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Former Boston Federal Reserve Senior Advisor at January Chamber Luncheon

Friday, January 27 | 11:45 am - 1:30 pm | Martin Institute @ Stonehill College | 320 Washington Street, North Easton

GOOD DAY 27 JANUARY 2023
METRO SOUTH
11:45 AM - 1:30 PM
MARTIN INSTITUTE @ STONEHILL COLLEGE
Register now: metrosouthchamber.com/events

Please join us on Friday, January 27th from 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM for a Good Day Metro South luncheon at the Martin Institute at Stonehill College (320 Washington Street, North Easton.) This event is sponsored by Stonehill College.

We are excited to announce our guest speakers will be Jeff Fuhrer, Foundation Fellow, Eastern Bank Foundation and former senior policy advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston;

and Chaitra Sanders, Associate Director for Health Connector Business, Massachusetts Health Connector for Business. Also featured during this event will be an interview with recently elected State Representative, Rita Mendes!

Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance. *Learn more on page 2.*



February Luncheon to Feature Mayor of Brockton, Rotary Club

Thursday, February 9 | 11:45 am - 1:30 pm | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton

Please join us on Thursday, February 9th for a Good Day Metro South luncheon hosted in partnership with The Rotary Club of Brockton at Thorny Lea Golf Club from 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM. The guest speaker for this event will be Mayor of Brockton, Robert F. Sullivan. Pre-registration is required. This event is sponsored by OCES – Old Colony Elder Services.

“Robert F. Sullivan was born and raised in Brockton, MA. He is the son of Robert and Susan Sullivan and grew up on Wellington Street in Ward two. He attended Brockton Public Schools (Whitman Elementary School, West Junior High School) and graduated from Brockton High School in 1988. He earned his BA and MBA at Boston College, and his JD at the New England School of Law. Prior to being elected Mayor in 2019, he has served on the Brockton City Council as a Councilor-At-Large since 2006. In that role, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as the City Council President five times.” *Learn more & register online at metrosouthchamber.com/events*



Mayor of Brockton,
Robert F. Sullivan



The Truth About Employee Retention Credits (ERC) and How to Process the Paperwork

Employee Retention Credits (ERC)

Up to \$26K of tax credits per employee

The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC) has evolved to become more widely available to many small businesses. It is worth, in many instances, more than PPP and EIDL grants. The ERC is for your small business to help you financially make it all the way through this pandemic. You will be glad you spent the one hour listening to this concise and helpful Zoom recording from the SBA. Will your small business benefit? Take a listen and share with your payroll and accounting people to prepare your paperwork now. *Learn more on page 10.*

Vegan Cape Verdean Restaurant Soft Opening 1/20 - Main St. Brockton

RIBBON CUTTING
Cabo Vegan
20 Main Street
Brockton
01/20 @ 11:00AM

Ribbon Cutting and Soft Opening with delicious tastes, tours, networking opportunities, photo-op, and more!

Learn more on page 7.

Former Boston Fed. Reserve Senior Advisor, State Rep. Mendes, and Health Connector for Business at Jan. Luncheon

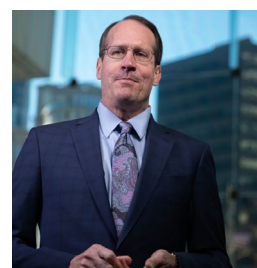
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Jeffrey Fuhrer, Eastern Bank
Foundation Fellow



About the Panelists: Jeffrey Fuhrer is a Foundation Fellow for the Eastern Bank Foundation. Jeffrey's work on racial equity is motivated by the findings of the Federal Reserve's 2015 "Color of Wealth in Boston" study. He hopes to use his findings to design programs and policies to close the wealth gap in the Greater Boston metro area and surrounding communities. Jeff is also a senior fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. In that capacity, he is conducting research on the Federal Reserve's new monetary policy framework, and sources of the racial and ethnic wealth gaps.

Jeff previously served as executive vice president and senior policy advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He has been an associate economist of the Federal Open Market Committee and regularly attends this key US policymaking meeting with the Bank's president. In 1992, he joined the Bank's research department as an assistant vice president and economist, and from 1995 to 2001 he headed its open economy macro/international section. In 2000, Fuhrer was named senior vice president and monetary policy advisor. In 2001 he became director of research, and in 2006 he was named executive vice president.

Fuhrer began his career at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; he started there as a research assistant and, after earning his doctorate, returned in 1985 as a senior economist. He has been active in economic research for more than three decades and has served as an associate editor for the American Economic Review. Fuhrer has published numerous scholarly papers on the interactions among monetary policy, inflation, consumer spending, and asset prices. He has been married for 35 years and has three grown children. Fuhrer earned an AB in economics with highest honors from Princeton University. He received his MA and PhD in economics from Harvard University. Learn more about Jeff at jefffuhrer.com



Chaitra Sanders, Massachusetts
Health Connector for Business



Chaitra Sanders joined the Massachusetts Health Connector in 2018 soon after the launch of the new Health Connector for Business online shopping platform for small businesses.

