



**Leading Businesses
Leading Communities**



CHAMBER MISSION
To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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Summer Celebration at Water Pointe Condos, Easton

Thursday, July 26 | 8 Island Court, Easton



Join us **Thursday, July 26 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm** at the brand new luxury waterfront condos in Easton! Water Pointe offers a luxurious, active lifestyle in a quiet village retreat overlooking a secluded freshwater pond. With 60 units on the shore of Morse Pond in Queset Commons, this budding, contemporary village in historic Easton is some 25 miles from downtown Boston.

Enjoy refreshments and networking as always, with special guests, the Mandela Washington Fellows. Bridgewater State University (BSU) is among an elite group of institutions chosen by the U.S. Department of State to host the "Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders" (YALI). *More on page 2.*



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Summer Sizzler at Stonehill After Hours, August 15

Wednesday, August 15 | Donahue Hall, Stonehill College



Join the Chamber alongside **Crescent Credit Union** on **Wednesday, August 15 from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**, for a complimentary, elegant Business After Hours networking event at **Donahue Hall, at Stonehill College**, located at 320 Washington Street in North Easton.

Founded in 1919, **Crescent Credit Union** today serves over 48,000 members who look to them as their financial partner. Crescent seeks to provide a better in-branch experience for both personal and business clientele. For more information, visit www.crescentcredit.org.

Donahue Hall, formerly known as "Stone House Hill House" was completed in 1905 for the Ames family of Easton. "Designed by architects Parker, Thomas and Rice of Boston, the 2 ½ story, 55-room Georgian Revival style...*More on page 2.*

Mandela Fellows Visit the Chamber



This month, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce hosted Bridgewater State University's Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young Leaders. This program offers the participants a comprehensive and challenging program in public management. Melding senior faculty in the discipline of public administration with distinguished practitioners in the field, the Fellows will be exposed to a broad array of viewpoints and skill development that will deepen their understanding of leadership, decision-making and policy implementation.

Orientation included a full day in Brockton where they met with city, county and state officials. The Metro South Chamber of Commerce hosted the Fellows for a light breakfast during their visit to Brockton. *More on page 2.*

METRO SOUTH REGIONAL PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD

Lead on Issues of Regional Economic Infrastructure Importance

- *Advocate* – Creation of Regional Water/Sewer Connections
- *Investigate* – Best Use of Underutilized Parcels of Land and Expanded Rail Service
- *Market* – Creative Economy as a Vehicle for Job Creation and Visitor Attraction
- *Support* – Green/Clean Energy Initiatives for Regional Sustainability
- *Champion* – Regional Bio-Ready Life-Sciences Study

Attract, Train and Retain a Competitive Workforce

- *Connect* – Competitive Workforce/Technical Training with Economic Development
- *Celebrate* – Workforce Diversity and Capacity
- *Endorse* – Employee Wellness Strategies
- *Support* – Quality Housing, Higher Education and Health Care Worker Skills Development
- *Create* – Pipelines for Career Advancement in Strategic Industries

Collaborate for a Climate Conducive to Competitive Commercial Development

- *Endorse* – Gateway Cities Incentives for Sustainable Development
- *Advocate* – Attractive Commercial/Industrial Tax Rate Adoption
- *Operate* – Business Assistance Center and Edison Small Business Incubator
- *Present* – Educational Series Targeting Entrepreneurs and Top Industries
- *Promote* – Regional Brand, Assets, and Development Ready Sites



Chamber Celebrates 2018 ATHENA Award Recipient



June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools

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After Hours @ New Water Pointe Condominiums

Thursday, July 26 | 8 Island Court, Easton



Check out the perfect lifestyle for people seeking city-level luxury and carefree homes at country prices, at the brand new Water Pointe luxury condos! Tour the residence with us on **Thursday,**

July 26 at 8 Island Court in Easton.

Douglas A. King, owner of the new Water Pointe residences, has been building and developing housing and commercial buildings for the last 50+ years. He says, "I think equally important, is we give back to all the communities. The design of Water Pointe was so important, for me, to be quality & energy efficient, and have all the latest technology and building materials available. I think Water Pointe is definitely a community within a community in Easton." Visit www.waterpointehome.com to learn more.

Mandela Washington Fellows To Attend Reception



The 2018 Mandela Washington Fellows outside Boyden Hall at Bridgewater State University with President Fred Clark.

The Chamber is also excited to welcome back, for the fourth year, the Mandela Washington Fellows. Beginning in mid-June, "twenty-five of Africa's brightest emerging public administrators have been studying at BSU for a six-week academic and leadership institute. This flagship program was launched in 2010 to support young African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa.

