

Upcoming Calendar

- Recurring Meetings**
- Citizens Advisory Council**
First Tuesday of every month, excludes holidays
- Friends of Van Nuys Airport**
Second Thursday of every other month
- Board of Airport Commissioners**
Bi-Weekly at LAWA Headquarters
- Van Nuys Airport Association**
First Tuesday of every other month
- San Fernando Valley 99s Chapter**
First Monday of every month

- April 2017**
- Economic Alliance Health/Career Fair 4/19
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day 4/29
- Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness 4/25

- May 2017**
- Aviation Career Day 5/19

- June 2017**
- YMCA Annual Pancake Breakfast 6/3
- LAX ACE Academy Visits VNY 6/20 & 6/27

- July 2017**
- VNY ACE Academy 7/10-7/14 and 7/24-7/28

Important Phone Numbers

- VNY Airport Police Dispatch**
(310) 464-4268
- VNY Airport Operations**
(818) 442-6506
- VNY Public & Community Relations**
(818) 442-6526
- VNY Community Response Line (Noise)**
(800) 560-0010

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Tenant Corner

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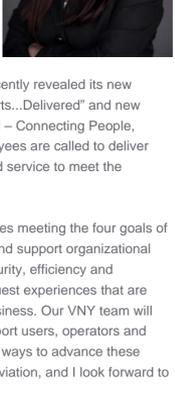
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A Message from the Airport Manager

Greetings, and happy Spring! The first quarter of 2017 is off to a healthy start, with several major tenant development projects valued at over \$65 million moving forward. Total aircraft operations increased from 217,063 in 2015 to 220,228 in 2016, demonstrating that Van Nuys Airport is positioned for positive economic growth.



Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) recently revealed its new vision statement, "Gold-Standard Airports...Delivered" and new mission statement, "To Serve the World – Connecting People, Places and Cultures." All LAWA employees are called to deliver the highest levels of safety, security and service to meet the demands of a global city.

Achieving this vision and mission requires meeting the four goals of LAWA's new strategic plan: to expect and support organizational excellence; to innovate to enhance security, efficiency and effectiveness; to deliver facilities and guest experiences that are exceptional; and to sustain a strong business. Our VNY team will continue to work in partnership with airport users, operators and community stakeholders on meaningful ways to advance these initiatives. These are exciting times in aviation, and I look forward to sharing our progress in future updates.

As demonstrated by the airport's current development projects alone, airport businesses are creating high-skilled jobs, offering enhanced services and amenities, and fueling the regional economy. Together, I'm confident we will continue delivering the gold standard at Van Nuys Airport in the months ahead! Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support.

Flora Margheritis, C.M.
Van Nuys Airport Manager

VNY Welcomes New Operations Chief



Christian Moreno, a veteran aviation industry professional, has been appointed chief of Airport Operations at Van Nuys Airport (VNY). He brings a passion for aviation, dedication to safety and nearly three decades of aviation industry experience to this position.

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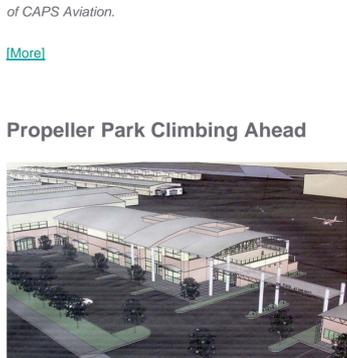
Safety: It's Everyone's Responsibility



Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and the Aeroplex/Aerolease Group will co-host a "Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Event" on Tuesday, April 25 to facilitate ongoing communication and collaboration among airport tenants, community representatives and emergency response personnel.

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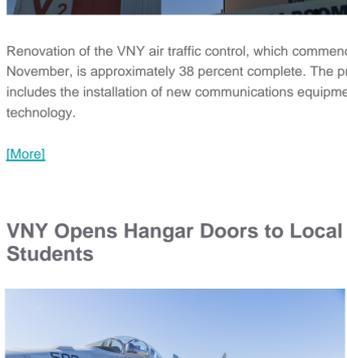
Students Receive a Job Shadow Jump Start on Careers in Aviation



On February 2nd, aviation-related business mentors were greeted by 34 students from Van Nuys High School eager to learn about the diverse career opportunities at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) during Groundhog Job Shadow Day. This annual event is held in partnership with Junior Achievement of Southern California (JASC).

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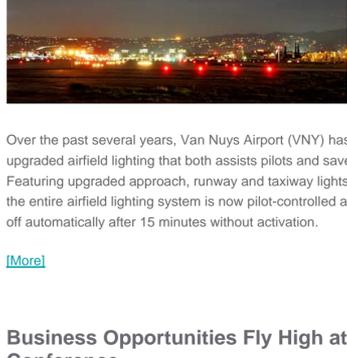
Remembering Neil Looy - Friend and Aviation Advocate



On February 3rd, 2017, the Van Nuys Airport community lost a valued friend and advocate in the passing of Neil Looy at CAPS Aviation (formerly Corporate Air Parts, Inc.). *Image courtesy of CAPS Aviation.*

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Propeller Park Climbing Ahead



Progress at the Park VNY, a 30-acre development project dedicated to propeller aircraft, is climbing full speed ahead. Thanks to close collaboration among Pacific Aviation Development (PAD), Los Angeles World Airports and community stakeholders, the construction of numerous new hangars, tie-down spaces and other facilities have been completed. *Image courtesy of The Park VNY.*

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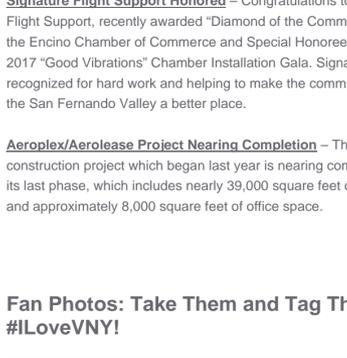
Progress on Tower Renovation Soars



Renovation of the VNY air traffic control, which commenced last November, is approximately 38 percent complete. The project includes the installation of new communications equipment and technology.