She initially began as Distribution Channel and Account Manager. In that role, she primarily served as the service and sales liaison for direct small employer groups, brokers, and other distribution channels.

As Health Connector for Business membership has grown, Chaitra's role has transitioned to Associate Director of Health Connector for Business. She currently oversees the direction and coordination of the small business health and dental insurance products, focused on membership growth and retention.

She continues with the Health Connector to implement outreach initiatives that engage and inform potential new small business members and their employees about the changes and opportunities for health insurance

coverage available through business.mahealthconnector.org



MA State Representative
Rita Mendes



State Representative Rita Mendes: With both, a thriving law practice and a real estate agency, Rita Mendes has become a leading Brazilian-American Attorney on the South Shore. Fluent in Portuguese and Spanish she has led the way for many of our new citizens to become homeowners. As a trilingual attorney focusing on both civil and criminal litigation, she has fast become a go to person for many who have immigration, criminal, divorce, and custody issues in the Brockton area.

Rita Mendes received her Juris Doctorate degree from New England Law/Boston; Undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; Associates degree from Massasoit Community College and a Brockton High graduate.

Aside from being an attorney and a real estate broker, Rita Mendes is a mother, a homeowner and a wife. She also volunteers her time in the community as an attorney at New England Community Center. In 2019, she ran for the Brockton City Councilor At Large seat. She was sworn into office in January 2020 as the first Brazilian-American to hold office in Brockton.

Rita Mendes was born in Brazil. She came to the United States when she was 12 years old without speaking English. She is an American success story and a shining example of what hard work and diligence can accomplish.

About Stonehill's Martin Institute: The Martin Institute seeks to



prepare the students for leadership positions as active citizens in service to an improved human community. Through rigorous, critical interdisciplinary inquiry, the Institute challenges students to explore the vital issues of public policy and

social justice. It is committed to a curriculum and co-curriculum that bridges theory and practice, inviting student curiosity in and engagement with the pressing issues of the day.

The Joseph W. Martin Institute for Law & Society was established in memory of Joseph Martin Jr. (1884-1968), the former Speaker of the House of Representatives. As a Congressman representing a nearby district, Speaker Martin had a close relationship with the College and received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1955.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law legislation for the creation of an institute at Stonehill College in Martin's honor. Joseph W. Martin Institute for Law & Society was constructed by Stonehill in 1990 with Congressional funding.

Register for this event online at metrosouthchamber.com/event/good-day-metro-south-at-stonehill-college/

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The Chamber wishes to assure our members of our intention to provide universal access to all programs. If you or your employees require assistance in this area, please let us know by calling the Chamber at (508) 586-0500 at least 48 hours in advance.

Calendar
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January

11	Ambassador Meeting <i>Online meeting held via Zoom</i>	9:00 am
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Chamber Closed	
18	Tax Preparation for the Self-Employed <i>Online workshop offered by SCORE</i>	12:00 pm
25	Chamber Board of Directors Meeting <i>Online meeting held via Zoom</i>	12:30 pm
26	Apply for Diversity Certification <i>Online workshop offered by MA Supplier Diversity Office</i>	10:00 am
27	Good Day Metro South <i>Martin Institute @ Stonehill College, 320 Washington St., North Easton</i>	11:45 am

February

08	Ambassador Meeting <i>Online meeting held via Zoom</i>	9:00 am
09	Good Day Metro South <i>Thorny Lea Golf Club, 159 Torrey St., Brockton</i>	11:45 am
14	Metro South Chamber's 110th Birthday!	
23	Apply for Diversity Certification <i>Online workshop offered by MA Supplier Diversity Office</i>	10:00 am





Leading Businesses.
Leading Communities.

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 (via Zoom) or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), Sixty School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

UP-TO-DATE News



MassDevelopment Monthly Office Hours at the Chamber with Jay Pateakos

Jay Pateakos, Vice President of Business Development for the South Region of MassDevelopment will host a series of virtual office hours through the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

Pateakos will be available to provide information and answer questions about how the organization can help businesses, financial institutions, and municipalities in southeastern Massachusetts.

For more information, email Jay at jpateakos@massdevelopment.com or call (508) 678-0533 x 1201.

Exclusive Staples Discounts for Chamber Members

Members of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce have access to special partner discounts, 10% off in-store regularly priced purchases and 20% off Printing and Marketing Services, every time they shop in store. They can save on an assortment

Members - send Good News to
estratton@metrosouthchamber.com

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of products, from signage, to PPE, to business essentials, and more! Visit www.metroouthchamber.com/membership/savings/ to learn more.

