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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LAX Runway Construction Presentation & Airfield Tour for Rotary Club Meeting



LAX kicked off the month of March by hosting a meeting, presentation, and airfield tour for the Rotary Club of Inglewood on St. Patrick's Day. Meeting highlights included an LAX Runway Construction presentation and the popular airfield tour.

The airport's runway construction project is an outcome of the federal government requiring U.S. airports to improve the Runway Safety Area (RSA), a safety zone at the ends of each runway. RSA improvements will result in the phased closure of each of LAX's four runways during an anticipated three-year construction period.

Residents living near LAX may notice a change in aircraft flight activity and noise as alternating runway closures occur. To increase public understanding of the upcoming closures and their impacts, visit [www.LAXisHappening.com](http://www.LAXisHappening.com) to view the fact sheet or informational video.

### National Read Across America Day



LAX Community Relations Division celebrated Read Across America (RAA) Day by reading to students at Moffett Elementary School in Lennox. RAA Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2—in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools participate by bringing

together kids, books, teachers, parents and volunteers. LAX staff also read travel-related materials promoting the joys of reading.



### Happy Retirement, Barbara!

Bob Hope USO Center Manager, Barbara Musella, officially retired at the end of March. With a career spanning 7 ½ years with the Bob Hope USO at LAX, she started as a volunteer. Under her leadership, Barbara established positive working partnerships with the airport community, her staff, and the dedicated group of USO volunteers in support of our military families. Happy travelling!



### Local Support

LAX is a contributing member of the local area and is proud to sponsor civic, community, and educational events and programs. To learn about the airport's outreach programs, visit [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero).

- 2/26 LAX Job Shadow Day
- 3/14 Team LAWA volunteers at L.A. Marathon Health & Fitness Expo
- 3/21 El Segundo Run for Education
- 3/25 El Segundo Chamber of Commerce's "State of the City Address"
- 4/23 Inglewood Chamber of Commerce's "State of the City Address"
- 4/30 Career Day at Graham Elementary School in Los Angeles

### New Social Media Icons

LAX Community Relations Division (CR) is now up and running on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The social media pages will highlight the division's involvement within the surrounding communities of LAX. CR will be posting targeted content that will help increase the exposure of the division and the work it does for those in and around LAX. The Business & Job Resources (BJR) Division, which is now under the Community Relations umbrella, will

continue to utilize its own Facebook page for job fair and employment postings.

Facebook - [www.facebook/LAXCommunityRelations](http://www.facebook/LAXCommunityRelations)

Instagram - @LAXCommunityRelations

Twitter - @LAX\_Community



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Self-Identification Autism Program

For travel purposes, families with autistic children can now participate in an autism self-identification program as of April 1 at LAX. The program helps identify behavior and defuse potential incidents with airport staff, airline personnel, and police facilitating the travel experience.

Families voluntarily self-identify at the ticketing counter of participating air carriers and receive two stickers per child (one for the front and the other for the back). Participating carriers include American, United, Copa, Air New Zealand, Southwest, and Virgin America. Employees have undergone training to recognize the stickers and their meaning. Periodically check the airport's website for updates at [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero).

### Tips for Travelers with Disabilities

For travelers with disabilities, the following list of helpful tips was drafted for your convenience before your next trip through LAX. Try to read about your airline's seating, baggage and service policies. Advise your airline or ask about the following:

- Any equipment needed for mobility such as a wheelchair or scooter; medical oxygen or portable dialysis equipment
- Wheelchair service is provided free of charge and no tipping is required
- If you require therapeutic oxygen, ask about policy and cost
- If traveling with a comfort animal or psychiatric service animal, ask about documentation requirements and restrictions



If you have a condition that requires special security screening call TSA Cares at 1-855-787-2227 at least three days before your flight. For additional ADA information, visit [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero).

### Service the Team LAWA-way

The airport's employee volunteer group, Team LAWA, volunteered in the L.A. Marathon Health & Fitness Expo distributing race packets to runners on March 14. Last year on December 13, Team LAWA volunteers decorated the City of Los Angeles' float for the annual Rose Parade and, on December 20, joined Santa's team of gift-wrappers for St. Margaret's Holiday Program. In support of St. Margaret's toy drive, airport employees were among the list of generous donors.



## LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### April Construction Projects

Major construction projects at LAX will continue to impact travelers during April with sidewalk and vehicle lane closures and in-terminal work. This construction, part of a multi-billion dollar capital improvement program, underway throughout LAX will result in a modern airport that significantly improves the overall customer experience.

Up-to-date construction alerts showing Central Terminal Area (CTA) roadway lane restrictions and sidewalk closures, as well as real-time traffic map and a helpful pedestrian walking map, can be found at [www.LAXisHappening.com](http://www.LAXisHappening.com).

### LAX Northside Plan Update

The LAX Northside Plan Update (NPU) includes the proposed LAX Northside Design Guidelines and Standards that reflect new land uses, community input, current best-practices in design and sustainability, and clear zoning restrictions and development standards. The LAX NPU seeks to create a realistic framework for future development that reflects the needs of both the airport and community.

The land was originally acquired by LAX more than 30 years ago to create a buffer between the airport and adjacent communities. Planning for the reuse of the LAX

Northside began in the 1980s, and in 1984 more than 4.5 million square feet was approved for commercial development. Development is currently governed by the LAX Plan and Specific Plan, which incorporates the 1980s development design.

Today, the proposed LAX NPU, if approved, would include substantial open space, recreational uses, community and civic uses, as well as current design standards, sustainability commitments, pedestrian-friendly amenities, and transit integration. The Board of Airport Commissioners approved the NPU's final EIR (Environmental Impact Report) in March. Next, the LA Department of City Planning is scheduling a public hearing for the project.

### LAX Named 2014 Best Airport - North America

LAX was named the "2014 Best Airport-North America" by *Business Traveler*, a leading print and online international magazine announced January 12, 2015. The award recognizes the airport's "investment of billions of dollars and commitment to creating a transportation hub focused on connections, comfort, quality and value that improve the travel experiences of road warriors."

### "Gab's Corner"

**Q: What happened to the Proud Bird's lease?**



**A:** On January 15, 2015, the Board of Airport Commissioners approved a 20-year lease with Runway Two-Five Corporation (RTFC) for restaurant, banquet and meeting facilities at 11022 Aviation Boulevard. RTFC currently leases the property operating as The Proud Bird Restaurant.

RTFC expects to invest at least \$5 million into renovating the property by bringing the buildings up to current code; replacing the roof; upgrading the property, including gift shop; and integrating displays focusing on the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, as well as other historical aviation displays.

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