

LAX Community UPdates

COMMUNITY NEWS LAX Hosts Holiday Program for Local Schoolchildren



As part of the airport's community outreach efforts during the holidays, LAX hosted the annual Santa Fly-In on December 13 and invited young travelers to the Flight Path Museum.

Santa met with preschool and kindergarten students from Gardena and Hawthorne's Zela Davis, Wiseburn's Cabrillo and Anza elementary schools. Through the airport's community partnerships, the little ones were entertained by the Hawthorne Police Department's "K-9 Scotty," "Gaby, the Talking Car," "Silly Sally" the clown; Airport Police Officer and "K-9 Kira;" and LA Fire Station 80.

Before Santa bid farewell, he read the popular children's book, "The Night Before Christmas" for all to enjoy. To learn about the Santa Fly-In and other educational programs coordinated by the Community Relations Division, call (424) 646-7450.

LAX/Union Station FlyAway Bus Fare Increase

The easy and convenient FlyAway bus service between LAX and Union Station will increase its one-way passenger fare to \$8 effective Spring 2014. The service operates from Bus Stop 9 at Patsaouras Transit Plaza at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

In an effort to recover the full cost of providing the service, the fare increase from \$7 to \$8 was approved by the Board of Airport Commissioners on December 17, 2013. Between July 1 and October 31, the bus service transported 184,704 passengers and incurred a deficit of \$156,233. Assuming that the rate of loss continues at this pace, the deficit will be approximately \$500,000 by the end of the fiscal year in June 30, 2014. For additional LAX FlyAway bus service information, call (866) 435-9529.

Proud Bird Update

LAWA staff was pleased to have an executed Letter of Intent with the owner/operator of the Proud Bird Restaurant that allows the facility to continue operating until at least January 31, 2015. A new, short-term lease strikes a balance that allows the Proud Bird to continue operating its restaurant, banquet rooms, exterior aircraft displays and reduced parking area, while allowing LAWA to comply with federal requirements regarding leasing rates for airport property and to embark on a competitive process for a long-term lease of the property.

In September 2013, the owner/operator of the Proud Bird, Runway Two-Five Corporation, notified LAWA of its closure in Fall 2013. Supporters of the restaurant asked the Board of Airport Commissioners to find a resolution to prevent its closure.

Observation Deck Status

The Observation Deck will remain open while one of two elevators inside the Theme Building undergoes renovations for the next five months. Airport Police will continue to staff the Observation Deck on the weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors must sign in and be prepared to have your belongings searched.

Supporting Our Communities

LAX is a proud supporter of civic, educational, and community programs. To learn about our airport memberships and sponsorships, contact Community Relations at (424) 646-7450. LAX supports the following events...

- **February 6** – LAX Hosts Job Shadow Day
- **February 27** – El Segundo State of the City Address
- **March 8** – Team LAWA employees volunteer for LA Marathon Expo
- **April 26** – El Segundo Run for Education

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS Team LAWA in Action



Community News

LAX Hosts Holiday Program for Local Schoolchildren

FlyAway Bus Fare Increase

Proud Bird Update

Observation Deck Status

Supporting Our Communities

Community Partnerships

Team LAWA in Action

Faces of Team LAWA

Residential Sound Insulation Grant

LAX Capital Improvements

Central Terminal Area Facelift

Center Way Widening Project

"Gab's Corner"

Is the Encounter Restaurant closed?

The airport's official employee volunteer group, Team LAWA, is doing what it does best... volunteer during the holidays! Decorating the City of Los Angeles' 116th consecutive float entry in the annual Rose Parade has become a tradition for many volunteers and their loved ones.

The City's "Endless Entertainment" float featured the Space Shuttle, Watts Towers, the Chinatown dragon, Olvera Street arch, Griffith Observatory, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Volunteering and the holidays go hand-in-hand. Stay tuned for Team LAWA's next volunteer adventure and perhaps you will get inspired too. To learn more about the employee volunteer program, contact the Team LAWA Coordinator at (424) 646-7450.

Faces of Team LAWA



Meet the fun, family-friendly faces of Team LAWA staff. Pictured above are LAX employees Oxana Revenko, left, and Kimberly Hoffmann, right, who are an integral part of the coordinating team. With their help and that of Community Relations staff members Ken Phan and Stephanie D. Smith, the "Decorate the Float" event went without a hitch on December 28!

Residential Sound Insulation Grant

The Board of Airport Commissioners approved a letter of agreement and the release of \$9.23 million in December 2013 to implement another residential sound insulation project within the County of Los Angeles.

The funding will allow for design and sound insulation construction of 63-single-family and 209 multi-family dwelling units in the Lennox and Athens communities adjacent to LAX. LAWA funds will match funds approved by the Federal Aviation Administra-

tion (FAA). For additional funding information within the County of LA, visit www.lawa.aero and select the "news" icon.

Residential Sound Insulation

Background Info:

In February 2006, LAWA entered into a Settlement Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, and the cities of El Segundo and Inglewood, the petitioners to the LAX Master Plan. In that Settlement, LAWA agreed to forego a requirement for aviation easements in exchange for soundproofing funds, and to require noise easements under very limited circumstances.

The initial allocation of funds from the Settlement Agreement in 2006-07 was \$60 million for the County, and the cities of Inglewood and El Segundo. In addition, the Settlement Agreement provides an annual funding capacity of \$22.5 million for noise mitigation grants to these three jurisdictions from 2008-2015.

LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Central Terminal Area Facelift

The Central Terminal Area will be undergoing a facelift with the recent approval of a \$118 million contract known as the Curbside Appeal Project. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2014 and complete in 2015.

This comprehensive enhancement is part of the on-going multi-billion dollar LAX Development Program. The Curbside Appeal Project will provide a new, dramatically upgraded look for LAX with the installation of modern LED street lighting, wayfinding components, and new canopies for Terminals 3 and 4. For traffic functionality and safety enhancement, the project will also include an upper/departure level retrofit and traffic improvements.

Travelers and visitors to LAX should expect roadway construction and terminal re-facing impacts. To mitigate the effects of this transition, LAX will be holding construction in phases. For real-time traffic conditions and roadway construction impacts, visit our website at www.lawa.aero for information.

Center Way Widening Project

In an effort to permanently widen the eastbound-only roadway so vehicles can exit the Central Terminal Area (CTA) more

easily in the future, Phase 1 of the Center Way Widening Project has already begun at LAX closing one of two lanes between East Way and Parking Structure 2A. The USO parking lot located between Parking Structures 1 and 2 also will be closed. The temporary lane restrictions on Center Way in the CTA will be in effect through April.

Expected to be completed this summer, the Center Way Widening Project is part of the airport's Central Utility Plant Project, which will replace the existing 50-year-old facility with a modern and energy-efficient utility plant. Phase 2 will impact Center Way between Parking Structure 2A and West Way although specifics of those impacts are still in development. To view a real-time traffic map of the CTA, visit www.lawa.aero for more information.

"Gab's Corner"

Q: Is the Encounter Restaurant closed?

A: Yes, the Encounter Restaurant located inside the iconic Theme Building at LAX closed at the end of December 2013. The operator of the restaurant, Delaware North Corporation, gave LAWA notice that it was no longer continuing its operation. LAWA is discussing operating concepts and options with several other concessionaire



LAX Community Updates is a quarterly online newsletter produced by LAX Community Relations. LAX is part of a system of three Southern California airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a department of the City of Los Angeles. To contact the office directly, call (424) 646-7450.