The leadership institute empowers young African leaders through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking, professional opportunities, and support for activities in their communities. The participants come from Sub-Saharan Africa and have a proven record of accomplishment in promoting innovation and positive change in their organizations, institutions, or communities. The cohort of 25 Fellows are a part of a larger group of 1000 Mandela Washington Fellows being hosted across the United States. At the conclusion of the BSU program, Select Fellows will receive hands-on experience through a six-week placement with U.S. companies, organizations, and government agencies.

BSU's goal is to connect the Fellows with local institutions, organizations and leaders in our community and to broaden thinking about social, cultural and economic issues in a spirit of mutual dialog."¹

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects.

The Mandela Fellows will be attending the **Water Pointe Business After Hours event on Thursday, July 26 at 8 Island Court in Easton.** Register by emailing your full name and business name to info@metrosouthchamber.com or call us at (508) 586-0500 x 221!



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¹ "Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders at Bridgewater State University." Bridgewater State University, www.bridgew.edu/mandela-washington-fellowship.

Summer Sizzler at Stonehill After Hours (cont.)

Wednesday, August 15 | 320 Washington Street, North Easton



"...mansion features a classical façade framed by two gabled wings and a connecting colonnade of six Corinthian columns." The estate "included a gymnasium which housed a glass-roofed indoor clay tennis court and a marble swimming pool; a squash court; a garage; a conservatory; barns and maintenance buildings. The half-mile driveway from

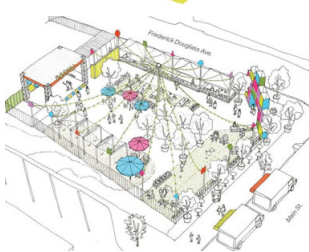
the main gate to the mansion was lined with rhododendrons imported from England." Today, Donahue Hall is "home to the Admission Office and the Office of the President, standing at the summit of a mature 380-acre campus comprising more than 30 major buildings, athletic fields, lawn and landscaped areas, agricultural use land, forested areas, undeveloped acreage. Throughout its history, the College has worked diligently to maintain the layout of the house and to keep its architectural integrity."¹

This will be the fourth year the Chamber has teamed up with Crescent Credit Union to offer this wonderful mid-summer evening for networking and enjoyment. This event is free when you pre-register. Email your full name and company name to info@metrosouthchamber.com or call us at (508) 586-0500.



¹ McGovern, Martin. Director, Communications and Media Relations, Stonehill College.

Open Call for Artists, Performers, Restaurants...



PROVA! is coming to Brockton this summer! The PROVA! team has exceeded their goal of raising \$50,000 to be matched with \$50,000 by MassDevelopment. With the help of the business community, PROVA! has raised \$134,000!

Set to open Thursday, July 12, 2018 PROVA! (a word that means "Proof" in Creole) is designed to be a rich, colorful "garden" that is a dynamic venue which proves and celebrates Brockton's rich multicultural heritage through local food and craft beer, family fun, and diverse arts and entertainment. The PROVA! team is

made up of businesses, local nonprofits, city officials, and volunteers who are working to transform a vacant lot in the heart of downtown Brockton into a safe, fun and vibrant outdoor space for building community. Beginning this summer, PROVA! will be open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, as well as some Saturdays throughout summer.

The mission is to prove that Brockton can come together as one community and have fun doing it, while also demonstrating the potential that exists for businesses to be successful in our downtown. **Be a part of PROVA! this summer! Open call for artists, performers, musicians, restaurants, etc.** Email provabrocktoninfo@gmail.com for more info!

Independence Day Celebrations Across Metro South

The Fourth of July is a day full of celebrations put on by different communities across the country. People enjoy parades, cookouts, time with family and friends, and of course, fireworks! Below is a list of firework displays that will be held across the Metro South region. Enjoy and travel safely!

TOWN	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Bridgewater	July 4	Legion Field	9:30 PM
Brockton	July 3, 4, 7	Brockton Fair	10:45 PM
Canton	July 4	Irish Cultural Centre	9:00 PM
Randolph	July 3	Randolph HS Baseball Field	9:30 PM
Sharon	July 3	Lake Massapoag	9:30 PM

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Networking at Events

is one of the most effective ways to grow your business!

