



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The first month of 2023 brought exciting updates to Macon-Bibb County. Along with other MBC organizations, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the Middle Georgia Regional Airport runway expansion. This project means added benefits for local industries and the entire county. The construction will add 600 feet of runway space allowing larger aircrafts to land, opening up what can be imported and exported, and contracts existing industries, like Dean-Baldwin Painting, can obtain. Read more about the project and view pictures [here](#).

We are absolutely delighted with the accomplishments that have been made in Macon-Bibb County, and this new expansion is the icing on the cake! We are thrilled that our county is seeing so much development and success!

## EXISTING INDUSTRY MANAGER REPORT

Eleyce Coleman worked with Bibb County Schools to educate our educators. Roughly 20 principals and counselors from various high schools participated in tours at multiple industries, learning about the career opportunities available.



**Kumho Tire**

MBCIA provides Industry Days to strengthen the partnership with the Career and College Academy and to showcase the plethora of job opportunities our industries provide. After the tours, educators can then work with students who have an affinity towards jumping into their career right out of high school. Thank you to Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED, Inc., Amazon.com, J.D. Irving, Limited, Elliott Machine Shop, YKK USA, Kumho Tire USA and Dean Baldwin Painting for opening your doors to our educators!



Congratulations to Chairman Fountain who was honored at the Most Influential Georgians Luncheon on January 25th.

We would also like to congratulate Pat Wilson, GDEcD Commissioner, for being named Georgia Trend's Georgian of the Year.

**Are you up to date on all things Macon-Bibb Industry? Make sure you are subscribed to our newsletter and follow our social media!**

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# PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

*A letter from Gary*

As part of this month's newsletter, I wanted to introduce [See Click Fix Macon](#) to those who may not know about it yet. Macon-Bibb County has provided a service to expedite reporting for some of the problems we see in our community. Usually, I will field a call from an industry, go out to the spot and take a photo, then submit it through the 'See. Click. Fix.' website. You have the same capability to do so as well- even faster- by navigating to the website and following the prompts. You will first have to set up a username and password, but after that, it is a snap!

I have submitted requests for anything from trash to dead animals on the parkway. Some of the more urgent requests that are handled quickly are down traffic signs or signals and things that are an immediate threat to our community. The city also has the capability to patch potholes; however, you may have to wait until they are in that part of the city with the truck.

Please be patient. I know for a fact that your requests are seen, for this is something we talk about on the litter committee every month. In case you need assistance, I can be reached at 478-200-1430.

Best,  
Gary

# INDUSTRY NEWS

*Industry tour photos continued*



"Building a relationship with industries allows students to gain real-world experience in a career they are interested in before high school graduation," stated Dr. Cassandra Miller-Washington, CEO of the W.S. Hutchings College, and Career Academy.

**Are you an industry leader looking to explore the potential of a partnership with the college and career academy? Let's explore the possibilities together!**

Start by learning more here- [our 3 part series with Dr. Washington.](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

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FEB 2023

## 4TH ANNUAL GLOBAL TRADE & INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

Attention local industries! Want to meet representatives from around the world and find out how global goods make their way to our great state? We would like to invite you to join MBCIA in registering for the 4th Annual Global Trade and Investment Symposium. Seats are filling up fast, [register here.](#)

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