



COMPANY AIMS FOR NEW HEIGHTS IN COBB

An industrial conglomerate is bringing part of its elevator business and more than 800 new jobs to the Cumberland area, officials announced in July.

ThyssenKrupp leadership has announced the building of its new offices and an approximately 420-foot-tall quality control facility located on Circle 75 Parkway, near The Battery Atlanta in Cobb County.

“So many people from the state to local levels have worked hard to make this announcement happen,” Cobb Commission Chairman Mike Boyce said. “We welcome thyssenKrupp with enthusiasm, and they will soon learn why Cobb County is a place where you expect the best and can safely work, live, play and pursue your dreams.”

ThyssenKrupp already has offices in Marietta, Kennesaw and Acworth, but these facilities will represent a much larger investment in Cobb. They will bring an estimated 863 jobs to the county, with an average wage of \$100,000. That’s an estimated capital investment of \$264 million. The final completion date for this project is scheduled for winter 2020.

“This complex will re-shape the Atlanta skyline and be a point-of-pride for Cobb County and our region,” said Mike Plant, president and CEO of the Braves Development Company, which is developing the office tower. “We are thrilled to have a top company like thyssenkrupp join other businesses in and around SunTrust Park and The Battery Atlanta as the area continues to enjoy unprecedented growth.”

ThyssenKrupp is a diversified industrial group specializing in industrial engineering and steel production. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, this multinational company operates in five business areas: components technology, elevator technology, industrial solutions, materials services and steel. ThyssenKrupp is the leading international steel producer, by volume, worldwide.

Boyce, in a statement, thanked numerous officials involved with the deal, including the governor, other state officials, county staff, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and the county Development Authority.

The chairman noted he had kept the Board of Commissioners informed of the company’s proposal since the earliest days



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of its inception. He commended them on their discretion as officials worked to bring the project to Cobb.

“That we have been successful in convincing this internationally renowned company to partner with us in their and our futures demonstrates that a project of this magnitude can be done in a manner that involves the people and their elected representatives,” Boyce said.

The company has more than 20,000 employees across the U.S., Canada, Central America and South America, with 15,000 of those employees based in North America. thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas has more than 230 branch and service locations, along with a LEED Gold certified manufacturing facility in Middleton, Tenn.





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New conference center opens soon

Cobb County's newest state-of-the-art facility, the Jim R. Miller Park event center, will open in September, just in time for the North Georgia State Fair. The ribbon-cutting for the facility will be 11 a.m., **Sept. 7**, at 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. It is the largest structure funded by the 2016 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax at 41,000 square feet. This includes 25,000 square feet of rentable exhibit and event space. This space can be equally divided into three sections to cater to any event needs. The facility is an excellent option for events like:

- Weddings, receptions, quinceañeras and reunions
- Corporate meetings and training or seminars
- Civic meetings and church socials
- Banquets
- Trade shows
- Concerts and dances
- Festivals and expos

A meeting room and kitchen facilities are also available. The event space can be combined with outdoor spaces for large events such as festivals and expos. Click here to see the floor plan for the building. If you come to the fair in September, you will have an opportunity to see the facility in person. Officials are currently booking reservations for 2019. For more information, please call the facility manager, Cara Lynn, at 770-528-8875.

Extension Service opens doors to the public

Come and see what 4-H has to offer your family at an open house 4-8 p.m., Thursday, **Aug. 16**. The event will be held at 678 South Cobb Drive, Suite 200, Marietta. There will be popsicles, ice cream, information and registration for all 4-H clubs. These clubs include County Council, Young Farmers, Cooking Club, Horse and Pony, Homeschool, Archery, Shooting Sports, Cloverbuds and EFNEP Family Cooking. They are open to all Cobb youth in grades kindergarten through 12. Most of the activities are free or low cost, but some clubs have limited spots.

New citizens academy starts this September

The Cobb County Department of Public Safety is announcing its fall session of the Citizens Public Safety Academy. This 14-week program allows residents to obtain an insider's look into the Department of Public Safety. During the course, participants will gain knowledge and insight as to how the police, fire, animal services and 911 departments are organized and the role each plays to ensure the safety of the public. In order to participate, those interested should live in Cobb County, work for Cobb County government or schools and be at least 21 years of age or older.

The fall academy start date is 6 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept. 18** at the Cobb County Public Safety Training Academy, located at 2109 Valor Drive, Marietta. To be accepted into the program, applicants must fill out an application. This application can be emailed to you or picked up in person at the DPS Training Center. The application will need to be taken to the Cobb County Public Safety Internal Affairs Department, located at 1150 Powder Springs Street, Suite 300, Marietta by 3 p.m. Monday, **Sept. 10**. Bring your driver's license with you as they will need to make a copy of it for the application process.



Applications that are wait listed will also be held over to the spring 2019 program if necessary. If you do not have an email address, please make sure to provide a phone number. If you have any questions about the Citizens Public Safety Academy please contact the Training Center at 770-499-4100.



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