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Independence Day - Chamber Closed

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Business After Hours 5:00 pm
Water Pointe, 8 Island Court, Easton

August

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Executive Board Meeting 3:00 pm

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Summer Sizzler at Stonehill After Hours 5:00 pm
Donahue Hall, Stonehill College, 320 Washington St., North Easton

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Chamber Board Meeting 12:00 pm

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Business After Hours 5:00 pm
D'Agostino Insurance, 111 Torrey Street, Suite #1, Brockton

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Good Morning Metro South 7:45 am
Barrett's Conference Center, 674 West Center St, West Bridgewater

October

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Legislative Reception 5:00 pm
Donahue Hall, Stonehill College, 320 Washington St., North Easton

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Business After Hours 5:00 pm
Wood Palace Kitchens, 7 Mill Street, Middleborough

Join the Ambassador Team!

The Ambassador Team meets on a monthly basis to serve fellow members by providing information, resources, member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in Chamber programs and services. To learn more, please email Doris at doris@metrosouthchamber.com. The next meeting will be held on June 6 at 8:00 am at the Chamber.

**Impact.**

It takes the right tools to start or grow a business. And it takes customers to keep business growing.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce builds strong businesses and communities by connecting you to new customers and suppliers, as well as to those who influence the local economy and quality of life.

Access to the right tools. One more way the Chamber makes an impact.



To join the chamber call 508.586.0500 or visit www.metroouthchamber.com

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), Sixty School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

GOOD News

Fuller Craft Museum Current Exhibitions: "Playtime in the Making" & "FORTitude: The Art of Play"

Playtime in the Making is a large-scale art installation that speaks to the value of "play" in creativity. Produced by a team of four artists – Tommy Simpson, Karen LaFleur, Nancy Tucker, and Marlow Shami – the project's intent is to honor "play" as a vital partner in the creative thinking process by guiding the visitor through the four stages of creativity in a "the more you look, the more you see" puzzle. The installation includes furniture, textiles, laser/router work, as well as hand-carvings, writing, animation, original music, and documentary film. *The Art of Play*, a multimedia installation created by tiny house builder Deek Diedricksen in collaboration with woodworker/designer/builder Palo Coleman and mural artist Felipe Ortiz. The indoor playscape is designed to allow visitors of all ages to apply the creative thinking lessons learned in *Playtime in the Making* in a freeform way. We encourage you to explore the various play-themed elements not only with your minds, but with your hands and bodies as well. Both exhibitions will be on display until September 16, 2018.

Wells Fargo Launches \$6.75 Million Homebuyer Grant Program in Brockton

Wells Fargo came to Brockton City Hall on Friday, June 15 to launch a \$6.75 million initiative aimed at boosting homeownership in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Plymouth counties. Eligible participating homebuyers can get a \$20,000 down payment assistance grants by attending a free event on June 29 and June 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. This is the first time Wells Fargo has brought its Neighborhood LIFT program to Massachusetts. But it's the 60th time Wells Fargo has hosted this program throughout the country.

2018 Brockton High School Alumni Awards

A packed room cheered enthusiastically

Members - send Good News to
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Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center

on May 31 when the BHS Alumni Association honored three outstanding alumnae. Jan Sharkansky Singer '82, CEO of Victoria's Secret Lingerie, received the Alumni Achievement Award; Amy Freedman Korim '71, a lifelong Brocktonian, musician, teacher and community leader, received the Alumni Service Award; and Greta Zukauskaitė '11 received the first-ever Young Alumni Award in recognition of her academic and professional accomplishments during her first decade after graduation. Three graduating seniors each received a \$1,000 BHS Alumni Association scholarship. Congratulations Sarah Witherbee '18; Maria Cardoso '18; and Claudio DePina Gomes '18.

Night Against Domestic Violence @ Campanelli Stadium

On Friday, July 13th at 6:00 pm, Campanelli Stadium will host a Night Against Domestic Violence sponsored by the Brockton Rox and the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office. Get \$3 off your ticket when you bring in a non-perishable food item to donate to one of several domestic violence agencies in our community, including Health Imperatives' domestic violence shelter, Penelope's Place.

Blood Drives for the American Red Cross, July

Brockton: Tuesday, 7/21 1:00pm-6:00pm @ Good Samaritan Medical Center, 235 North Pearl St.

Easton: Friday, 7/6 10:00am-3:00pm @ Dunkin Donuts American Red Cross Bloodmobile, 606 Washington St.

Easton: Wednesday, 7/18 10:00am-3:00pm @ Lynch & Lynch, American Red Cross Bloodmobile, 45 Bristol Dr.

Hanover: Wednesday, 7/11 1:00pm-6:00pm @ Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.

Halifax: Monday, 7/30 2:00pm-7:00pm @ Monponsett Inn, 330 Monponsett St.

