

AIRPORT BEACON REPORT

Smith Reynolds Airport
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The Airport Beacon Report is published three times a year to improve the communication between the airport and its tenants with the community around it.

Virtual Airport Neighborhood Informational Meeting

Thanks to all who participated in our Dec. 8 online meeting! You can watch the meeting at vimeo.com/489118457

Employment Opportunities

North State Aviation in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for experienced licensed **A&P Mechanics** and other positions. Please visit our website at nsamro.com for more details or email us at HR@nsamro.com.

EPES Transport is hiring truck drivers and other positions for regional opportunities. Visit epesttransport.com for details.

Piedmont Propulsion in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for various positions. Please visit our website at piedmontpropulsion.com/careers/ for more details.

Love kids? Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools is now hiring. **Full-time, Part-time & Substitute School Bus Drivers.** Visit wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/1188 for more info.

Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

1 month

December 2020 3,179
December 2019 2,749

12 month

2020 39,276
2019 44,956

Learn to Fly

Contact Piedmont Flight Training

"Most Experienced Flight School in North Carolina"
Visit flypft.com or contact 336-776-6070 or info@FlyPFT.com

Other County Resources in Your Area

Carver School Road Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive, offers a variety of programs and resources. For more information, visit forsyth.cc/library/Carver.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Forsyth County Center, 1450 Fairchild Road, offers resources and workshops related to farming, gardening and the 4-H youth program. Visit forsyth.cc/CES/ for details.

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County accepts offer to sell Lansing Drive property

Forsyth County commissioners have accepted an offer to purchase approximately 30 acres of county-owned property at 4897 Lansing Drive for a consolidated distribution headquarters for Garner Foods.

Commissioners unanimously voted on Nov. 12 to accept the offer from Front Street Capital for \$1,551,059 for the property, which is already zoned General Industrial. The commissioners welcomed the project as an economic development opportunity for the area.

"This facility will allow Garner to continue to grow their operations and workforce into the future as they remain a key headquarters for Forsyth County," said the developer.

The property is currently used by Winston-Salem/-Forsyth County Schools for school bus parking and as a base of operations for school maintenance staff. The first phase of construction for the new Garner facility is expected to be completed in early 2022. When that happens, the county will leaseback approximately 25 percent of the property for two years for the WS/FCS maintenance complex at a maximum of \$7,000 a year to give the county ample time to move the complex.

WS/FCS is working to remove all the buses and equipment not in that leaseback area. Once the sale is finalized, the school system will have 60 days to complete that process. Underground fuel storage tanks on the site will be removed as part of required remediation on the property. The county is working with the WS/FCS to find another place to fuel the system's school buses.

The property is part of the airport's layout plan, but it is not used for aeronautical purposes and is not part of the airport's long-term development plans. It can support a large, flat facility without interfering with airport operations. In compliance with federal laws and regulations on airport property sales, all sale proceeds will go to the airport.

The sale is subject to FAA and NCDOT approval. The

inspection period for the property ends on Feb. 15. The purchase of the property is expected to be completed in late February.

The county has right of first refusal if the property is made available for sale in the future or the property goes dark or vacant for more than a year and the existing lease is nullified.



This concept art shows future plans to turn 4897 Lansing Drive into a consolidated distribution headquarters for Garner Foods.

2- Remembering Jim Shaw

We remember Airport Board Vice Chair Jim Shaw, who passed away in December.

2- Taxiway Q

The FAA has given its feedback on the Taxiway project.

3- Economic Impact

Smith Reynolds Airport has an \$815 million impact on the local economy.

Remembering Airport Board Vice Chair Jim Shaw

Smith Reynolds Airport lost an advocate, friend and board member in December when Jim Shaw passed away.

He was vice chairman of the Smith Reynolds Airport Board, which he was a longtime member of. He founded the Jim Shaw ACE Academy in 2010, a summer camp held at the airport that exposes young people to potential careers in the aviation industry. He raised money every year to keep the fees low for the youth who participated in the camp.

Shaw had a long career in business and community involvement. Shaw was the owner and operator of the Jim Shaw Gulf Oil Service. After he sold the service station, he became the first African American to own a B. F. Goodrich franchise in the Southeast. After he retired from the tire store, he ran the One Stop Shop Convenience Store on Liberty Street until retiring again in 1998.

He was well known for his work to revitalize the Liberty Street Corridor as president and chairman of the Liberty CDC (Community Development Corporation). He was a believer in the economic potential of the Liberty Street area that the airport is a part of.

In 2017, the City of Winston-Salem named the intersection of Liberty and 25th streets "Jim Shaw Boulevard."

"Our community lost a very dear friend when Jim Shaw



Jim Shaw (second from left) with Airport Director Mark Davidson, Board Member Jed McMillian and Board Chair Scott Piper.

passed away," said Airport Board Chair Scott Piper. "This man never met a stranger...he was a friend to all. Especially the youth of the community. Of all the ways he influenced those around him, the aviation camp was his favorite. He was passionate about getting middle and high school students exposed to the many opportunities in aviation. Rarely a day went by that we didn't speak. I miss Jim Shaw."

FAA Provides Feedback on Taxiway Project



Last year, the Airport Department asked the FAA to consider a different option than constructing a new Taxiway that would impact residents in the Castle Heights neighborhood. Although the FAA has not formally approved the request, they have told us that they are no longer considering a project that would require the purchase of 16 homes on Teresa Avenue. The FAA District Office in Memphis is only considering

construction options for the existing Taxiway which is on the other side of the runway.

Forsyth County appreciates your patience and allowing surveyors and other State and Federal Agency representatives collect the necessary data to make a determination. As mentioned before in many meetings, it is our goal to keep the lines of communication open and to do what we can to keep you informed.

Smith Reynolds Airport contributes \$815 million, 3,665 jobs to local economy

Smith Reynolds Airport has an \$815 million impact on the local economy and supports 3,665 jobs according to a new report from the N.C. Department of Transportation's Aviation Division.

The North Carolina:

The State of Aviation report shows the economic impact of the state's 72 publicly-owned airports and their related aviation and aerospace assets.

The report was created as a guide for aviation investment and to help with recruiting aviation and aerospace businesses.

The report said Smith Reynolds, a county-owned and operated airport located on North Liberty Street, once again created the most jobs and economic impact among the

state's 62 general aviation public airports, which don't offer commercial service. The report also found Smith Reynolds contributes \$231 million in personal income and \$29 million in state and local tax revenue. The airport is used for corporate aircraft, air charter services, general aviation and air cargo. Its tenants include Signature Flight Support, Signature TECHNICAir, Piedmont Flight Training, Piedmont Propulsion Systems and North State Aviation, which does aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO).

Airport Director Mark Davidson said although the biennial report used data from 2019, the majority of tenants at Smith Reynolds Airport were able to navigate the pandemic and secure new business in 2020. For

instance, the county worked with its tenants to store American and United Airlines B737s on a closed runway, which helped save local aircraft maintenance jobs during the pandemic.

The report found that the state's public airports contribute more than \$61 billion to the state's economy and \$2.5 billion in state and local tax revenues. They also support 373,000 jobs that provide \$15 billion in personal

income.

"Despite the challenges of 2020, our network of 72 publicly owned airports, and the aviation and aerospace assets that rely on them, still help move our economy forward by creating jobs, supporting business growth and connecting people and companies to markets around the globe," said Bobby Walston, director of NCDOT's Division of Aviation.

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