



**CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
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TENANT NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is offered to provide a quick round-up of current events at our airports.

HURRICANE SEASON!

It's summertime in the Lowcountry, which means that hurricane season has begun, so let's be prepared – both at work and at home!

- Look around outside. Can all loose objects be picked up or anchored in 24 hours, if necessary?
- Check all your batteries and make sure they are fresh.
- Can all computer files be backed up in 24 hours, if necessary?
- Check your office and work area. Can important equipment be relocated out of harm's way?

As most of you already know, it takes a lot of time and effort to prepare when a storm threatens the coast. Even a "false alarm" eats up time and energy. Let's hope that this year only brings blue skies...and hot fun in the summertime!

IT'S A BIRD... IT'S A PLANE... IT'S THE BOEING 787 DREAMLINER!

On July 7, 2007 (7/8/7), Boeing officially debuted the 787 Dreamliner in a world wide celebration. The Premiere was broadcast live in nine different languages via satellite to

more than 45 countries. Tom Brokaw (the journalist and best-selling author) served as the master of ceremonies for the main event from Everett, Washington. Employees of Vought, Global Aeronautica, and Boeing based in Charleston participated via two-way satellite along with others in Japan, Italy and other locations in the U.S. This was truly an international event in which Charleston International Airport played a significant role.

During the Premiere, the Boeing unveiled the first 787 Dreamliner. The first flight is scheduled this fall.

AIR SERVICE

Welcome to the newest airline at CHS...AirTran Airways! As you know, AirTran Airways added service from CHS to ATL in May. In June, AirTran enplaned 11,329 passengers, with a load factor of almost 90%! But that is just part of the story. Thanks to all our airline partners, June 2007 was a record-breaking month at 111,100 passengers. Compared to June 2006, this is a 26% increase in traffic.

In August, there are 143 scheduled flights into and out of CHS, versus 123 in February of this year. A sampling of the flights added by the airlines since the beginning of the year include the addition of a Northwest flight to Minneapolis/St. Paul; two flights to Atlanta added by Delta; and an additional Continental flight to Newark. Additionally, several airlines have brought in larger

airplanes to take care of increased numbers of passengers who can be served.

More great news....

This increase in passenger traffic creates activity in other areas as well. The rental car companies report 20% to 30% increases in rental traffic over last year. The demand for public parking has increased by almost 30%.

CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL

Welcome to our new neighbors....

Million Air, a Cincinnati-based corporation, has become our second fixed base operation at CHS. They recently completed their new facility next to Corporate Wings and began operating in late July. Million Air operates numerous FBOs across the country, the closest being in Asheville, NC.

Roadway and Facility Improvements....

It is anticipated that contracts will be awarded for airport access roadway repairs and for the construction of a terminal raincover/canopy, with work to begin in Fall 2007. Construction contracts will be presented to the Board for approval at the August meeting.

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Community development...

Plans are underway for development of the area between the Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport and the new Wando High School, to be known as Carolina Park. A new road, Park Avenue Boulevard, will run parallel to Route 17, and construction is scheduled to begin in August. Park Avenue Boulevard will connect Park West to Carolina Park and will cut across Faison Road. It is hard to believe that 20 years ago this Airport was out in the middle of nowhere!

New terminal at LRO...

Approval has been given by the Board to build a new terminal, and the design process is underway. Plans are to award a contract for construction and to complete the new terminal by June 2008.

Replacement of Airfield Lighting at LRO...

A construction contract has been awarded for the Airfield Lighting Replacement Project,

and work is scheduled to be complete in December 2007.

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Runway repairs at JZI...

Rehabilitation work is being performed on the runways at JZI. With the rapid increase in air traffic to John's Island, we're hustling to keep the runways in repair, with an eye toward complete rehabilitation of Runway 9-27 in the near future.

New FBO terminal at JZI...

Mercury Air Center plans to build a new terminal. In conjunction with the planned terminal, CCAA is building a 5.5-acre apron to serve the new terminal. Both projects are anticipated to be complete at the beginning of 2008.

NEW AUTHORITY MEMBERS

In June, the South Carolina General Assembly created two additional seats on the Aviation Authority. The two new members are the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Charleston County Legislative Delegation or their designees. The Legislative Delegation Office serves as a liaison between the public, governmental agencies and the 20 elected state legislators who represent Charleston County (eight state senators and twelve state representatives). The current Chair is Senator Glenn McConnell and the Vice Chair is Representative Chip Limehouse.