Rockland: Thursday, 7/5 2:00pm-7:00pm @ Double Tree by Hilton, 929 Hingham St. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org for more info.

Frederick Douglass Exhibit Opening

Join the Brockton Public Library in the Art Room, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm as they unveil the Douglass Bicentennial Exhibit in the Driscoll Gallery, and also present the "North Star" award to their benefactor The Eastern Bank Foundation for their support of the Immigration Dialogue Series. Contact Paula Jones for more information (508) 580-7890 x 203

The Children's Museum in Easton July Highlights

The Children's Museum in Easton has so much planned this summer your head will spin! Sponsored by Good Samaritan Medical Center, it's a great option for summer activities!

July 10: Curious Creatures

July 14: Teddy Bear Clinic

July 23: Touch Tanks

July 24: Princess Pajama Party

July 30: Bacteria Detectives

Every Thursday: Super Science Summer Investigators

Visit childrensmuseumineaston.org to find out more information.

The Brockton Council on Aging Annual Cookout

Please join us for the annual cookout prepared by Krazy Cook Catering. Enjoy a lunch of BBQ chicken, cheeseburger or hamburger, hot dog, potato salad, corn on the cob, potato chips, watermelon and punch. Enjoy the music of 'Ragtime' Jack Radcliffe, a master of traditional country blues, ragtime & stride piano. Jack was inducted into the Old Time Country Hall of Fame in 2014. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Brockton seniors will be given first priority.

2018 Brockton Summer Concert Series

Mayor Bill Carpenter is pleased to announce the line-up for the first leg of the 2018 Mayor's Summer Concert Series. Beginning on Thursday July 5th, there will be a free concert at Height's Crossing on Christy's Place, every Thursday throughout the entire month of July. Additional shows for the month of August will be held at a downtown venue to be determined. "The Mayor's Summer Concert Series

has become a summertime tradition in Brockton. Our 2018 line-up of bands is filled with Brockton summertime favorites and I encourage everyone to attend." Said Mayor Bill Carpenter. All concerts are weather permitting. Please follow Mayor Bill Carpenter and City of Brockton on facebook for updates.

*All Concerts 6PM – 8PM

Thursday July 5th - The Reminisants

Thursday July 12th - Billy Couto and The After Hours Band

Thursday July 19th - Soul Intensity

Thursday July 26th - Jim Gambino

Bridgewater Savings Bank Announces 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Peter Dello Russo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridgewater Savings, has announced the recipients of 14 academic scholarships totaling \$18,000 awarded recently to local students. The scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Melissa Foley, Middleborough High School - Amy Jameson Memorial Scholarship

Molly Folino, East Bridgewater High School - Edmund Nutter Memorial Scholarship

Shantelle Gurley, East Bridgewater High School Creative Writing Award

Kaitlyn Hunter, Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School

Robert Lauzier, East Bridgewater High School Performing Arts Award

Bethany Letendre, Taunton High School

Julie Mason, Coyle & Cassidy High School

Cameron Murray, Apponequet Regional High School

Emily Pruyn, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School

James Skov, Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School

Cody Soderlund, Middleborough High School

Samantha Tyrrell, East Bridgewater High School Visual Arts Award

Grace Viviano, Pembroke High School - Claudia Pantazopoulos Memorial Scholarship

Casey Willis, West Bridgewater High School

Congratulations to all!

Health Care Matters

Good Samaritan Medical Center Starting Line for Patient on Life Affirming Run

Good Samaritan Medical Center welcomed patient Brian Clay on Thursday, June 14 – the one-year anniversary of a lifesaving diagnosis made at the medical center in June of 2017 – a diagnosis that resulted in a Med-Flight to Brigham and Women's Hospital for life-saving heart surgery. Brian ran from Good Samaritan Medical Center into Brigham and Women's

Hospital, Boston to recreate the Med-Flight journey he took last June when he suffered an acute aortic dissection – a condition in which the large blood vessel to the heart tears.

Good Samaritan Medical Center Emergency Physician Joseph Grueter, MD, made the lifesaving diagnosis when Mr. Clay arrived at the Emergency Department with his father after experiencing chest pain. If not for the immediate response and actions

of the medical team, Mr. Clay may not have survived.

"I am so grateful for the care I received at Good Samaritan Medical Center", said Mr. Clay. "The entire journey from their emergency department, to the Med-Flight, and finally into Boston for the surgery is one I will never forget." "Doing this run is my way of acknowledging the second chance I have been given and my way of paying it forward."

