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GIDA Finalizes Eastgate Sale - August 2025: GIDA finalized the sale of Eastgate Commerce Park to Georgia-based developer and investor Calvin Collins, positioning the six-acre, development-ready property for new commercial and industrial growth in Glynn County. Located along U.S. Highway 17 near the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, the planned campus will offer flexible building spaces ranging from 5,000 to 30,000 square feet for light industrial, advanced manufacturing, logistics, breakbulk, third-party logistics and technology-enabled operations.

Glynn County Schools Earns Economic Development Partnership Certification - September 2025: Glynn County Schools earned the Georgia Department of Education's Economic Development Partnership Certification, recognizing its strong collaboration with GIDA, the Golden Isles College and Career Academy, the Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce and local industry partners. The designation highlights the school system's commitment to aligning career education with regional workforce needs and preparing students with the skills and hands-on experience needed to succeed in local industries.

Fourth Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner - October 2025: GIDA hosted its Fourth Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner at Silver Bluff Brewing Company, bringing together business and community leaders to recognize the companies and individuals driving growth across the Golden Isles. Honorees included Brands for Innovation Excellence, Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation as Manufacturer of the Year, Bruce Dixon as the Dave Smith Award recipient and Silver Bluff Brewing Company as Locally Grown Manufacturer of the Year. The event also highlighted strong industry momentum, including 42 new projects initiated, 45 attraction activities, 51 industrial business visits and a 100% increase in digital engagement.

GIDA Expands Industrial Portfolio with Mallard Industrial Park Acquisition - October 2025: GIDA expanded Glynn County's industrial site portfolio with the acquisition of more than 250 acres off Highway 82 near Interstate 95 Exit 29, now known as Mallard Industrial Park. The site fills an important gap in the community's inventory by offering a flexible option for advanced manufacturing, logistics, and other industries requiring smaller footprints and efficient access to major transportation assets. Located just minutes from Interstate 95 and the Port of Brunswick, the park provides strong connectivity to regional, domestic, and international markets. Engineering and site preparation are underway as GIDA works to position Mallard Industrial Park for future development and recruitment opportunities.

Amazon Locates to Glynn County - December 2025: Amazon expanded its presence in Georgia with the opening of a new 58,000-square-foot last-mile delivery station in Brunswick, creating more than 100 jobs and driver opportunities for the region. Located on GA Highway 99, the facility strengthens Amazon's delivery network while bringing new investment and employment opportunities to Glynn County. The project reflects the continued momentum of the Golden Isles as a location for logistics and distribution operations and highlights the strong partnerships between Amazon, GIDA, Glynn County, and the City of Brunswick.

PROponents Opens 500,000-Square-Foot Facility at Tradewinds Technology Park - December 2025: PROponents, a subsidiary of Hillpointe, opened its new 500,000-square-foot distribution center and office facility at Tradewinds Technology Park. As the first operational building within the park, the facility supports approximately 100 employees and strengthens the company's sourcing, logistics, and delivery capabilities across the Southeast. The project marks a major milestone for Tradewinds and adds new jobs and industrial activity to Glynn County.

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Hillpointe Expands at Tradewinds Technology Park - December 2025: Hillpointe broke ground on a new 130,000-square-foot speculative distribution facility at Tradewinds Technology Park, further expanding its investment in Glynn County. Expected to be completed in Q4 2026, the building will provide flexible, ready-to-occupy industrial space designed to attract new employers and additional capital investment to the Golden Isles.

Georgia Breakbulk Names CSX Select Site - March 2026: Georgia Breakbulk Logistics Park earned a Bronze CSX Select Site designation, recognizing the property as one of a select group of highly prepared rail-served industrial sites across the CSX network. The designation strengthens the park's visibility among manufacturers and site selectors while highlighting Glynn County's continued investment in site readiness and industrial development.

Lucas Center Celebrates National Small Business Week - May 2026: The Lucas Center for Entrepreneurship celebrated National Small Business Week with a week of events supporting entrepreneurs across coastal Georgia, including pitch competitions, networking opportunities, educational programs, and its annual Entrepreneurship Awards. Participants from 6SEED, ACCELER8, and ACCELER8 NonProfit competed for more than \$50,000 in prizes, while local entrepreneurs and organizations were recognized for their leadership and contributions to the region's small business community.

GICCA Celebrates National Signing Day - May 2026: The Golden Isles College and Career Academy (GICCA) hosted its annual Signing Day ceremony on May 5, 2026, at the newly commissioned CCGA Center for the Arts, celebrating students' achievements and their new opportunities with local employers. This event was held in conjunction with SkillsUSA's National Signing Day, a nationwide celebration where thousands of trades students across the country officially commit to careers in skilled trades.

Georgia Trend Highlights Golden Isles Economic Growth - June 2026: The June 2026 issue of Georgia Trend featured the Golden Isles as a growing hub for aerospace, logistics, manufacturing, and economic development. The article highlighted major regional assets, including the Port of Brunswick, Brunswick-Golden Isles Airport, Innovation Isles Aerospace Park, Interstate 95, and the community's expanding inventory of industrial sites, reinforcing Glynn County's position as a competitive location for investment.

Mallard Industrial Park Receives RSDI Grant - June 2026: In June 2026, the Golden Isles Development Authority was awarded funding through Georgia's Rural Site Development Initiative (RSDI) to support continued development of Mallard Industrial Park. The investment will help advance critical site-readiness efforts and move the property closer to Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) certification, strengthening Glynn County's inventory of competitive industrial sites and positioning the community for future business attraction and investment.

GIDA Announces Elevate Glynn Initiative - June 2026: GIDA announced the launch of Elevate Glynn, a \$1 million community investment initiative designed to support local entrepreneurs and small businesses. The program expands access to capital through an Impact Loan Fund, Revolving Loan Fund, and matching grant opportunities, strengthening Glynn County's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting long-term business growth and job creation.