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Brunswick, GA (April 9, 2021) On Friday, April 2, 2021, Port City Partners officially opened Port City Park in historic downtown Brunswick with a ribbon-cutting, art exhibition, and celebration. The park and event venue is the brainchild of Port City Partners Founders Brad and Elizabeth Piazza. The event was held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with Historic Downtown Brunswick's First Friday Celebration.

"We are so proud of the forward momentum that is being created for the growth and development of downtown Brunswick," Elizabeth Piazza remarked. "Our hope is that alongside other like-minded community partners and stakeholders, our combined investment and dedication will inspire the community to mutually invest in the forward momentum of the revitalization efforts. Brad and I firmly believe that this is exactly the type of development needed for Brunswick."

The theme of the art exhibition was "a rising tide lifts all ships," with Josh Dukes (one of the 11 competing artists) taking home the top prize. In addition to the art exhibition, Brunswick Old Town Tours offered bike tours to view Port City Partner's next offering: Port City Lofts at the Leotis Building. Live music performed by Kellie Parr was heard from Queen Square, provided through Brunswick's Music District and Downtown Development Authority. Two community partners were highlighted: CASA and Kid's Port Museum. Guests of all ages had an opportunity to engage with one another, Merci Bouquet offered custom floral bouquets, corn hole boards, and a "What's in the Stew?" game decked the lawn for children. A local artist captured the event by creating a custom work of art. The atmosphere was one of celebration with a complimentary champagne toast and cake cutting to top off the evening.

"We designed the green space, Port City Park, with gatherings and events in mind," he said. "Our goal is to create an atmosphere which feels close-knit while engaging with the pulse of downtown. Port City Park embodies our ultimate goal of live, work, play," Brad Piazza said. "You can find everything in downtown Brunswick."

Port City Park is a new destination for residents of and visitors to Brunswick. It was built on the footprint of the historic Bijou Theatre on Newcastle Street, which was previously vacant for more than 40 years. The theatre was built in 1880 and closed in the 1950s. Port City Partners purchased the property and saw an updated vision for the space. The restoration was embraced by downtown business owners, community leaders, tourism officials, and area residents.

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Port City Partners is a dynamic real estate investment and development company based in Brunswick, Georgia. Building on decades of experience, with strong family ties to the Golden Isles, the firm was founded by Brad and Elizabeth Piazza in 2019 with the express purpose of developing Historic Downtown Brunswick. Port City Partners believes tenant and neighbor relationships to be its most valued exchange. Through renovation and new construction, strategic Federal Opportunity Zone investment, historic tax credit deals, cultural and creative enterprise and philanthropically minded growth, Brad and Elizabeth are leading through action with community support, cooperation, and transparency.