Mr. Clay was reunited with his medical team on the helipad at Good Samaritan Medical Center on Thursday June 14 at 8am prior to the start of his run. Visit goodsamaritanmedical.org for more.



Emergency Physician, Joseph Grueter; Brian Clay; and RN, Sue Dos Santos-Pais outside the emergency room at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton.

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More Upcoming Summer & Autumn Networking Save the Date; Annual Meeting November 14

Mark your calendar for upcoming networking events taking place this summer & autumn! Enjoy networking, refreshments, and raffles. For more information and to register to attend, visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar.



Thursday, September 13 | 111 Torrey Street, Suite #1, Brockton

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Ron D'Agostino, R.F. D'Agostino Insurance Agency is a full service insurance agency, whose goal is to be their clients' go to resource for personal and business insurance and financial planning needs. Join us to celebrate their 32nd year serving the greater Brockton area. Visit www.rfdinsurance.com for more information.

On Thursday, September 13th, R.F. D'Agostino Insurance Agency will hold a Business After Hours at 111 Torrey Street, Suite #1 in Brockton, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Founded in 1986 by

Wednesday, September 19 | Barrett's Conference Center

good morning
Metro South

Bridgewater sponsored by Heights Crossing. This is not a typical business breakfast. Good Morning Metro South's fast-paced format attracts over 100 business people from throughout the region. It brings you entertaining and educational speakers in a television show style format. With a crowd of nearly 100 people or more, these meetings are also great places to network! Stay tuned for more information and to learn about our guest speaker!



Sponsor:

Wednesday, October 3 | Donahue Hall, Stonehill College

**LEGISLATIVE
RECEPTION**

You are cordially invited to attend the 29th Annual Legislative Reception on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. This is a casual event at which business leaders, elected officials, and candidates for public office can discuss important issues while enjoying complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. It will take place at Stonehill College's Donahue Hall on 320 Washington Street in North Easton.

The Metro South Chamber Legislative Reception is an excellent and cost-effective way for you, your key staff, and colleagues to initiate or renew face-to-face contacts at the state, federal, and local level. We encourage you to participate and support the unified voice of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. Together, we can ensure that government understands and supports the needs and concerns of the business community in our region.

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STONEHILL COLLEGE

Thursday, October 18 | 7 Mill Street, Middleborough

Wood Palace
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Join us Thursday, October 18th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm for a Business After Hours, evening of networking at Wood Palace Kitchens, located at 7 Mill Street in Middleborough.

**105th ANNUAL
meeting**

November 14, 2018



Save the date for our 105th Annual Meeting and Business Expo! November 14, 2018, location to be determined. The Metro South Chamber Annual

Meeting & Expo includes wonderful speakers, entertainment, giveaways, and celebration! Sponsorships, tickets, and table top expo booths are available. Attendance is 450-500 people. *Premier Sponsor: Crescent Credit Union.*



Maria Milagros (Vazquez)

This year our guest speaker will be Maria Milagros. "Maria Milagros (Vazquez) is a speaker, an author, storyteller and empowerment life coach. Whether sharing her life experiences and knowledge through impactful talks, workshops, leadership training, life coaching or videos, Maria uses stories to bring encouragement, education and love to empower others to get out of their way and break free from any hindering thoughts or beliefs, so that they can live amazing lives and leave their unique and positive mark on the world.

She knows that no matter where you come from, what you've been through, or what you have done, love, connection and personal responsibility can change every area of your life. She knows because it has worked for her and she likes to remind others that she is not an exception to the rule. If she can do it, then you can too!"

"Grand Bargain" Passed by MA Senate & House

Massachusetts workers will be seeing a lot of changes in the next few years. Commonly referred to as the "Grand Bargain", H4640 was passed by the MA Senate & House on June 20, 2018.

The "Grand Bargain" bill signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker will ultimately raise the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour, implement a guaranteed paid family and medical leave program, and establish a permanent sales tax holiday. It also includes a new payroll tax.

Minimum wage: the law incrementally raises the current \$11-an-hour minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2023. By that time, Massachusetts will be tied with New York, California, and Washington D.C. for having the highest statewide minimum wage in the country. The increase will begin in 2019, with state minimum wage going up to \$12 an hour.

Tipped minimum wage: the law also includes an increase for the tipped minimum wage. The current tipped minimum wage in Massachusetts is \$3.75, which will increase by 60-cent increments every year until it reaches \$6.75 in the year 2023.

Sunday pay: In something of a compromise to employers, the law gets rid of the requirement that retailers pay an overtime wage to Sunday and holiday workers. However, it maintains that employees cannot be required to work on Sundays or holidays, or be punished for refusing to work on those days.

