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Nation

GM venture to invest additional \$275M at Tennessee plant

A joint venture between General Motors and South Korean battery company LG Energy Solution announced Friday that it will invest an additional \$275 million to expand a Tennessee battery cell factory for electric vehicles.

Officials with the companies had already pledged to spend \$2.3 billion to build a battery plant in Spring Hill, Tennessee. The additional investment is anticipated to result in 40% more battery cell output when the plant is fully operational. Production at the 2.8-million-square-foot facility is expected to begin in late 2023.

The Tennessee plant is one of three lithium-ion battery factories being built by the joint venture, Ultium Cells LLC. The other two are in Michigan and Ohio. A fourth is also expected, but the site has not yet been named.

— Associated Press

Help Make Golden Isles Veterans Village a Reality

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It's often said that it takes a village to raise a child. So too, it will take a nation to heal the often-hidden wounds of our homeless veterans. Rationally, no one really wants to be homeless, and certainly, no veteran who served to preserve our freedom, should ever be homeless.

Through its "hand up" program, Golden Isles Veterans Village (GIVV) will be part of the solution to veteran homelessness. The Village will offer a safe and supportive community where currently homeless veterans can live while receiving the medical, mental and physical help needed to heal, while receiving counseling and job training – with the goal of helping veterans return to a productive life as proud, contributing members of society.

Golden Isles Veterans Village will consist of 30 tiny homes and a community center, all set on a parcel of land at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and G Street. Each veteran will reside in his/her own individual home, while sharing the fellowship and support of other veterans and resident counselors as they heal.

The Golden Isles Veterans Village project has faced some hurdles over the past three years, but we have overcome these challenges and are now poised to move quickly forward – and need your help to make this vision a reality.

A brief timeline of accomplishments to date:

- In early 2019, a group of



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The exteriors of these tiny homes were constructed by volunteers at South Newport Baptist Church, in McIntosh County. They are now ready to be moved to Golden Isles Veterans Village at the corner Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and G Street, in Brunswick.

dedicated veterans formed the Golden Isles Veterans Village Initiative, setting up the conceptual framework of the project.

- In October of 2019, Nine Line Foundation Inc. joined as a partner, contributing the interior and exterior wall units and roofing components of 20 tiny homes. These component parts were built by students from northern Illinois high schools with funding from Nine Line Foundation.

- In mid-September 2021, the Mission Build Team of the South Newport Baptist Church offered their assistance in assembling the 20 tiny homes. Over the ensuing months, volunteers from the Brunswick area and around the state have worked tire-

lessly on weekends to erect the 20 tiny homes in the parking lot of the church.

- In March of 2022, the property at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and G Street was officially purchased by Golden Isles Veterans Village with funding from a further generous donation from Nine Line Foundation.

- During the spring of 2022, the Illinois high school students built 10 additional tiny homes – these a bit larger and all ADA compliant – and built the interior and exterior wall components for the 30' by 60' community center.

- The underground utility work was completed and approved by the governing authorities on Oct. 31, 2022.

- The concrete pads for supporting the structures are now being formed and poured.

- Soon we will be ready to move the tiny homes to the site, so we can complete the home interiors and help homeless veterans start to heal.

Our ongoing partnerships with both Nine Line Foundation and the Mission Build Team of the South Newport Baptist Church, along with support from the local Rotary clubs, several businesses, churches, local organizations, veterans' groups, and many generous individuals, have been pivotal in getting us to where we are – but we now need the support of the entire Golden Isles community to

HOW TO GIVE

To learn more and to donate to the Golden Isles Veterans Village via credit card, please go to: goldenislesveteransvillage.org/

To donate to the Golden Isles Veterans Village by check, please make your check payable to Golden Isles Veterans Village, Inc. and mail to: Golden Isles Veterans Village Inc., P.O. Box 1884, Brunswick, GA 31521-1884

To purchase a memorial or inspirational brick, go to: <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/givv>

Visit our Facebook page: Golden Isles Veterans' Village.

For more information, contact info@goldenislesveteransvillage.org or call 833-269-4488

complete this project and ensure its success.

During their active-duty service, currently homeless veterans made sacrifices for all of us. As a community, we all have an opportunity now to show these veterans that we care, that we appreciate their sacrifices, and that we stand ready to provide them a "hand up" to rejoin society.

As an all-volunteer non-profit, all monies donated will go to support the Golden Isles Veterans Village. There is no gift too small – and the impact on the lives of our wounded veterans – whether the wounds are visible or invisible – is huge.

Donate today and help rescue the life of a homeless veteran.

