building along with a drawing of the proposed new building.



What's Happening at the Albert Lea Airport?

On the north side of Albert Lea, just across from the Northbridge Mall, is a sign directing you to the Albert Lea Airport. You may have been there for the Lions Flight breakfast, or caught a glimpse of gliders being towed and you may have wondered, "What goes on day-to-day at the airport?"

According to Airport Manager Jim Hanson, the airport is used by nearby corporations and local flight enthusiasts. It also houses a flight school. Approximately 50 locally based airplanes are housed in the hangars.

A number of special events are

hosted at the airport throughout the year. Besides the Lions Flight Breakfast, the airport has been the base for the World Championship Glider competition in six out of seven classes and sponsored the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race which included Albert Lea as one of its stops. During May 15 to 21 the airport will host the Region 7 US Sport Glider Championship. Pilots from the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will be competing.

To accommodate the needs of pilots and passengers, a new, energy-efficient building is being built

that will have a conference room, space for the pilots to rest, a larger waiting area and room for the flight school. The cost of the building is estimated at \$1.12 million. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and State MNDOT Aeronautics will be providing the bulk of the funding, with approximately \$215,000 coming from the City's general fund. Construction is set to begin in the spring of 2017.

This, along with the runway expansion to 5,000 feet, should make the airport a more desirable destination for larger planes and more activity.



Albert Lea Parks and Recreation

New this year! Parks and Recreation's Summer Fun Guide will be in a shared publication with Community Ed. All your summer fun in one place!

Community Garden Plots still available!

Benefits of Community Gardens:

- Enjoy fresh food that you've grown yourself
- Get active while enjoying the warm summer days
- Build community and get to know your fellow gardeners



Albert Lea Parks & Recreation offers 3 different Community Garden locations. To reserve yours stop out to the City Arena. Please note only 2 garden plots per customer.

Brookside Gardens
20 x 20 plots-\$20.00/season
Margaretha Gardens-FULL
Spark Gardens
10 x 13 plots-\$15.00/season

For more information contact Parks & Recreation at 507.377.4370

Albert Lea Public Library

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Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Thu., May 19: 4 to 7 p.m.

Members only.

Join at the door for \$5.

Fri., May 20: Noon to 6 p.m.

Sat., May 21: 9 to Noon - Bag sale!

The sale is held at the City Center Garage.

Children's programs are currently on break.



Children's summer programs begin June 6.

