

## Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #41

In this edition: Broward County Administrator films at FLL, ribbon-cutting ceremonies for a new route and concession, Porter aircraft close-up, Aviation Department employee scores award, and more.



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## A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

Welcome to NewsFLLash No. 41, our November issue. It was a busy Thanksgiving travel period at FLL, with airport roadways, parking garages, and terminals teeming with holiday activity. Overall, approximately 1.31 million people traveled through our airport over 12 days from November 17 to 28. That's a 9% increase in holiday passenger volume versus the same 2022 holiday period.

Just recently, FLL welcomed [Porter Airlines](#) to its portfolio of international carriers, with the launch of nonstop service to/from Toronto and Ottawa on November 30. The airport joined Bahamasair in a [festive celebration](#) on November 15 of its newest route to George Town, Exuma. Earlier in the month, FLL celebrated the grand opening of its newest dining venue, Bonefish Grill, in Terminal 3. It's the first-ever U.S. airport venue for the restaurant chain and is quickly becoming a popular post-security hangout.

As we enter December, the year-end holiday season is poised to be equally humming with peak travel activity as our guests fly off for winter vacations or to visit family and friends. For sure, holiday preparations are ramping up. Already, FLL's terminals are decked out with holiday décor and ready to begin ushering in some festive cheer. Some airport events this month include our 35th Winter Festival of Music, December 4-8, featuring live holiday music performances by talented Broward County Public Schools students. In addition, on December 10, FLL will host its third Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Ceremony in partnership with the Chabad of Dania Beach.

With airport business and travel activity in full swing, services like onsite parking and curbside valet are filling up quickly and will likely sell out during the holiday season. As such, make contingency plans for getting to/from FLL just in case such as a ride-share, taxi, or getting dropped off. Additionally, terminal roadways will be busier with drop-off and pick-up activity, so allow more time to complete check-in and security screening processes if you're flying from FLL.

As a reminder, we recommend travelers arrive at FLL at least two hours before a domestic flight and three hours if flying internationally or follow the airline's holiday guidance if different. Add extra time if planning to park onsite in our garages or at our offsite Overflow Lot (if activated).

Please pack a little extra patience during this merry season. Borrowing one of my favorite sayings, "It's nice to be nice!" please be nice and not naughty, and endeavor to be kind to each other, not just during the holidays but every day.

From our family to yours, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

*Mark*

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## New November Routes

### Island and U.S. destinations debut

On November 15, [Bahamasair](#) hosted a ribbon-cutting to celebrate its inaugural service from FLL to George Town, Exuma. Broward County Mayor Lamar P. Fisher and BCAD Deputy Director/COO Mike Nonnemacher gave remarks during the festivities, which featured a junkanoo band performance, traditional Bahamian food, and refreshments. The new nonstop route will have two flights weekly from FLL to Exuma International Airport in The Bahamas.

Also, this month, [Allegiant Air](#) began service to two more destinations out of FLL. Travelers can now fly nonstop to Nashville, Tenn., and Cedar Rapids, Iowa through the low-budget carrier.



## Porter's Aircraft Tour

### Sneak peek at new aircraft

Porter Airlines in collaboration with FLL invited a small group of aviation industry journalists and photographers for a closeup, insiders look at its new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft on November 6, while the aircraft was in Fort Lauderdale on a “proving” flight. According to a Porter official, this type of flight is usually done when an aircraft is set to debut at a new airport. The process involves a series of training and tests to ensure a smooth operation before the first revenue flight.

The E195-E2 aircraft will be operated on Porter's new Fort Lauderdale-Toronto-Pearson route, starting November 30. Tours of the aircraft's interior and exterior were conducted along with interviews with key airline, Embraer, and airport spokespeople. Porter is the North American launch customer of the E195-E2. The interior of the 132-seat aircraft complements the Canadian carrier's traditional service offering with a passenger-focused design emphasizing space and comfort. With a two-by-two seat configuration, there are no middle seats on any Porter flight. The E2 is the most environmentally friendly single-aisle aircraft family, measured by sound and CO2 emissions, according to the airline.



## FAC Award for BCAD Employee

### Honored for EMAS protection solution

Congratulations to Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD Skilled Trade Supervisor Mark Petrosky for receiving the 2023 Florida Airports Council (FAC Blue Light Award this summer.

FAC's Facilities Committee recognizes recipients of the Honorary Mark Winkelmann Blue Light Award for their outstanding work, exemplary service, skill, and innovation in airport facilities and maintenance.

Petrosky developed a rapid solution to protect an Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS bed on FLL's South Runway following an excursion by an aircraft in April. The EMAS consists of a series of blocks made of lightweight materials that can stop a plane that has overrun a runway.



## Young Eagles Rally at HWO

### Young aviation fans get hands-on experience

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Eagles Rally hosted by the North Perry Airport Community Association was held on November 4 from 10AM to 2PM. Young aviation fans living around North Perry Airport (HWO) and South Broward had the opportunity to participate in various aviation-related activities. Volunteer pilots took kids ages 11-17 on a 20-minute flight above Broward County provided by Wayman Aviation Academy, based at HWO. The local youth also had the chance to learn about mechanics, air traffic control, and numerous other aviation careers.



## Ribbon-cutting for New Restaurant

**FLL is the first U.S. airport to feature this popular chain**

Bonefish Grill officially opened in Terminal 3, Concourse E, on November 2. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held with key officials including Broward County Commissioners Michael Udine, Hazelle Rogers, Mark Bogen, and Robert McKinzie, County Administrator Monica Cepero, FLL CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale, Delaware North CEO Lou Jacobs, and Bonefish Grill Regional Vice President Penny Talbot.

FLL is the first airport in the nation to debut a Bonefish Grill, marking a major milestone for the restaurant chain, Delaware North, and BCAD.





## County Administrator Films at FLL

### Airport is backdrop for November's video

Broward County Administrator Monica Cepero chose the airport as the venue to film her monthly message, which goes out to all Broward County employees. The taping took place on November 1 post-security in Terminal 1, Concourse A. The message included updates about numerous award-winning employees, upcoming major sports events set to take place in Broward County, and National Hispanic Heritage Month, [among other local initiatives.](#)



## BCAD's United Way Fundraising

### Putting the fun in fundraising

It's been a couple of fun weeks for BCAD employees as they hosted and participated in a series of fundraisers to benefit United Way. BCAD recently held its Annual Silent Auction from November 27 to December 1, with various departments creating 18 unique baskets for coworkers to bid on.

BCAD's Security and Administration team joined forces for United Way earlier in the month to host FLL's Mini Food Truck Invasion. The local food truck vendors paid \$100 each to participate, which went towards the airport's United Way donations. The food trucks were stationed in the vacant lot across from the Hibiscus Garage from 11AM to 4PM on November 2 for all to support the featured food options, such as BBQ, seafood, tacos, and sweets, to name a few.

To celebrate Halloween, the BCAD IT department hosted a haunted house on October 30 and 31. Participating employees paid \$5 for unlimited entries, and all proceeds went to United Way. Numerous members of the IT department dressed up in costumes and were stationed inside the haunted house to spook all who dared to enter.

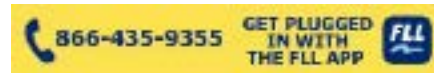


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