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The sun rises behind a jet on the tarmac at the Georgetown County Airport. The photo was taken by Airport Manager Jim Taylor. "I think the most beautiful pictures are taken at airports," he said.

Fuel sales on the rise over 2019

Fuel sales at the Georgetown County Airport returned to pre-COVID-19 levels for the period of May through September of this year. This is great news, and even better, the numbers are actually higher than what was seen during the same period in 2019.

Destination and business traffic continues to dominate our arrival and departure numbers.

Keep up with our daily fuel prices on our website, www.georgetowncountyairport.com, or find us on Facebook.

FUN FACT:

In an average week, the Georgetown County Airport hosts jets and turboprop aircraft from California to Maine, and many states in between.

New flight training facility coming to Georgetown Airport

The Georgetown County Airport is proud to welcome CHS Flight School as its new flight training operation. CHS Flight School operates at four airports across

the Lowcountry. This exciting addition will bring potential and advancing pilots from all over the



region, said Airport Manager Jim Taylor. The school will initially have two planes for instruction and access to flight sims, with room — and plans — to grow. This will also attract people to the area and will increase the economic impact of our airport, Taylor said.

CHS Flight School prides itself on creating pilots. "We know that flying a plane is your dream and we are here to make that dream come true," said CHS owner Mike McCurdy. In addition to private pilot training, CHS offers accelerated instrument pilot and commercial pilot training.

The holiday season is right around the corner. Consider giving the "gift of flight" to a loved one for the holidays, Taylor suggested. Gift certificates will be available soon.

The flight training facility is scheduled to open the second week of October.

For more information, to arrange a lesson or simply to discuss your dreams, call Bettina at (781) 444-7931. Additional information is available at www.chsflightschool.com

You can be at the controls in no time, and start a brand new career or a lifelong hobby.

For other opportunities available at your Georgetown County Airport, visit GeorgetownCountyAirport.com or call (843) 545-3638.



Sprucing Up

First impressions are everything, and for many visiting Georgetown County for the first time, the Georgetown County Airport is the first thing they see upon arrival. With that in mind, the airport recently completed Phase One of a landscaping project to beautify the exterior around the Thomas W. Edwards Terminal building. Our new, fresh look — coupled with hospitable world class service creates an environment that travelers want to return to often. The landscaper installed hearty plants that will require low maintenance, keeping costs down and creating less work for staff going forward.

Please complete your census!

Most Americans know what the census is in broad terms: a national population count that occurs every 10 years. But more importantly, the census is directly linked to the amount of funding communities receive for important



programs — including some at your local airport.

Unfortunately, Georgetown County's response rate is currently below 50%, meaning we could miss out on some valuable opportunities. This means tax dollars we pay could be directed and spent in another community. You can help us prevent that by filling out your census online at 2020census.gov or by phone at (844) 330-2020. The last day to complete the census is Oct. 31.

Are you a seasonal homeowner?

Did you know it's important for second/seasonal homeowners to complete the census too? Even if no one lives at your property full time, the Census Bureau would still like to have that information. This keeps them from sending a census taker to that address. For more information, visit www.gtcounty.org/census.



We try to be as green as possible here at the Georgetown County Airport. As an example, we recently recycled and repurposed an office building from another department (pictured above). This building will serve as a maintenance facilities office and allow us to continue our expansion plans to better serve our airport users, while keeping costs down and helping the environment.



The Georgetown County Airport recently received a grant from the FAA to begin the design phase of our runway rehabilitation and resurfacing project. This project will keep our runway safe for all users, and additionally will allow us to land larger, heavier air-craft. Overall, this project combined with the actual construction will cost \$5 million – 95% of which is federally funded.