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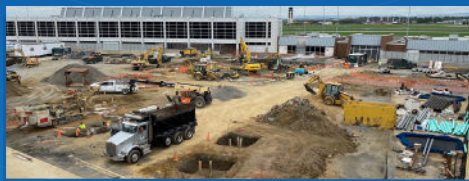
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DIGGING THE CONSTRUCTION!



Before the emergence of steel beams for the new Terminal Connector / Security Checkpoint Expansion Project at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), construction crews are working feverishly on building a solid foundation.

"It's often difficult to decipher whether an infrastructure project is progressing if nothing is coming out of the ground. However, construction crews are making steady progress on the installation of 215 micropiles (deep foundations), as well as utility installations including sanitary sewer and water main connections. We are pleased with the current status of the Project," said Cedrick Johnson, President, Airport Design Consultants, Inc.

Scheduled for completion in 2023, this significant investment by the Airport improves the passenger experience by providing the following:

- 4-lane security checkpoint with the latest generation of TSA screening equipment
- New vertical circulation equipment with redundancy to enhance ADA compliance
- Enhanced air purification system and improved air circulation
- Separation of outbound and inbound passenger flow

Since 1974, the current underground tunnel has been the only connection for passengers moving between the Main Terminal and the Departure Terminal.

"Travelers have already returned to near pre-pandemic levels which only accentuates the project's importance to the Lehigh Valley. Passenger traffic dictated more space was necessary for TSA operations in 2017. Additional air service growth since then heightens the priority of getting this done," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.



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- Fort Lauderdale (FLL)
- Myrtle Beach (MYR)
- Nashville (BNA)
- Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- Savannah (SAV)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Chicago (ORD)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)
- Detroit (DTW)



Nonstop to:

- Chicago (ORD)
- Newark (EWR)
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FLYER FEEDBACK - "Yesterday I flew out of ABE, returning home to Florida. After an enjoyable week of visiting friends and family I was pleasantly surprised that you had a Passenger Appreciation Day. Loved the therapy dogs, free stuff (people like to get free stuff), Phantoms and their mascot, and that my departure gate had an Iron Pigs motif. Allegiance to Philly and Allentown teams is in my DNA. After all the years that I have been flying, yesterday was hands down, the most amazing airport experience I ever had. To all the people that came up with this idea and helped to make it happen - superb job! I didn't think that I would be saying that flying out of your airport was a highlight of my trip, but it was. It makes me proud to say that I'm originally from the Lehigh Valley. Keep up the good work!" - Daniel R.



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

It's a week-long celebration to share this simple message: Thank You!

Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) wrapped up another successful Customer Appreciation Week at our aviation facilities.

"Airport staff has worked hard over the last 19 months to ensure passengers enjoy the same high level of customer experience they did before the pandemic. We always want to say thank you to our friends and neighbors in the community that choose ABE for travel," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, LNAA.

Throughout the week, passengers, customers, tenants, and stakeholders enjoyed a tasty travel treat (airplane cookies, chocolate-covered pretzels), free giveaways, boxed lunches, and cookie trays.



On October 6th, ABE hosted Passenger Appreciation Day with snack foods and drinks, a visit from our C.O.P.E. (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement) therapy dogs who roamed through the terminal buildings visiting with passengers awaiting their flights, several airport advertisers distributing promotional and branded items, and entertainment provided by special guest performer, Kenzie Lynn at the Music in the Airport stage.

Again, to all our loyal ABE passengers, thank you!

READY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

There were no delays for arrivals or departures.

Two airfield closures at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in September for pavement rehabilitation within the intersection of Runway 6-24 and Runway 13-31 finished ahead of schedule, ensuring an on-time return to flight operations.

"It took over 18 months of coordination between the Airport, commercial airlines (Allegiant, American, Delta, United), air cargo carriers, stakeholders, and tenants to ensure everything operated smoothly while upgrading our biggest asset – the primary runway. We definitely appreciated mother nature's cooperation, as well," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

A total of 12,000 tons of asphalt was placed within the Runway 6-24 and 13-31 intersection during the two closures. As a result, the cross section of Runway 6-24 is now 17 inches thick.



"This pavement was designed for a useful life of 20 years while accommodating heavy Boeing 767-300 aircraft (350,000 lbs.) along with the forecasted increase in aircraft operations anticipated at ABE over the next two decades," said Ryan Meyer, Director of Planning & Programming, LNAA.

Round-the-clock construction brought 200 pieces of construction equipment on site as ABE engaged in the next critical phase of this nearly \$90 million project.

"Over 250 contractor personnel joined LNAA's personnel and construction management team on the airfield, so anyone driving near the Airport certainly witnessed plenty of action and activity," said Stoudt.

Taking full advantage of the lack of aircraft activity, the Airport also installed 1,500 tons of asphalt on various other projects such as a pavement reconstruction at Gate 2 and rehabilitation of the terminal roadway pavement.



TRAVEL IS EASIER WITH TSA Pre✓®!

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Pre✓® open enrollment rolled back into Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in July with the return of the RV. Additionally, a fall session was held during Customer Appreciation Week inside the Main Terminal.

Hundreds of air travelers from across the region took advantage of both visits to sign-up for the expedited screening program offered by the TSA.



With TSA Pre✓®, there is no need for travelers to remove shoes, 3-1-1 liquids, laptops, light outerwear, or belts.

Applicants are required to pay a non-refundable \$85 fee and TSA Pre✓® is valid for five years. TSA PreCheck® has more than 450 lanes at 200+ U.S. airports.

We look forward to hosting more enrollment events in 2022!



SUMMER PASSENGER TRAFFIC SIZZLES!

