



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

August 2016

United Chambers of Commerce
State of the County Breakfast 8/31

September 2016

Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce
State of the County Lunch 9/22

Valley Presbyterian Hospital Gold Classic 9/26

October 2016

Taste of Encino 10/9

Friends of Van Nuys Airport Meeting 10/13

VICA Business Forecast Lunch 10/14

Sherman Oaks Street Fair 10/16

Encino Chamber of Commerce Justice Armand Awards Lunch 10/27

November 2016

Councilwoman Martinez' Family Health Fair & Festival 11/5

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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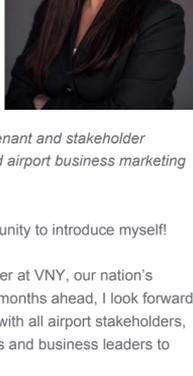
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We will send them a copy of the current issue and an invitation to sign-up.

A Message from the Interim Airport Manager

On June 28, Flora Margheritis was appointed interim manager of Van Nuys Airport (VNY). During her nearly 25-year tenure with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), her career has included extensive, varied and progressively challenging assignments. Margheritis arrived at VNY in 2008 as the Chief of Operations. Since 2010, she has broadened her experience to include tenant and stakeholder relationships, community outreach, and airport business marketing and operations.



Greetings and thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself!

I am excited to serve as interim manager at VNY, our nation's leading general aviation airport. In the months ahead, I look forward to building even stronger partnerships with all airport stakeholders, ranging from local community members and business leaders to airport users and operators.

It will be my top priority to work with LAWA's executive team on addressing the airport's most important operational, community, safety and security issues. These include successful completion of several tenant development projects, and an 18-month air traffic control tower renovation that is currently underway.

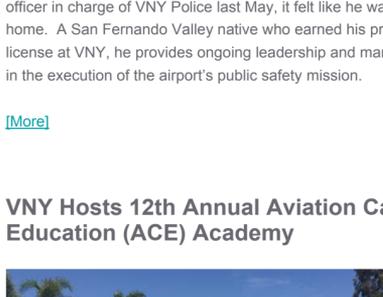
I also look forward to future progress on the airport's perimeter security enhancement program that involves reducing the number of airport access gates, removing visual obstructions on the airfield and installing razor wire on additional portions of the perimeter fence.

I am a firm believer that the best solutions come from working together. Through continued collaboration and open dialogue, together we will continue to accomplish great things at VNY!

Sincerely,

Flora Margheritis, C.M.
Van Nuys Airport Interim Manager

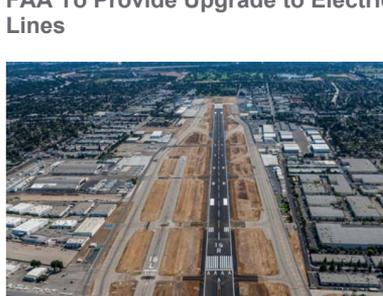
Meet the New Officer in Charge of Airport Police



When Lieutenant Dennis Lau (pictured center) was appointed officer in charge of VNY Police last May, it felt like he was coming home. A San Fernando Valley native who earned his private pilot's license at VNY, he provides ongoing leadership and management in the execution of the airport's public safety mission.

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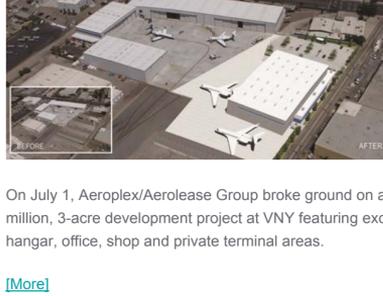
VNY Hosts 12th Annual Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Academy



Dreams flew high during VNY's 12th annual ACE Academy, a free summer program enabling youth to explore careers in aviation.

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FAA To Provide Upgrade to Electrical Lines



In the interests of maintaining the continuing standard of operational safety at VNY, the FAA has announced that it will be implementing an improvement project which involves upgrading the electrical lines that support the airport's navigational aids and air traffic control systems.

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Aeroplex/Aerolease Group Commences \$7.5 Million Development



On July 1, Aeroplex/Aerolease Group broke ground on a \$7.5 million, 3-acre development project at VNY featuring exclusive hangar, office, shop and private terminal areas.

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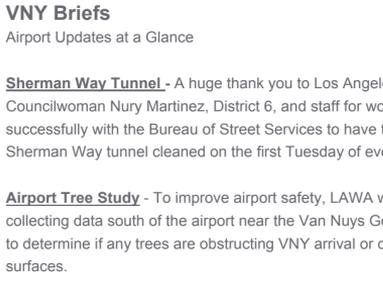
Prop Park Opens Its Doors to the Community



The Park VNY, a 30-acre development project dedicated to propeller aircraft, has successfully opened Phase II of construction.

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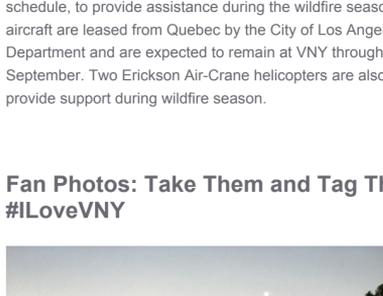
Opening the Skies for Children with Disabilities



Air Hollywood - the world's largest aviation-themed entertainment studio - has discovered a way to help children with special needs gain the confidence, comfort and enjoyment of air travel.

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Mid Valley YMCA to Honor VNY Public & Community Relations Director at Annual Gala



Diana Sanchez, VNY's Public & Community Relations Director, is an active community partner and a leader in local outreach and educational initiatives. In recognition of her efforts, Sanchez will be an honored recipient of the Philip "Flip" Smith Pillar of the Community Award from the Mid Valley YMCA.

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VNY Briefs

Airport Updates at a Glance

Sherman Way Tunnel - A huge thank you to Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, District 6, and staff for working successfully with the Bureau of Street Services to have the Sherman Way tunnel cleaned on the first Tuesday of every month.

Airport Tree Study - To improve airport safety, LAWA will begin collecting data south of the airport near the Van Nuys Golf Course to determine if any trees are obstructing VNY arrival or departure surfaces.

Pavement Management Plan - LAWA has engaged a consulting firm to update VNY's Pavement Management Plan. Non-destructive testing of concrete and asphalt areas, last conducted in 2010, is expected to commence in August. Tenants will be notified of requests to access their leaseholds.

Perimeter Security Fence Project - VNY has completed Phase I of its new Perimeter Security Enhancement Project. Shrubbery, plants and trees obscuring gates and fences have been removed, approximately 56 percent of access gates have been closed, and razor wire has been installed on new sections of the perimeter fence.

Super Scoopers Arrival - Two CL-415 Super Scooper fire-fighting aircraft arrived at VNY on August 6, about 3 weeks ahead of schedule, to provide assistance during the wildfire season. The aircraft are leased from Quebec by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department and are expected to remain at VNY through September. Two Erickson Air-Crane helicopters are also at VNY to provide support during wildfire season.

Fan Photos: Take Them and Tag Them #ILoveVNY



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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 three 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 217,000 operations in 2015. More than 100 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including three major fixed base operators and numerous aviation service companies.

Annually, the airport contributes approximately \$1.3 billion to the Southern California economy and supports over 12,000 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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