

Council to Consider Essential Air Service

Essential Air Service (EAS) is a federally subsidized program in the United States that provides air transport connections to rural and remote locations, like Page.

For nearly two decades, Great Lakes Aviation has been providing Essential Air Service in our community. That may change when the City Council considers new proposals next month.

Last December, Via Air, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd, and Boutique Air presented proposals to provide Essential Air Service during a joint work session of the City Council and Airport Advisory Board.

Representatives from Sky West Airlines, who did not submit a proposal, also attended, and advised the City that they have gained the permission of one of their network carrier partners to make a proposal to provide Page EAS service, should there be a re-bid.

After considerable discussion and research, the City Council narrowly passed a motion to request that the DOT re-bid the proposals for the Page Municipal Airport EAS, citing concerns, which included: unreliable service, inability to fulfill EAS obligations, limited capacity/service routes, and/or use of single engine planes.

The City's request was granted. DOT has requested proposals from air carriers interested in providing EAS. Unfortunately, without major modifications the current runway cannot accommodate jet service under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. The DOT has received proposals from Boutique Air, Grand Canyon Airlines, Great Lakes Airlines, and Public Charters, Inc. DBA Regional Sky (Alternate EAS only). The Airport Board will review new proposals and are expected to provide a recommendation to the City Council at the March 8, 2017 City Council Meeting.

For additional information, contact Airport Director, Cliff Biggs, at 928-660-9102. ♦



The Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 gave airlines freedom to determine which domestic markets to serve and what airfares to charge. This raised the concern that communities with relatively low passenger levels would lose service as carriers shifted their operations to serve larger and often more profitable markets.

To address this concern, Congress established the Essential Air Service (EAS) program to ensure that small communities that were served by certificate holding air carriers before deregulation would continue to receive scheduled passenger service, with subsidies if necessary.

The EAS program is administered by the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), which enforces the eligibility requirements and determines the level of service required at eligible communities. Page is one of 159 communities in the United States, receiving subsidized service under EAS.

In selecting air carriers interested in providing EAS, the DOT allows for a competitive bidding process in an effort to keep subsidy costs down and to give communities and the DOT opportunities to switch air carriers.

After proposals have been received, DOT formally solicits the recommendation of the community as to which carrier and option they prefer.

CITY'S CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION PROMOTES HEALTH & SAFETY

A top priority for the City Council is promoting the health, safety, and welfare of Page residents. A Code Compliance Division within the Community Development Department was created in response to an objective in the FY 17 Strategic Plan to "update Nuisance and Zoning Codes, establish, equip and staff the Code Compliance Division, and implement a proactive code enforcement program."

At the end of 2016, Garry Godbehere accepted the position as Community Enhancement Technician. Mr. Godbehere will administer and enforce the City of Page nuisance and zoning regulations in cooperation with the Building Codes and Planning and Zoning Division.

Enforcement will be proactive, applied first to City and Page Utility Enterprise properties and primary corridors in the community such as Lake Powell Boulevard, Navajo Drive, Aero Avenue, Haul Road, and Highway 89, as well as on a complaint basis. The intent of the Ordinance is to: promote the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Page and protect the community from deterioration and decline.

Our purpose of the Code Compliance Division is to assure compliance, through education, with zoning ordinances and other code sections that are related to



private property usage and which address promoting health, safety, property preservation, and community enhancement.

The most common violations that the Code prohibits include:

- The accumulation of junk, old appliances, or abandoned vehicles is prohibited, and must not be visible from the property line. Additionally, vehicles being restored or repaired must be kept safely within a lawful building or structure or behind a fence so as not to be visible from beyond the lot boundaries.
- Using recreational vehicles as dwellings for any length of time (other than in RV Parks), or during the construction of a permanent building after a permit is obtained.
- Leaving your trash/recycling receptacles out on non-collection days. The Code states that in residential areas they are to be set out after 6 p.m. the day prior to collection and shall be removed from the curb no later than 6 p.m. on the day of collection. This reduces the chances of garbage littering streets, and the empty receptacles being blown by wind into the street. In addition, receptacles should be behind the front building line of the principal dwelling.

A full list of prohibited public nuisances is available online, visit www.cityofpage.org, under the Government tab select City Code and a link will take you to the City Code, you can search for Chapter 91: Health; Nuisances. By working together we can all keep our city safe and enjoyable.