Paid leave: Beginning in 2021, employees (even self-employed) will be allowed to take up to 12 weeks of paid family leave and up to 20 weeks of paid medical leave, with the guarantee that they can return to their previous job or an "equivalent position" with the same pay, status, and benefits.

Payroll tax increase: The new paid leave program will be paid for by a payroll tax increase estimated to bring in \$750-\$800 million each year, a 0.63% increase. This is set to take effect July 1, 2019.

Sales tax holiday: no changes were made to the statewide sales tax, however Massachusetts residents will get a two-day weekend each August in which they do not have to pay sales tax.¹

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DeCosta-Klipa, Nik. "What You Need to Know about the 'Grand Bargain' That Charlie Baker Just Signed into Law." Boston.com, The Boston Globe, 28 June 2018, www.boston.com/news/politics/2018/06/28/massachusetts-minimum-wage-paid-leave-sales-tax-law.

Brockton Housing & Healthy Living Expo



Angelo Nuby, Mass Housing; Laura Chau and Robert Jenkins, Brockton Redevelopment Authority; Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce

The Westgate Mall will host the Brockton Housing and Healthy Living Expo **Saturday, September 15 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**. The Expo is designed to promote homeownership in Brockton and will feature many members of the Brockton Housing Partnership, local bankers, home services, health centers and related organizations. Many Brockton lenders offer preferred discount mortgage rates and the Mayor has recently announced a down-payment program providing up to \$25,000 for qualified home purchasers. Contact Laura Chau

at LKChau@brocktonredevelopmentauthority.com or visit buybrockton.org

United States Military Recruiters Join Chamber

The United States Army operates a U.S. Military Recruiting Office in Brockton at 165 Westgate Drive. Today's Army Reserve is the most battle-tested and experienced in our Nation's history. But whether performing combat missions abroad or saving lives and protecting property at home, the Army Reserve will continue to offer versatile, available and effective capabilities to the Army and the Nation at reduced cost to the American taxpayer. Army Reserve communities include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Saipan, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Korea, Germany and Italy. Since 2001 alone, the Army Reserve has been mobilized and routinely deployed in 30 countries around the world to include every major combat zone. To learn more visit Captain David Rossigno or call him at (508) 588-5548.



U.S. Army Officer Keith Senneck and Chamber President and CEO Chris Cooney

House of Possibilities Celebrated!



Irish Tenor, Ronan Tynan

International Singer, Ronan Tynan entertained at a recent Gala held in support of the House of Possibilities, a non-profit organization located on the campus of Stonehill College in North Easton. The House of Possibilities is dedicated to supporting families by creating a space for caring, sharing and celebrating individuals with developmental challenges. To learn more visit houseofpossibilities.org

Chamber Welcomes David Boehm, Intern

The Metro South Chamber welcomes summer intern David Boehm, who is entering his sophomore year of college at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

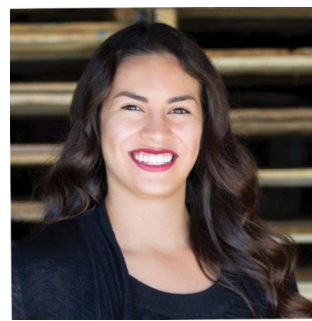
David will assist the Chamber through August and learn the functions of business, ins and outs of commerce, and advance his experience in the business community. In the fall, he will continue his studies towards a degree in economics.

Through this internship, David hopes to make connections with individuals and businesses in the region as he learns about the real world applications of economics and marketing.



David Boehm, Chamber intern

Chamber Welcomes Erin Lawrence, Programs



Erin Lawrence, Director of Programs and Events

The Metro South Chamber is pleased to announce the addition of Erin Lawrence to its staff as the Director of Programs and Events. In her new role, Erin will be responsible for all Chamber programs and events. This includes the monthly Business After Hours and Good Morning Metro South breakfasts as well as the Taste of Metro South, Legislative Luncheon, Small Business Awards, ATHENA Program, and the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Business Expo.

Erin holds a bachelors degree in psychology from Bridgewater State University, as well as a Master of Science degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology from Georgia Southern University.

Her past experience includes customer experience and membership representative roles, as well as graduate teaching assistance and volunteer work. Feel free to contact Erin to welcome her to the Metro South Chamber, or for information on any of the Chamber's programs and events at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or via e-mail at elawrence@metrosouthchamber.com.


