

# GA Hwy 341 Historical Driving Tour Brunswick/Glynn County



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**Downtown Development Authority**

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## **OLD CITY HALL**

1229 New Castle St., Brunswick, GA

912-265-4032 | [discoverbrunswick.com/old-city-hall.html](http://discoverbrunswick.com/old-city-hall.html)

Designed by architect Albert Eichberg, Old City Hall is an example of Richardsonian Romanesque with Queen Anne affinities. Note the elaborate terra-cotta, including gargoyles and angels, and the abundance of detail massed upon detail. Built at a cost of \$33,000, the building underwent a restoration in 2002 at a cost of \$2.5 million. The building houses Municipal Court, Police administration offices and the Downtown Development Authority/Main Street offices.



### **GLYNN ACADEMY BUILDING**

4001 Mansfield St., Brunswick, GA

912-267-4210 | [www.glynn.k12.ga.us/GA/](http://www.glynn.k12.ga.us/GA/)

In 1840 the second Glynn Academy building was constructed and used until 1915, when it was moved to Sterling. That building will be coming back to the Glynn Academy campus in 2007. In 1923 construction was completed on the “new” Glynn Academy complex, including the Memorial Auditorium, designed by architect Handrik Wallen and patterned after the Louvain Library in Belgium. The different buildings on campus represent a history of architectural design, from the Georgian style (Sidney Lanier, ca. 1930’s) to the Classical Revival (Prep School, ca. 1909) to the Richardsonian Romanesque (Annex Building, ca. 1889, Albert Eichberg, architect of Old City Hall).



### **HANOVER SQUARE**

Brunswick, GA

912-265-4032 | [www.signaturesquare.org](http://www.signaturesquare.org)

Originally laid out in 1771 by George McIntosh at the request of the Royal Governor of Georgia, the city plan of Brunswick was an evolution of General James Oglethorpe’s famous “Savannah Plan”. The first actively used of the six major squares of Brunswick is Hanover Square. The Square has long been a focal point for the social and communal life of the city. As the city grew and contracted from 1771 to 1825, Hanover Square was little more than a designation on the city map. In 1796 the county seat was moved from Ft. Frederica to Brunswick. Elections were held at Hog Crawl Creek off Hwy 17. Urbanus Dart and William Davis petitioned the state in 1825 to reconstruct the city. Thus, a lottery was held in Savannah to raise money. In 1825 a county courthouse, jail, and Masonic Temple were constructed as one building in the center of the Square. Over the next 30 years, the building fell into disrepair as the city was abandoned. As the city gained its third and final charter in 1856, Hanover Square became once again the main public square and gathering place for city residents.



### **THE RITZ THEATER**

1530 Newcastle St., Brunswick GA  
912-262-6934 | [www.goldenislesart.org](http://www.goldenislesart.org)

The theatre was built in 1899 as the grand Opera House. It was converted into a movie theatre, refaced with Carrera glass and renamed the Ritz Theater in the 1930's. The Ritz served the area with both first-run movies and live performances. In the 1980's after a roof collapse, it was rescued by the City into a performing arts theatre. The Ritz has again become a cultural center and a focal point of continuing downtown restoration. The lobby hosts a rotating gallery for local, regional and national artists.