For additional information, contact Community Enhancement Technician Garry Godbehere, at (928) 645-4260. ♦

CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO SERVE

Page residents are invited to participate in the process of government. One of the most effective ways to provide input is through service on one of the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions. Through this service, civic-minded residents become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the City Council. The City in turn benefits

from the experience and expertise of its residents.

We are currently accepting Board/Commission Applications for the following vacancies:

- Airport Board (2)
- Board of Adjustment (5)
- Library Board (2)
- Youth Advisory Commission (7)

Most Advisory Boards and Commissions meet monthly. Anyone interested in serving on one of the boards may submit an application to the City Clerk.

Applications are available at www.cityofpage.org or by visiting City Hall (697 Vista Ave). For more information, contact 645-4221. ♦

NAVAJO GENERATING STATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Council has expressed concerns about the negative economic impacts to the City and our region with the recent announcement that the owners will close the Navajo Generating Station (NGS). We are hopeful that NGS will reach an agreement with the Navajo Nation to extend the deadline to decommission the plant, and that operations under SRP will continue through 2019.

NGS has been an incredible asset to our community and economy since the City's incorporation in 1975. Although the exact impacts to the City stemming from the closure of NGS are uncertain, there is no question that closing NGS in 2019 will have long-term negative consequences for the City and our region.

Amid rumors of imminent closure, the City Council has reached out to SRP, and City and SRP representatives met twice during the week of February 12. SRP has offered planning and economic development assistance. Although this is a difficult time for our communities, the City along with our Federal, State and regional partners will work to mitigate the impact of the loss of the operation of NGS. ♦



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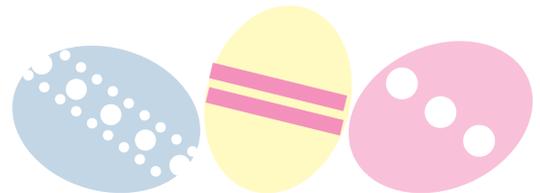
Registration is now open for youth and adult softball. For more information or for registration forms, please visit www.cityofpage.org/departments/recreation-dept.

Girls Softball

Deadline: Register by March 8, 2017
Season: April 3 – May 11
Grades: Kindergarten – Middle School
Fees: \$40 - K & 1st grades (T-ball)
\$50 - 2nd through 8th grades

Adult Softball

Season: May 22 – July 27
Leagues: Men's and Co-ed
Fees: \$350 team fee + \$210 umpire fee (\$15 per game: 13 season games and first tournament game).
Deadline: Team fees are due May 3
Umpire fees are due May 17



Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday April 8, 2017
Time: Spring Fair begins at 9:00 AM
Egg Hunt begins at 10:00 AM
Location: Page Sports Complex
Ages: 0 – 10 years
Cost: Free

Youth focused organizations interested in hosting games or activities during the Spring Fair or individuals willing to volunteer at the egg hunt should contact the Recreation Department for more information and applications at 928-645-4380; 645-4381; or text 928-691-0209. ♦

COLLABORATION AT HORSESHOE BEND

“Sustainable, safe, accessible, world-class experience that preserves the natural, scenic, cultural and spiritual significance of Horseshoe Bend”; that was the challenge eight architecture and engineering firms took on when they proposed to provide survey and design, construction drawings and cost estimates to construct a new ADA compliant trail, parking area and visitor facilities at Horseshoe Bend.

After considerable review and in-person interviews, the City Council unanimously awarded the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Architect and Engineering Services for survey and design services at Horseshoe Bend to Arizona based, WEDDLE GILMORE Black Rock Studio. When asked for comment at the City Council Meeting, Billy Schott, NPS Superintendent for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area replied “we are thrilled”.

The decision came after more than a half-year of work which began when representatives from the NPS, City, AZ Natural History Association and the Navajo Nation first sat down together last June to develop a master plan for the Horseshoe Bend Overlook that would provide a high quality visitor experience, improve accessibility, prevent damage to the natural environment, and address safety concerns.

“We are excited to work with Weddle Gilmore, their

practice is focused on realizing designs that reveal the overall sense of place at each project site. The environmental influences are evident in their projects. I am confident they will deliver a world-class design” said City Manager, Crystal Dyches.

The design process is expected to be completed mid summer. As the design process moves forward we anticipate that there will be opportunities for your involvement to ensure that this iconic attraction will remain a destination for generations to come. ♦



Spectacular view of the Colorado River photographed at the Horseshoe Bend Overlook.



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