"Help Stop Elder Abuse Walk" Draws Many

Old Colony Elder Services (OCES), the non-profit agency proudly serving older adults and individuals with disabilities throughout greater Plymouth County and surrounding communities, led a march recently in an effort to raise awareness of elder abuse.

OCES along with the public, civic leaders, health workers and community supporters joined in a "March Against Elder Abuse" walk, held in Brockton recently. The March began and ended at the Brockton Council on Aging. Mayor Bill Carpenter spoke as did several elected officials. The Brockton Rotary Club participated in the event with more than thirty Rotarians in attendance.



Mayor Bill Carpenter, City of Brockton; Aginaldo "Nato" Fonseca, VP Business Development Officer for HarborOne U.; and Brockton Rotary Club President, Richard Hooke of Crescent Credit Union march to end elder abuse in Brockton.



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ATHENA Program Honors June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools; Features Secretary Rosalin Acosta

2018 ATHENA Award Recipient - June Saba-Maguire

Chief Academic Officer of the Brockton Public Schools



June Saba-Maguire, Chief Academic Officer of the Brockton Public Schools

June Saba-Maguire is the Chief Academic Officer of the Brockton Public Schools. Throughout her career, she has been an inspirational mentor, coach and leader. She prides herself on identifying strengths and talents of women, both in the field of education and in the community. She is a mentor and support to women and has been instrumental in aiding so many in achieving their goals.

"The foundations of the ATHENA Award speak directly to who June is and perhaps, has always been. She is a lifelong learner who builds meaningful relationships with everyone she meets,

learns from others, and continues to remain connected. Among her other achievements and contributions to the Brockton Public Schools, she developed the Footbridge Program with Bridgewater State University, a valued educational partner.

As June works to create an innovative learning environment, she recognizes the unique talents of educators and encourages them to take on leadership roles that support the school, the district and beyond. Brockton's Superintendent of Schools Kathleen A. Smith, JD, recently summed up June's abilities by describing her as '...a visionary leader who has the proven ability to lead whole district change.' June, she said, 'pioneered several district-based initiatives that have influenced school turnaround efforts and has led to state and national recognition.' June is a change agent."

The criteria for selection for the ATHENA Award closely mirrors the character of June Saba-Maguire. She is a valued member and leader of the community who strives toward the highest levels of professional accomplishment, who has excelled in her chosen field, who has devoted time and energy to her school and greater community in a meaningful way, who has changed the lives of countless generations of children and families and who, along the way, has also opened doors so that others may follow, lifting women to explore their own abilities and find their own paths. She is most deserving of this distinguished honor.

Prior ATHENA Recipients

2017 Diane Bell, BSU
2016 Cheryl Oppen, School on Wheels
2015 Mary Waldron, BSU
2014 Janet Trask, Brockton VA Hospital
2013 Kathleen Smith, Brockton Public Schools
2012 Ruth Bramson, Girl Scouts of Eastern MA
2011 Elaine Reiser, Brockton Area Multi-Services
2010 Anne DeMinico, St. Joseph Manor
2009 Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
2008 Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services
2007 Susan Szachowicz, Brockton High Principal
2006 Loretta Degrazio, East Coast Petroleum
2005 Marianne Wroble Cox*, WBR 1460AM Radio
2004 Shailah Stewart, Brockton Public Schools
2003 Linda Faria Braun, The Adult Learning Center
2002 Christine Karavites*, Proteas Consulting
2001 Barbara Duffy, My Turn, Inc.
2000 Noelle Foye, Brockton Elementary School Nurse
1999 Janice Cunningham, East Bridgewater Police

*deceased



Secretary Rosalin Acosta, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



June Saba-Maguire paid homage to her best friend (left), sister (right), and mother as "her Athenas" during her ATHENA Award acceptance speech.

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Senator Michael Brady, Commonwealth of MA; June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools; and State Representative Claire Cronin, Commonwealth of MA



Senator Michael Brady; Secretary Rosalin Acosta, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development; June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools; Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; State Representative Claire Cronin; and Chris Cooney, Chamber President and CEO.



Barbara Duffy, HopeWell; interviewing Kris Puskar, Eastern Bank.

June Saba-Maguire with former ATHENA Award Recipient and colleague, Kathleen Smith, Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools.



