



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

March was a whirlwind of excitement and opportunity for the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority! We kicked off the month with a warm welcome to a group of International Consuls General, showcasing the best of our community and the opportunities it holds. Later in the month, we hosted project managers eager to explore our economic infrastructure and immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Inviting people to experience our community not only showcases the best of what we have to offer but also opens the door for potential economic growth and development. These visits not only gave us the chance to showcase the strengths and potential of Macon-Bibb but also provided us with the opportunity to build new relationships and collaborations that will help us continue to drive positive change and growth in the county.

EXISTING INDUSTRY MANAGER REPORT



Industry Partners Luncheon

On March 30, 2023, the MBCIA hosted a gathering of influential industry and community leaders at the Robins North Aerospace Training and Sustainment Center in Macon-Bibb County for the "Uniting for a Brighter Future:

Connecting Industry Leaders with Community Leaders" event. The luncheon provided an excellent opportunity for attendees to interact with a panel of special guests who discussed topics related to workforce, community concerns, and education programs. Our goal for the event was to foster partnerships between like-minded individuals who shared a vision of driving positive change and growth in our community. The Industry Partners Luncheon was a great success and a testament to the power of partnerships and collaboration in Macon-Bibb County!

MBCIA Annual Board Meeting

This month we held our annual board meeting where the following MBCIA Officers were voted in...

Robby Fountain- Chairman
Dwight Jones- Vice-Chairman
Stephen Adams- Secretary
Baleigh Flemming- Assistant Secretary



First Pitch!

Chairman Fountain showed off his pitch perfect leadership skills during the Mercer Baseball game against the Georgia State University Panthers! The MBCIA team had a great time hanging out with the Development Authority of Monroe County, but the highlight of the day was Chairman Fountain throwing the first pitch!

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A letter from Gary

March is a special time in Macon, Georgia, as we eagerly await the blooming of the cherry trees. We strive for perfect conditions with peak blooms, sunny skies, and temperatures around 75 degrees. Unfortunately, we can't control the weather, and we are at its mercy.

However, we can do the next best thing to ensure a memorable festival experience for our visitors. I'm sure you share my concern about the issue of trash in our community. For this year's Cherry Blossom festival, we partnered with the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Committee and invested hours in cleaning up our industrial parks. We want to make a great impression on our visitors, but more importantly, we want to show pride in our community and its long-term well-being.

As corporate citizens, you can help our community by training your employees on the value of a clean environment and the long-term damage of trash. In fact, we've lost prospective industries because of the trash problem. Trash is an indicator of our community's attitude and mindset, and it exposes our heart. We urge you to take this issue seriously and implement a corporate trash management program in your industrial park. You have the opportunity to address this issue, which otherwise will have to be addressed by imposing litter fines.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out to me at gwilson@mbcia.com. Let's work together to make Macon a cleaner, more vibrant community.

Best,
Gary



The MBCIA team was honored to partner with Bibb CTAE and the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce to present the Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneur X-perience. Congratulations to all the finalists, including the winning presenter, Brittinique- Be Unique!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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