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COMMUNITY NEWS

City Float Featuring LAX Wins "Mayor's Trophy"



Volunteering during the holiday season is a special time of the year to give back...simply ask Team LAWA airport employees who volunteered to decorate the City of Los Angeles' Rose Parade entry. The spirit of community and service was in the air when employees were cutting and gluing seaweed, leaves, and dried petals on December 22 and 29.

The City's entry with the LAX centerpiece, "Making Connections," introduced viewers to our pride and joy, the new Tom Bradley International Terminal. The float also impressed the 124th Rose Parade organizers by awarding it the Mayor's Trophy for "Most Outstanding City Float." For trivia buffs, the float is the 115th consecutive annual entry for the City of Los Angeles, making the City the longest running parade participant. To view other floats, visit www.tournamentofroses.com.



With the holiday season over, make volunteering one of your New Year's resolutions! Team LAWA is a LAWA-sponsored employee volunteer program. To learn more about the program, contact Community Relations at (424) 646-7450.

Job Fairs

LAWA Business & Job Resources facilitates community job fairs on behalf of LAX tenants. Airport tenants are currently hiring staff for their

retail stores inside the terminals. For security reasons, applicants will be required to undergo a 10-year criminal background check. Mark your calendars!

18th Annual Community Job Fair at Dodger Stadium

- Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. LAWA First Source Hiring Program at LAX Flight Path Museum
- Monday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional details about these and other job fairs, contact Business & Job Resources at (424) 646-7300 or visit www.lawa.org/bjrc.

7th Annual Police & Fire Appreciation Day

Airport Police Officer Cipriano Montes was among the recipients honored in the January 16 ceremony hosted by the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. The five-year veteran was recognized for his leadership, mentoring, and inspirational qualities. The other honorees included Inglewood Police Crime Analyst Gina Quinones and LA County Firefighter Paramedic Henry Navaez.



Supporting Our Communities

LAX is a proud supporter of civic, educational, and community programs via its longstanding partnerships with local chambers of commerce and service clubs. For more information about our programs, visit www.lawa.aero.

- Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce's Networking Business Lunch/ Hosted by LAX -- January 24
- Rotary Club of Inglewood Meeting/ Hosted by LAX -- March 5
- El Segundo Rotary Club's March Madness/Hosted at Flight Path -- March 14

Flight Path Speaker Series

As part of its speaker series, the Flight Path Museum presents "Southern California's Aerospace Legacy," featuring Jared Head of the Columbia Memorial Space Center. On April 14 at 10 a.m., Mr. Head will discuss how the Southland's proud aerospace heritage is preserved and spotlighted for future generations. On June 26 at 10 a.m., the museum will host "LAX: Upgrading the Travel Experience," a presentation offering an overview of the major construction projects underway. To learn about upcoming museum programs, call (310) 646-7284.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

El Segundo Dunes Rehabilitation Area

On January 10, the California Coastal Commission approved LAWA's permit application to improve the visual appearance and to plant native vegetation in the ecologically important El Segundo Dunes area west of LAX.

The Dunes Improvement Project includes the removal of selected abandoned streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retaining walls, foundations, and above-ground utilities. The Board of Airport Commissioners authorized to put the work out to bid on February 19.

The project also includes the reduction of non-native invasive plants and the planting of approximately six acres of native coastal dune and coastal prairie vegetation spread out within a 48-acre area that was formerly a residential subdivision.

To learn more about the improvement project, contact Community Relations at (424) 646-7460.

Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Completed

The LAX Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed and released by LAWA on January 25. The report includes written responses to comments submitted during the official public review period of the draft version, revisions, and other final EIR materials. To view a copy of the final EIR, visit www.laxspas.org.

LAX Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) Update

The City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning hosted an Open House/Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the LAX Plan, LAX Specific Plan, and related General Plan Elements on January 8 at the Proud Bird Restaurant.

LAWA is conducting a Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) in accordance with the LAX Specific Plan and the LAX Master Plan Stipulated Settlement. The SPAS identified and evaluated nine potential alternatives to certain components of the LAX Master Plan, referred to as Yellow Light Projects, including various configurations for the north airfield, terminal improvements, and LAX's ground transportation system.

No decision was made at the Open House. On January 31, the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) held a special session for the public. On February 5, the BOAC approved the Environmental Impact Report for the LAX SPAS, including the Final LAX SPAS Report, the Staff-Recommended Alternative; and amendments to the LAX Plan and LAX Specific Plan.

A decision on SPAS by the BOAC is subject to review and approval by other local decision-making bodies including, but not limited to, the Los Angeles City Council. To learn about the SPAS, please visit www.laxspas.org.

LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Tom Bradley Int'l Terminal Entryway Facelift



In December 2012, the pedestrian bridge connecting Parking Structure 4 and Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) was removed as part of the "New Face of the Central Terminal Area (CTA)" project. The old glass/steel canopies were removed at the entrance to TBIT and construction is underway on the new modern canopies that will completely change the appearance of TBIT's entryway. The planters along the edge of the second level roadway are also being removed to make way for a new light band that will eventually stretch around the entire Central Terminal Area. To view photos of the pedestrian bridge removal and the construction interior of the terminal, visit www.lawa.aero and select the Airports Development Program icon and click on Photos.

The New Tom Bradley Int'l Terminal

In November 2010, the first pieces of steel were erected for the new Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT). Exactly two years later, the exterior of the new facility is almost complete. Gate 134 is in use and two more, Gates 130 and

132, will be operational in February. The exterior of the entire building is nearing completion and much of the construction is focused on interior work including new concession and lounge areas.

Once completed, there will be approximately 72,000 square feet of new concessions and 97,000 square feet of premier lounge space. New extremely-large baggage carousels capable of handling a high volume of luggage carried by international passengers arriving on A380 aircraft, have been installed. The scaffolding that took up much of the Great Hall has been removed now that the fire/life safety system and ceiling wraps are in place. To view the inside of the new TBIT, visit www.lawa.aero and click on the Airports Development Program icon. Stay tuned for more information about the Bradley Terminal in the spring issue.

"Gab's Corner"

Questions about LAX?
Ask gpacheco@lawa.org



Q: Were my tax dollars used to fund the City's Rose Parade entry?

A: No taxpayer dollars were used to fund the City of Los Angeles' float. The float was sponsored by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board, a private, nonprofit business association whose primary mission is to market and promote Los Angeles as the premier site for leisure travel, meetings and conventions. Though not part of City government, LA Tourism is recognized as the City's official tourism marketing organization. For more information about this agency, visit the official visitor information website of Los Angeles at www.discoverLosAngeles.com.



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