



MESSAGE FROM LEW BLEIWEIS, A.A.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU

I do hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. In “airport world,” we have much to be thankful for – first and foremost, we are thankful for you!

While we’ve all seen media reports about unruly passengers, my experience is that the vast majority of air travelers - especially those flying from or to AVL – seem glad to be back in the skies, and are respectful of one another. It’s a good feeling to see excitement about travel in the airport once again.

It’s what I love about this industry. The connections made are meaningful. Aviation connects people to their loved ones, to special places, to special events and to adventure ... and I thank each of you for choosing to make those connections at AVL.

As we enter the next holiday season in coming weeks, I wish you all happy and safe travels.



INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO KEY WEST ON ALLEGANT

WE CELEBRATED IN TRUE AIRPORT STYLE

On November 18, in the wee early hours of the morning, the airport team set up a party at the gate to celebrate the very first flight to Key West on Allegiant. The flight crew was excited to cut the ceremonial ribbon on this new (and very popular) nonstop destination, and passengers enjoyed refreshments (you guessed it – key lime pie!).

And what’s an inaugural flight celebration without a traditional water arch? Thanks AVL Department of Public Safety for the great display, complete with a rainbow!



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WE'RE HIRING!

CHECK OUT AVL'S CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Airports are exciting places to work. Team members keep the airport open and operational, and opportunities are diverse. Did you know that airports have on-site police and fire services? We also manage all airport operations to keep the runway, terminal, parking areas and roadways functioning properly. We also have a team focused on customer service for passengers, and more.

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority offers an excellent benefits package for our full-time employees, including medical, dental, vision and retirement.

We have several available positions at this time. Take a look and apply today!

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THERE'S ALWAYS CONSTRUCTION AT THE AIRPORT

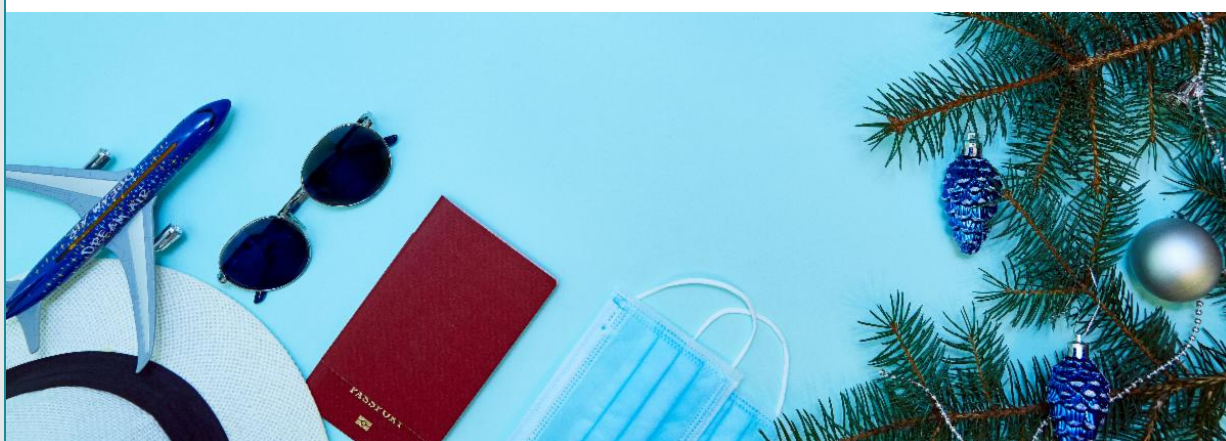
A PEEK AT THE APRON EXPANSION

Have you ever arrived at an airport, and searched for a while for a parking spot? When airports grow, more people use the facility and space is needed to accommodate people, their cars, their luggage ... *and their airplanes!*

That's right – as we have continued to grow, it has become necessary to expand our aircraft parking area. Doing so isn't simple. At AVL, we have spent about 24 months engineering, designing, preparing land and bringing it up to grade, and finally installing the infrastructure and concrete on an aircraft apron expansion that will allow up to three additional aircraft to park overnight at the airport. This new aircraft apron space will also allow us to expand the airport terminal in the future.

We thought you might like a bird's eye view – so check out this recent [drone shot!](#)

Tune into this newsletter each month for more updates about airport construction and expansion.



HAVEN'T TRAVELED IN A WHILE?

BE AWARE OF THESE HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIPS

Here are a few travel tips relevant to holiday travel in 2021. Be savvy and safe – we hope you enjoy the holidays!

REMEMBER: COVID-19 RULES STILL EXIST IN AVIATION. While some areas of the country have lifted masking requirements, a federal regulation is in place that requires all travelers to wear masks over their nose and mouth while in airports and on airplanes. Be sure to bring several masks with you, so you have a fresh one if needed. **Also – pro tip – some airports have**

complimentary masks available.

CHECK YOUR DESTINATION'S COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS BEFORE YOU FLY. No two destinations are alike. There could be different local or state requirements in place that you need to know about. Do a little research ahead of time.

REMEMBER: DON'T WRAP YOUR GIFTS! If you are traveling for the upcoming holidays, don't place wrapped gifts in your checked or carry-on luggage. There is a chance that they will be unwrapped during the screening process.

BRING YOUR HOLIDAY CHEER ABOARD YOUR AIRCRAFT. There are many flight crews, ticket agents, airport staff and others who are working hard to get you to your final destination. Things can happen that can delay flights and create less-than-ideal travel days. Be patient. Be kind. *Pro tip: bring e-books, movies, sketch pads or other entertainment, just in case. And don't forget to bring a fully charged external battery for your device – those charging outlets at the airport can be hard to snag during busy holiday travel times!*



25 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS

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