Following a steep decline of summer travelers in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) rebounded with passenger traffic reaching pre-pandemic levels.

From June – August, 267,508 passengers used ABE – compared to the 274,431 travelers at the Airport in the summer of 2019.

July produced passenger traffic numbers that flew past 2019, with 97,221 passengers choosing ABE – our highest July passenger traffic on record.

“It’s a travel surge that most industry experts didn’t predict, and

certainly challenged Airport staff, TSA, airlines, food and beverage concessions, and our facilities. I’m extremely proud of the entire airport team as everyone ensured an enjoyable customer experience. Thank you to the passengers for choosing us for their vacations and leisure getaways in 2021,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, LNAA.

Month	Passengers
June	88,528
July	97,221
August	81,759

NATIONAL AVIATION DAY

Since its inception on August 19, 1939, National Aviation Day is a time to celebrate the wonder of flight.

And, just like the inner mechanics of an aircraft, the staff at an airport must work together to keep the airport running.

At ABE, we wanted to celebrate the people who make it all happen behind the scenes.

Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and teamwork!



RELISH THE DAY!

Let’s be frank . . . there is no better way to celebrate National Hot Dog Day than with a free hot dog giveaway.

On July 20th, over 300 hot dogs were distributed to hungry passengers as they traveled through the Wilfred M. “Wiley” Post Departure Terminal. Everyone’s favorite toppings for their hot dog were also available.

We believe that behind those masks were some big smiles!

WE’LL NEVER FORGET!

In remembrance of the 20th Anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) held a moment of silence for the victims and those lost in this tragedy.

Also, Ann Dalton and Gary Roe from the ABE Navigator program, and Junior Navigator, Josiah, handed out American flags and pins to passengers in the Wiley Post Departure Building.

Ann said, “It was an honor to be there. So many passengers were happy to receive the flags and pins.”

ABE will never forget!



ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES



When you give a pint, you give more than just blood—you give the gift of life, you give someone hope for a second chance.

On July 13th, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) continued its long-standing partnership with Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) by hosting a blood drive in the Airport’s commitment to give back in our community.

ABE has held over 18 blood drives since 2015 that collected over 228 units. 450 units of blood are needed every day in the 12 counties served by Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Visit giveapint.org to donate today!

STAR OF THE NIGHT!

Heat and humidity didn’t diminish the excitement for the inaugural Hanover Township Community Night on August 24th at Canal Park, Allentown.

Attendees of all ages received up close and personal views of first responder vehicles from Han-Le-Co Fire Department, met local state representatives, cooled off with Kona Ice, and of course visited the face painting station.

The star of the night was Lehigh Valley International Airport’s (ABE) favorite K-9 officer, Mikki.

LNAA Police Officer Jake Scoble demonstrated how an Airport K-9 unit works and her important role for passenger safety at ABE. Some kids were even given the chance to command for Mikki to speak.

Looking forward to the event next year!





WOMEN IN AVIATION DAY!

“Aviation, this young modern giant, exemplifies the possible relationships of women with the creation of science.” – Amelia Earhart

The words above expressed by an aviation legend express the importance of recognizing Women in Aviation Day on September 25th.

According to a 2020 study “Women in Aviation: A Workforce Report” by the University of Nebraska at the Omaha Aviation Institute, the statistics below represents a wide range of opportunities and roles held by women within the industry, but also should serve as a catalyst for encouraging others to find their passion in aviation.



- 1.5% of airline captains and 5.1% of all pilots
- 2.4% of mechanics
- 3% of CEOs, COOs, and other key leadership positions
- 16% of airport managers and air traffic control
- 40% of TSA screeners
- 79% of flight attendants
- 86% of travel agents

Thank you to the amazing women of our airport system for their invaluable contributions to our success every day.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Hector Rivera (TSA)

Hector Rivera has worked for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) for almost 20 years. He was previously employed by ITS as a screener before coming on board with TSA 19 years ago.

Hector served his country for eight years in the United States Army Reserve (19 Delta Company Cavalry Scout). He is a huge Chicago Bears and NY Yankees fan and is also a Horror Movie Fanatic. Hector enjoys spending his free time traveling and exploring new restaurant experiences with his wife, Marilu. Anyone that knows Hector, knows that he is constantly in search of the perfect cheesesteak!



ABE'S TRAVEL TIP

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires face masks for all individuals while at transportation hubs – including your #neighborhoodairport through at least January 18, 2022.

VOLUNTEER CORNER



Ira Hiberan (Navigator Volunteer)

Ira Hiberan has served as an Airport Volunteer since 2011. When he first started, Allegiant Airlines was in its infancy at the Airport, and you could even buy their travel tickets at the kiosk located in the main lobby. Ira joined ABE's Navigator Volunteer Program after retiring as a school administrator. He has always had a fondness for all modes of transportation. Planes, boats, and trains spark his interest. That is why, as a teacher, he felt very privileged helping his students develop the same degree of respect and appreciation for all modes of transportation that help us move people and goods across this great nation. Now, as a volunteer, he enjoys interacting with young travelers and taking extra care that they get "wings" to remember their visit to ABE or perhaps even stimulate them to earn the real deal and take their place as future airline pilots or support personnel.

Ira has worked on special airport projects such as editing previously collected historical information about the Airport. He serves at special events that meet the needs of disabled and special needs youth. Ira is committed to do what he can to assist all who pass through ABE.

Ira is married to a retired social worker and has one adult son who works in the IT Field. He is fortunate to have a Labrador Retriever who has provided comfort to residents at Gracedale. His wish is that all aspects of the Pandemic get better so that everyone can again travel far and wide! ABE is his first choice!