





## PARKING GARAGE RIBBON CUTTING

Official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony

Asheville Regional Airport officially celebrated the opening of its new 5-story parking garage on Wednesday, March 14 at 10am. The Asheville and Henderson County Chambers of Commerce joined airport officials, the project consultants and contractors, airport staff and members of the community to commemorate this historic milestone in our region's airport's growth.

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# PARKING SIGNAGE ENHANCEMENTS

We have listened and changes are coming soon

The changes that have happened in our parking offerings have been a big transition - for us operationally, and for travelers, as well. There are new processes required to access the lots; in particular, the original parking ticket pulled at the entrance must be scanned to enter the

garage. We know that frequent travelers have been confused about whether or not the garage is considered short-term parking (it's not), and which entrance should be used to access the garage (the Garage & Short-term Lot entrance).

You have let us know that our signage needs some improvement. And we are listening! We have already made some quick, easy changes, and more enhancements are on the way. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve. And as a reminder, we have three different parking options: The Short-term Lot (meant for hourly parking), the Long-term Lot (surface lot parking - approximately 700 spaces); and the Garage (1,100 spaces).

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## NEW NONSTOP FLIGHTS STARTING SOON

Great destinations now available directly from AVL

The days are longer, and a hint of spring is in the air. It's time to plan that upcoming vacation!

Good news - you have three more nonstop flight options starting soon at AVL:

**ELITE AIRWAYS** reinstates nonstop service to Vero Beach, Florida on April 5. So, in about an hour's flight time, you can be headed straight to the beach to put your toes in the sand.

**ALLEGIANT** starts nonstop to Denver, Colorado on May 16. Break out your hiking boots and love of high-altitude adventure, and book a trip this summer to the Mile-High City.

**AMERICAN** starts nonstop Saturday service to Dallas/Ft. Worth June 9. The Lone Star state is just a quick flight away!

For information about airlines and flight schedules, visit **flyavl.com**.



# THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT ARTWORK SHOWCASE NOW ON EXHIBIT

Ten local schools represented

The Student Artwork Showcase is now on display in the Asheville Regional Airport Art Gallery. Ten schools from five western North Carolina counties are included in the exhibit. This showcase is a representation of our colorful region and WNC's talented students. The students' work will be on display through April 22, 2018.

The following schools are represented in the showcase:

Asheville School
Brevard Elementary School
Brevard Middle School
The Franklin School of Innovation
Glenn C. Marlow Elementary School
Mills River School
Old Fort Elementary School
Charles D. Owen Middle School
Rosman High School
Waynesville Middle School

Many different mediums are on display, including sculpture, paintings, drawings and more, by students ranging from kindergarten to twelfth grade. The pieces were chosen and submitted by the art teachers from the participating schools.

"The art gallery is truly a way for both the passengers and public alike to experience a taste of our region," said Alexandra Bradley, Marketing and Public Relations Specialist at AVL and curator of the gallery.

Asheville Regional Airport's Art in the Airport program is pleased to feature an annual Student Artwork Showcase in its art gallery, highlighting the creativity of students across the region. If your school would like to participate in the next Student Artwork Showcase, please visit flyavl.com and click on Art + Music in the Social Hub to learn more.

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## IN THE NEWS

The facts about ground transportation at the airport

Airports are hubs of services for passengers, and at the core, of course, is airline service. But airports also have restaurants, rental car services, and ground transportation offerings.

All of these services are provided by independent businesses - and they use the airport facility to conduct their business with one goal in mind: to make a profit. The airport must have rules in place regarding how these businesses can operate on our campus. These rules involve operating fees and set procedures.

You may have recently heard that the airport made some changes to our ground transportation program (taxis, for-hire vehicles, shuttles, rideshare services). The changes were simple, and at the core, they were made to improve safety for our passengers and manageability of the program for the airport.

Unfortunately, rideshare operators Uber and Lyft announced that they could not operate within our new procedures. We are disappointed by their decisions, and certainly hope they reverse their decisions. We have kept discussions open regarding what is needed to move forward.

We have included information on our website that explains the ground transportation changes in more detail - please **CLICK HERE** to learn more.

We always welcome your feedback. We are your local airport, and we care about our community.

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