

PROGRESS IN THE PROGRESSIVE CITY

Union City, Georgia

Union City is continuing to experience a tremendous inflow of investments by both national and international groups, helping to contribute to the success and growth of the community. Large corporations including Amazon, Proctor & Gamble and Kellogg's as well as entertainment generators like Atlanta Metro Studios have all become a part of Union City. New investments by Coca-Cola and ASOS are arriving soon and bringing over 1,600 new job opportunities. This has culminated into Union City ("UC") being a destination of choice for businesses, residents and visitors alike.

A major part of this growth is due to strong leadership. Mayor Vince Williams and the City Council have made revitalizing all aspects of Union City a top priority. It is the same vision and mission shared by residents and local businesses as they strive to improve neighborhoods and storefronts and show the world what a next level community looks like. A stellar example of this is the Christian City Community which is a 500-acre campus serving nearly 1,000 seniors and children. From residential to assisted-living units including a children's village, staffed professionals provide care throughout the campus with skilled nursing and rehabilitation, family-style group homes and transitional living services. It is hard work and collaborations like these that make Union City the Progressive City.

One of the foundational pillars of Union City's continuing success is its prime geographic location, being only 10 minutes away from the world's largest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. There are multiple points of entry into Union City, including a major interstate and state highways. This has enabled Union City to become a hub of opportunity for anyone desiring to be a part of the progress. A second pillar of success is the innovation taking place throughout Union City. One of the greatest testaments to this innovation can be seen at Atlanta Metro Studios.

Atlanta Metro Studios is an integral part of Georgia's booming film business. Thanks to the amazing leadership of Governor Deal and the Georgia General Assembly, support for Georgia's film incentive has created an industry that in fiscal year 2017 alone generated \$9.5 billion in economic impact in Georgia, including \$2.7 billion in direct spend. This is a game changer for Union City as well as Georgia's overall workforce development, especially in the film business.

As an example, in partnership with Union City Mayor Vince Williams, Atlanta Metro Studios' James D. Brubaker Film Scholarship Fund has chosen students from the Fulton County high schools that surround Union City (including Banneker) and awarded academic scholarships with full tuition to the Georgia Film Academy's Film Certificate Program at Clayton State University. Students from the pilot program have finished their first semester at Clayton State and within the next 6 months will have the opportunity to work on major productions filming in Georgia. The scholarship program is a partnership between The City of Union City, Fulton County Schools, Clayton State University, Atlanta Metro Studios and The Georgia Film Academy...all working to give Georgia students a foot in the door to an extremely rewarding career.

Located in the heart of Union City (on the site of the former Shannon Mall), Atlanta Metro Studios features the two largest purpose-built sound stages in North America. AMS offers clients 6 stages (135,000 sq ft), production offices (80,000 sq ft), Mill and Flex space (70,000 sq ft) and backlot (5.5 acres). Open since July of 2016, AMS has already hosted 8 productions including multiple large scale, worldwide blockbuster theatrical feature films, as well as multiple large scale broadcast television series and pilots. 2018 is even busier for productions at Atlanta Metro Studios, as well as for productions across the entire State of Georgia.