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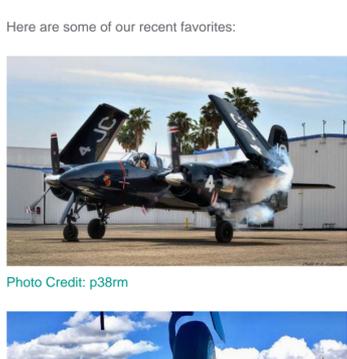
VNY Opens Hangar Doors to Local Students



Do you know a young person who dreams about working in, on or around aircraft? On May 19, Van Nuys Airport (VNY) will welcome approximately 1,400 local high school students interested in exploring what careers the aviation and aerospace industries have to offer.

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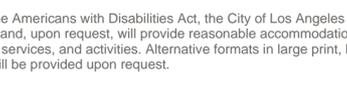
Lighting the Way for Pilots



Over the past several years, Van Nuys Airport (VNY) has installed upgraded airfield lighting that both assists pilots and saves energy! Featuring upgraded approach, runway and taxiway lights, almost the entire airfield lighting system is now pilot-controlled and turns off automatically after 15 minutes without activation.

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Business Opportunities Fly High at NBAA Conference



Van Nuys Airport (VNY) participated as an exhibitor at the National Business Aviation Association's 2017 Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference held on Feb. 7-10, 2017 in Fort Worth Texas. The event brought together 2,900 attendees and 541 exhibitors, both all-time records for the annual event.

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VNY Briefs

Airport Updates at a Glance

Taxiway Rehabilitation Project – LAWA is working with the engineering and construction firm HNTB Corp., which successfully completed the airport's runway rehabilitation project, on the design and phasing of a project to rehabilitate Taxiways A and B. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2018.

AAAE Conference – In August 2017, VNY will host the annual American Association of Airport Executives General Aviation Issues and Security Conference. The annual gathering of industry stakeholders tackles challenging issues and analyzes current trends facing airports across the nation.

VNY Safety and Security Task Force – The new VNY Safety and Security Task Force, comprised of airport and tenant representatives, held a second meeting to discuss ways to reduce runway incursions and vehicle-pedestrian deviations on the airfield. The group is developing a list of tenant best practices.

Naming Ceremony – In January, the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant officially honored aviation pioneer Clay Lacy for his lifelong accomplishments by renaming a section of its restaurant in his honor. The dining area, called "Chalet de Clay," features a gallery of priceless photos and memorabilia.

Lease Amendments – The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners recently approved a five-year lease extension for Clay Lacy Aviation and a 10-year lease extension for Western Jet Aviation.

NBAA Scholarship Awarded – Congratulations to Justin Castagna, operations and project manager for Aeroplex/Aerolease Group, on receiving the National Business Aviation Association's 2017 International Operators Scholarship to pursue professional development.

Yelp Reviews – VNY has received a certificate from Yelp in recognition for its positive reviews in 2016. Passengers have given the airport kudos for convenience and customer service, while visitors have lauded its public observation area and free guided tours!

Signature Flight Support Honored – Congratulations to Signature Flight Support, recently awarded "Diamond of the Community" by the Encino Chamber of Commerce and Special Honoree at the 2017 "Good Vibrations" Chamber Installation Gala. Signature is recognized for hard work and helping to make the community and the San Fernando Valley a better place.

Aeroplex/Aerolease Project Nearing Completion – The construction project which began last year is nearing completion on its last phase, which includes nearly 39,000 square feet of hangar and approximately 8,000 square feet of office space.

Fan Photos: Take Them and Tag Them #ILoveVNY!

Photo Credit: markrussellphoto

We love to see your photos featuring Van Nuys Airport! No matter where you share, be sure to tag your best shots of Van Nuys Airport with #ILoveVNY for a chance to be featured in our galleries! Thanks for helping us build an amazing collection of VNY memories.

Here are some of our recent favorites:

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About Van Nuys Airport:

VNY is one of two airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a self-supporting branch of the City of Los Angeles, governed by a seven-member Board of Airport Commissioners who are appointed by the mayor and approved by the Los Angeles City Council.

One of the world's busiest general aviation airports, VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service. Dedicated to noncommercial air travel, VNY had over 220,000 operations in 2016. More than 100 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including four major fixed-base operators and numerous aviation service companies.

Annually, the airport contributes approximately \$2 billion to the Southern California economy and supports over 10,000 jobs. In addition, VNY provides programs to benefit local residents, along with educational initiatives and aviation-related career and training opportunities. For more information, visit lawa.org/VNY, like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/VNYOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/VNYOfficial), follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/VanNuysAirport and Instagram at [instagram.com/VanNuysAirport](https://www.instagram.com/VanNuysAirport).

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