



## **ONE MONTH LATER, WNC STRONG!**

*A message from Lew Bleiweis, President & CEO*

Dear friends,

I have been humbled each and every day as I watch our communities come together to make positive steps toward recovery, post-Helene. So much has been accomplished in such a short period of time, and I join in the feelings of pride in Western North Carolina's resilience and strength.

It is not lost on any of us at Asheville Regional Airport that there are still many very hard situations being endured throughout our region, many still without resolution, and our hearts are heavy for our neighbors who are most in need.

What we can do at AVL is keep a steadfast focus on operating the airport alongside our partners, understanding that there are many different reasons that air travel is needed, some perhaps greater now more than ever. It is important to note that the airlines at AVL were back up and operating just three days after the storm, providing extremely important air connectivity for those of you who needed it.

While our airline partners continue to offer the most robust flight schedules possible, they must prudently operate their businesses during this unprecedented time in Western North Carolina. It has been necessary for them to temporarily reduce frequency of flights, and a few routes have been suspended for the fall/winter season.

We are now seeing a gradual increase in passengers using AVL, and we're glad that the connectivity at our region's airport is continuing to meet needs. Some visitors are also flying in – aligning with the reopening of many towns in our region and their invitations for visitors to come.

If you have any questions about the airport and the services you can receive, please visit us at [flyavl.com](http://flyavl.com). I pledge to keep you informed about our region's airport, and the team at AVL will continue to focus on what is best for Western North Carolina moving forward, especially the important connectivity made possible by air service.

With gratitude and care,  
Lew Bleiweis, President & CEO



## WE ARE HERE FOR YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS

*Helpful tips for traveling this season*

As we continue to move forward towards recovery in Western North Carolina, the airlines at AVL are operating robust schedules. Learn more about options from AVL and book a trip today.

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Here are some helpful travel tips for flying out of AVL this fall:

- It is important to **arrive two hours prior to your boarding time**: This will give you time to park, check-in and get through security. If you find yourself with extra time on your hands you can shop at Blue Ridge Trading and get a drink or bite to eat at the multiple options near the gates.
- **Stay in touch with your airline for up-to-date flight information**: This is the best way to learn about changes to flight status. Download your airline's app for easy access to helpful information.

The next time you need to fly, whether it's soon or in the future, we are here to serve your air travel needs.



# FIRST EVER AVL FIRE TRUCK AND TREAT EVENT

October 31

**The airport is hosting the first ever AVL Fire Truck and Treat event on October 31 from 4-6pm.**

This drop-by, family-friendly event will give families the unique opportunity to check out AVL's impressive Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting truck, meet the airport's friendly fire fighters, police officers and Paws for Passengers volunteers, and do a little trick-or-treating.

"With everything our region has been through during this past month, we wanted to host a family-friendly free event, to share a positive and fun activity for our neighbors," said Lew Bleiweis, President and CEO. "With the help of Mars Inc, we invite families with kids to attend our 'AVL Fire Truck and Treat' event."

The event is free and open to the public. Families are encouraged to come in costume, snap photos with the fire truck and pet the Paws for Passengers pups. Candy and treats will be available for children, between 4pm and 6pm (as long as supplies last). Be sure to join us for this exciting new event!

## Event Details:

**What:** AVL Fire Truck and Treat

**When:** October 31, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Asheville Regional Airport — Cell Phone Lot (*Free onsite parking — watch for signage*)

**Who:** Kids of all ages — Free and open to the public



**CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES TO MOVE AVL FORWARD**



Progress on AVL's new terminal and air traffic control tower are still full speed ahead, as we continue to work hard for our region's future. Here is a quick highlight of progress:

- **North Concourse:** Glass installation and rough-in (initial installation of wiring, plumbing, duct work etc.) is currently in progress. The temporary dry-in (weatherizing and protecting the interior from the elements) is scheduled for the end of November.
- **Baggage Handling System:** the conveyor installation is in progress.
- **Air Traffic Control Tower:** The tower precast and cab steel installation is continuing. The Base Building is progressing with rough-ins and wall framing.

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## INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD

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