



INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHTS



Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED

In July, [The Mentor's Project of Bibb County](#) hosted a Kid's Tour Day at Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED (CCBCU), where youth from the region learned more about the company, what it does, and future career opportunities available to them. The experience included a presentation from Coca-Cola Bottling management and young professionals at the facility. The kids were then able to ask questions and sample new test products before they go to market.

The Kid's Tour Day was the first of its kind for The Mentor's Project of Bibb County and was made possible through a partnership with the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (MBCIA).



Thank you, Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED for opening your doors to the community! We appreciate your dedication to "Macon Opportunities" in Macon-Bibb County.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

July was a sizzling month for the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority. Summer may be winding down but we are bringing the heat in the Economic Development atmosphere. A highlight was welcoming project managers to Macon for our second Developers Day of 2023! Our relationships with Project Managers at organizations like the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD), Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, and Southern Company are vital. These skilled professionals play a pivotal role in driving economic growth and development by efficiently managing projects, coordinating stakeholders, and ensuring the success of project goals and objectives. We are thankful for the opportunity to showcase all that Macon-Bibb County has to offer. We hope they are "Macon" plans to come visit again. We also owe a big thank you to our community partners who helped our guests feel right at home.



Developers Day Two

EXISTING INDUSTRY MANAGER REPORT



Industry Night at the Macon Bacon Ballgame

This month Eleyce Coleman, Existing Industry Manager at MBCIA, warmly welcomed local economic partners and their families to our much-anticipated annual Industry Night at the Macon Bacon game on Thursday, July 27th! This delightful event united numerous industries and community stakeholders, creating an atmosphere of togetherness and camaraderie. We were thrilled to have everyone join us for a memorable evening of fun and collaboration. "We always enjoy connecting with our community partners over Macon Bacon baseball while cheering on our local team," said Eleyce. "This event is a great way to celebrate our industries and to thank them for their contributions to our community. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners to create a strong economic future for Macon-Bibb County."

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A letter from Gary

Wow, the heat is definitely here! I hope you are minimizing your peak-of-the-day hours and maximizing our few cool hours this time of year. As someone who comes from a background in outside contracting work, I understand the challenges we face. However, despite the weather, our commitment to progress and development remains unwavering. Exciting things are happening in our industrial parks! If you happen to pass by Airport East, you'll notice a flurry of activity as construction is about to begin on the new 32-acre Bright Farms facility. This state-of-the-art facility will be dedicated to growing lettuce, spinach, kale, arugula, and herbs under glass, making it a true flagship establishment. The project is expected to be completed in phases, with work on the first 8-acre module getting underway soon. It will also serve as an educational center for hydroponic techniques, offering tours and showcasing innovative technologies.

We're equally thrilled about the progress at Agile Cold Storage in Ocmulgee East Industrial Park. With the foundation laid and the pad graded, they're well on their way to fully utilizing the 30-acre site. Their success in Gainesville and Cartersville is a promising sign, as they anticipate being at maximum capacity right from day one!

Another noteworthy development is YKK AP's upcoming commercial window and door fabrication plant in I-75 Business Park. Their new 300,000-square-foot facility is already visible from the interstate. We're grateful for their continued partnership and excited about their decision to expand here in Macon.

Furthermore, I'm pleased to share that Boogook recently made headlines with their announcement, and Fine Fettle in Ocmulgee East Industrial Park is progressing smoothly. Fine Fettle will become Middle Georgia's first medicinal marijuana facility, marking an important milestone for our region.

In conclusion, it's truly a remarkable time for Macon-Bibb County and our local industries. We'll keep you updated on more exciting developments, so stay tuned!

-Gary

COMMUNITY NEWS



Leadership Macon Economic Development Day

The Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (MBCIA) hosted the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Macon Class today for an educational outing focusing on the latest growth in the region.

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Did you "catch" Eleyce Coleman, Existing Industry Manager, throwing the First Pitch at Industry Night with the Macon Bacon?

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