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Christmas ACTIVITIES

The holiday season has finally arrived. And if you're looking to get into the spirit, check out a sampling of Christmas-themed events hosted by local organizations.

Through December
The Jekyll Island Arts Association will host its Merry Artists Market through the month at Goodyear Cottage in the Jekyll Island historic district on Jekyll Island. In addition to the market, there will also be multiple arts demonstrations every weekend through Christmas Eve. For a complete list of demonstrations, visit jekyllartists.com.

Glynn Visual Arts will host its Holiday Art Market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 30 at 106 Island Drive, St. Simons Island. There will be items by local artists for sale.

December 8
The Island Players will perform "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 8 to 10. There will be a 3 p.m. matinee Dec. 11. All shows will be held at the St. Simons Casino, 530 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island. Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$25. For details or tickets, visit theislandplayers.com.

December 9
Jill Stanford's Dance Center will present The Grinch at 7 p.m. Dec. 9; 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 11. All shows will be held at the Brunswick High School Auditorium. General admission is \$20. For tickets, email jillstanforddancecenter.com.

Operation Bed Spread will host its Holiday BEDlam from 6 to 9 p.m. at Ziggy Mahoney's in Retreat Plaza on St. Simons Island. Tickets are \$25 per person and area available at the door. For details, visit operationbed.org.

Golden Isles Arts and Humanities will host its annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10. A 3 p.m. matinee show will be staged at 3 p.m. Dec. 11. All performances will be at the Ritz Theatre in downtown Brunswick. For tickets or more information, visit goldenislesarts.org.

St. Marys Little Theatre will host its 10th annual Christmas production, "Miracle at the North Pole," from Dec. 9 to 11 at Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., St. Marys. Performances will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10. There will be a 2 p.m. show Dec. 11. Tickets should be purchased ahead of time at Once Upon a Bookseller in St. Marys (cash or check) or online at www.stmaryslittletheatre.com. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. For details, call or text 954-290-9873.

December 10
Coastal Wildscapes will host its Moonlight and Mistletoe Holiday Party and Oyster Roast from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Altama Management Area in Brunswick. Drinks, light appetizers, live music and a live plein air artist will be available. Tickets are \$75 for members; \$95 for nonmembers; and \$100 for VIP members. VIP tickets include a 3 p.m. ecology and history tour. For tickets, visit coastalwildscapes.org.

The 6th annual Miss Heart of Christmas, a food fundraiser for FaithWorks, will be held at 1 p.m. in Brunswick. It will be \$60 for the early bird package. For more information, visit CoastalGAPageantProductions.com.

The Cassina Garden Club will host its annual Christmas Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the historic tabby cabins in Gascoigne Bluff, 1195 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island. For details, visit cassinagardenclub.org.

The Holly Jolly Jekyll Light Parade will be held at 7 p.m. in the Beach Village on Jekyll Island. For details, visit jekyllisland.com.

The American Cancer Society's Victory Board and the Georgia Theater Company will host its Merry Movies from 10 to 11 a.m. at Island Cinemas, 44 Cinema Lane, St. Simons Island. "The Polar Express" and "Mickey's Christmas Carol" will be screened. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas for a photo with Santa. Tickets are \$15. To purchase those, visit acsvictoryboard.org. The nonprofit is also accepting donations of coffee pods for Nunnally House.

December 11
The Jekyll Singers will perform at 2 p.m. at Goodyear Cottage in the Jekyll Island

Historic District. They will share a variety of Christmas songs. For details about this and other Holly Jolly Jekyll events, visit jekyllisland.com.

December 12
The Glynn Academy Choir and Orchestra will host a winter concert at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 900 Gloucester St., Brunswick.

December 13
The Jekyll Island Singers will host its Snowflakes and Sleigh Bells at 7 p.m. at the

Jekyll Island Convention Center on Jekyll Island. A cantata, The Promise of the King will be performed. Parking is free for the event.

December 16
Golden Isles Arts and Humanities will host its annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17. A 3 p.m. matinee show will be staged at 3 p.m. Dec. 18. All performances will be at the

Ritz Theatre in downtown Brunswick. For tickets or more information, visit goldenislesarts.org.

December 19
The Friends of the Brunswick Library has a used bookstore open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. It is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at the library, 208 Gloucester St., Brunswick. Most paperbacks are \$1 and most hardbacks are \$2. DVDs and audiobooks are also available.

Miss G's 27th annual Christmas Party for local school children will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Glynn Academy Cafeteria. Donations are being requested to help fund gifts and food. To donate or for more information, email mrsrg471@aol.com or call 912-265-9482.

December 20
The Holly Jolly Jekyll drive-in movie will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 20 and 29. For details, visit jekyllisland.com.

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