

AIRPORT NEWS



It has been a busy summer at the Fairmont Municipal Airport with aircraft traffic from all over the country. Primarily, this air traffic has been for local manufacturing, agriculture, banking, insurance, engineering, emergency medical services and food service business. Roughly 50% of all business aircraft that visit Fairmont conducts business locally; the other half conducts business within the outlying communities.

There are several reasons private and business aircraft choose to land in Fairmont. We offer...



- a wide variety of hotels and restaurants in close proximity to the airport;
- rental cars and a pilot crew car;
- a 5,509 foot long runway to accommodate business jets;
- an Instrument Landing System/GPS Approaches to aid in aircraft landings when adverse weather conditions hit;
- a crosswind runway to accommodate smaller aircraft;
- nightly and monthly hangar space to store aircraft out of the elements;
- efficient runway and facility snow removal services; and
- a well-kept terminal building with numerous pilot amenities.

This past month, the annual World's Largest and Greatest Aviation Celebration, EAA AirVenture, was held at the Oshkosh, Wisconsin regional airport. Approximately 10,000 aircraft fly-into Oshkosh with over 500,000 people representing 80 countries attending the numerous air shows, aerobatic displays, informational programs, workshops and daily concerts. During the time span AirVenture is held, approximately 50 aircraft land in Fairmont to rest, eat and fuel-up. This is an excellent opportunity for visitors to experience Fairmont and all of the amenities our community has to offer.

Currently, numerous acres of grain crops are being sprayed by Fairmont Aerial Ag, a Fairmont based aerial applicator of pesticides. Within a 6 week period, working from sunrise to sunset, tens of thousands of acres will have been sprayed by a fleet of 6 agricultural aircraft. "Crop producers are very fortunate to have aerial application services offered in our area, as well as a business who takes the safe handling and aerial application of agriculture products very seriously," stated one local producer.

In addition to aircraft, heavy equipment has been on site at the airport. Numerous improvements are currently underway; the 25+ year-old hangar pavement is being replaced and a new base course with storm water drainage is also in the works. The project is expected to be completed late September/early October.



DID YOU KNOW...?

The phonetic alphabet, or "spelling alphabet", replaces letters and numbers with code words. The alphabet, listed to the right, is used by pilots and air traffic control when communicating over the radio to ensure that voice communications are understandable. Certain combinations of letters and numbers can be hard to understand over the radio, particularly when spoken by non-native speakers or people with unfamiliar accents. An international system like this is essential for airspace safety.

Phonetic Alphabet

A - alpha	N - november
B - bravo	O - oscar
C - charlie	P - papa
D - delta	Q - quebec
E - echo	R - romeo
F - foxtrot	S - sierra
G - golf	T - tango
H - hotel	U - uniform
I - india	V - victor
J - juliet	W - whiskey
K - kilo	X - x-ray
L - lima	Y - yankee
M - mike	Z - zulu

Why Move.. Just Improve!

Renovate or update your business with a MicroLoan!

The Fairmont Economic Development Authority is accepting MicroLoan Applications until the 2016 loan allocations are exhausted. For eligibility requirements and loan terms, please download an application at www.fairmont.org/micro or pick-up an application at Fairmont City Hall (100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont).

For additional information, please contact:

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Upcoming Election November 8, 2016!

Federal, state, county, city and school board positions will be voted on at the upcoming election. City of Fairmont residents will also vote on the City Referendum Question proposing a 25 year half-cent sales tax to fund recreational amenities, trails and/or a regional wellness center.

City of Fairmont and Fairmont Township residents will vote at: **Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall**
920 E 10th Street, Fairmont
7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Persons interested in absentee voting and Martin County residents inquiring about their polling location should contact the Martin County Auditor's office at 507-238-3211.

City Council

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Wes Clerc	238-2979	Mayor Pro-tem
Bruce Peters	238-4507	Ward 1
Chad Askeland	236-9661	Ward 2
Jim Zarling	238-9303	Ward 3
Terry Anderson	236-4653	Ward 4

City Hall

Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont

Mike Humpal	238-3936	City Administrator
Elizabeth Bloomquist	238-3939	City Attorney
Paul Hoyer	238-3934	Finance Director
Patty Monsen	238-3935	City Clerk
Troy Nemmers	238-3942	Public Works Director/City Engineer
Greg Broolsma	238-4481	Police Chief