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If you have any questions, contact the Chamber at (508) 586-0500 or e-mail
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Old Colony Planning Council Celebrates 51 Years



Frank Staffier, Chairman of the Board

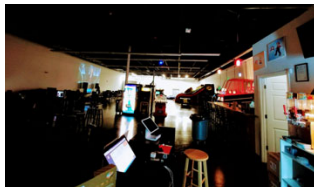
The Old Colony Planning Council recently held its annual meeting at Barrett's Conference Center in West Bridgewater. OCPC provided comprehensive planning services to many communities in the Brockton-Plymouth County area. Frank Staffier, Chairman of the Board presided over the meeting where more than one hundred town, city and regional leaders gathered to hear Senator Walter Timilty speak. The Senator spoke on several topics relative to recent legislation being proposed and debated. The state budget and priorities for funding were also discussed. Service awards were presented to OCPC Board and staff. To learn more about the OCPC visit, www.ocpcrpa.org



(From left to right) Senator Michael Brady, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Pat Ciaramella, Old Colony Planning Council and Vice Chair of Economic Development on the Chamber Board of Directors; Senator Walter Timilty, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Chris Cooney, President & CEO of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

Platinum City Gaming Opens in Taunton

Rashuad Garner, owner and operator of Entertainment One Stop Shop, recently announced the opening of a new facility in Taunton. The new arcade center, Platinum City Gaming is located at 294 Winthrop Street in Taunton and features fun and gaming for the whole family. PC setups, TV stations for consoles, tournament areas, and arcade cabinets are available and special birthday and group packages are being offered at attractive pricing. To learn more visit entertainmentonestopshop.com/platinum-city-gaming.html



Shots of some of the gaming options featured at Platinum City Gaming in Taunton, powered by Entertainment One Stop Shop LLC



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Ribbon Cutting & Evening Networking at Connemara

The June 28th Business After Hours & Ribbon Cutting at Connemara was as unique as the view was grand!



The view from the roof during a tour of Connemara Senior Living Campello. Many of the residents have balconies and call this view home.



Mayor Bill Carpenter joined us in celebrating the transfer of ownership from Emmanuel House to Connemara Senior Living Campello.



Beautiful outdoor area of Connemara Senior Living Campello.



Volunteer Office Manager Doris Flechia of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce with two of our ambassadors, Joanne Schneider of Eastern Bank and Marni Dunton of Connemara Senior Living Campello.



Spacious living space with a view for Connemara residents.



Connemara wait staff were all smiles and very welcoming.



Chris Cooney, MSCC; Sally Burke, Owner of Connemara; Grace Doherty, Senior Helpers; John Burke, Owner of Connemara.



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Hynes & Pearson Celebrate 40 Years at Rotary



Long time chamber members recently honored for 40 years of service to the Brockton Rotary Club. Pictured here, Nick McCummings, President of Brockton Rotary; Rich Hynes (40), President of Barbour Corporation; Dick Pearson (40), President of Montello Heel Company; and Eric Lutz, Past President of Rotary.

Chamber Affiliation News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at (508) 586-0500 x 223 or e-mail chris@metrosouthchamber.com.



The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** promotes unity between local government and the business community and is committed to promoting goodwill among business owners, operating in an ethical manner, and supporting the community they serve. Visit bridgewaterbiz.biz for more information.

The **Stoughton Chamber of Commerce** helps to preserve the overall community's interests and needs. As an advocacy for the business community, the SCC promotes wellness of the entire community through charitable donations, fundraising and scholarship programs for our graduating students. Visit stoughtonma.com for more information.



The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce's** mission is to promote the civic, economic and social welfare of its members and the Town of Norwell. They actively assist the Chamber members with the challenges of business growth, management and entrepreneurship. Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for more information.



The **East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA)** was founded in 1993 "to promote a healthy business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking and fellowship." Please visit www.eastbridgewaterbiz.com for more information.



The **Avon Industrial Park Association** is a non-profit group seeking to advance the advocacy and business of its members in public and private affairs. Membership is open to all companies who operate within the confines of Avon Industrial Park in Avon, Massachusetts. For more information please visit avonindustrialpark.org.



The **Randolph Chamber of Commerce** is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1986 representing businesses in Randolph and the surrounding communities. The chamber provides leadership in fostering business success, growth and development. Visit www.randolphchamberofcommerce.org for more information.



The **South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN)**, established in 1991, was the inspiration of six women who felt that the needs of women in business were not being met by traditional organizations. They further believed there was a need for an organization that would provide networking opportunities to women and business owners on the South Shore. Visit sswbn.org for more information.

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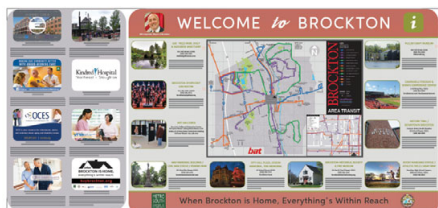
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