Fuller Craft Museum presents "Food Justice: Growing a Healthier Community through Art"



Food security is among the most basic of human needs, but contemporary issues prevent e q u i t a b l e

access to food. Economic inequality and structural racism, corporate agricultural practices, food waste, climate change, and domestic and geopolitics are among the many factors that contribute to disparity in food resources around the globe. "Food Justice: Growing a Healthier Community through Art" will critically explore complex human issues that can shape and influence positive change in food security. Art's transformative potential will enable viewers to understand food insecurity in meaningful ways and be inspired towards change. Fuller Craft

Museum is open Tuesday - Sunday, 10AM-5PM, and is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Admission is free for everyone. Visit fullercraft.org to learn more.

MSBDC Calendar - Online Training

Visit msbdc.org/training to register

- 1/9: Basics of Starting Your Business
- 1/11: Starting a Business 101
- 1/17: Get Your Ducks in a Row for Tax Prep
- 1/19: Canva 101
- 1/26: Pre-Expo Workshops
- 1/27: Export Expo
- 2/8: Starting a Business 101
- 2/9: Ways to Fund Your Small Biz
- 2/16: Improve Your Credit Score
- 2/22: Financials 101
- 2/23: Woman-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting
- 3/8: Starting a Business 101

United Way of Greater Plymouth County's Annual Coat Initiative "Warmer Winters" Spread Warmth During Challenging Times

United Way of Greater Plymouth County recently generated funds for its 8th Annual "United Way Warmer Winters" initiative to purchase warm jackets for local children in need in Greater Plymouth County. Since 2015, this initiative has helped over 2,530 children to keep warm. With funds from the Hurley Trust and

with other compassionate donations, United Way was able to allocate \$26,979 to help low-income children in Greater Plymouth County. "We all understand that it's been a tough few years. Many individuals and families are struggling daily- paying the weekly grocery store bill, making up for the learning lost during pandemic school interruptions, recovering from natural and man-made disasters. Our Warmer Winters fund is an annual demonstration that together with our community, we can lighten their load and make lasting change," said United Way President & CEO Dennis Carman, "Thanks to our generous donors and corporate partners, we are able to provide children with 675 new coats as winter approaches." The funds to purchase coats were donated to BAMSI's Helpline, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South, Brockton Day Nursery, Family & Community Resources, Father Bill's & MainSpring, Health Imperatives, Plymouth County Family Support, Quincy College Plymouth Campus, The Arc of Plymouth & Upper Cape Cod, and United Way's Family Center. To see more photos that will continue to be shared in United Way's Warmer Winters series, please visit www.facebook.com/uwgpc.

Health Care Matters

Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center 235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301 508-427-3000

www.goodsamaritanmedical.org

Good Samaritan Medical Center

A STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL



Happy New Year from all of us at Good Samaritan Medical Center. We hope that 2023 brings good health and happiness to you and the people you love.

The new year is a time when many reset their goals, including those for their health and lifestyle. There are many factors that influence wellness, and it's never too late to start working toward improving health and feeling your optimal best.

"The most important thing in wellness is lifestyle," said Dr. Akash Patel, a Steward Health Care family medicine physician. "How we live our life, how we train our body – all of this plays an important role."

Learn more at www.stewardtoday.com/Dr-Patel-Discusses-WellnessWhether

About Good Samaritan Medical

Center: Good Samaritan Medical Center is an acute-care, 224-bed Catholic hospital providing comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, and Level III Trauma emergency services to Brockton and 22 neighboring communities. The hospital offers Centers of Excellence care in orthopedics, oncology, and cardiology, specialized care in surgery, family-centered obstetrics with Level II special care nursery, and advanced diagnostic imaging. Please click here to view a full list of our specialties.

About Steward Health Care System: Nearly a decade ago, Steward Health

Care System emerged as a different kind of health care company designed to usher in a new era of wellness. One that provides our patients better, more proactive care at a sustainable cost, our providers unrivaled coordination of care, and our communities greater prosperity and stability.

As the country's largest physician-led, tax paying, integrated health care system, our doctors can be certain that we share their interests and those of their patients. Together we are on a mission to revolutionize the way health care is delivered - creating healthier lives, thriving communities and a better world.

Member Profile - Fuller Craft Museum

Fuller Craft Museum
455 Oak Street
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 588-6000
www.fullercraft.org



Year Established: 1969

Products or Services: Art Museum

Number of Employees: 24

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?

Fuller Craft Museum offers expansive opportunities to discover the world of contemporary craft. By exploring the leading edge of craft through exhibitions, collections, education, and public programs, we challenge perceptions and build appreciation of the material world. Our purpose is to inspire, stimulate, and enrich an ever expanding community. We offer 6-10 changing exhibitions per year, terrific community programming, and free admission to everyone, everyday!

What is your market area?

South of Boston/Cape Cod/Plymouth-Bristol-Norfolk Counties

What markets do you serve?

Fuller Craft Museum serves a wide array of audiences, including national art and craft communities; tourists and visitors to Boston, Providence, and Plymouth County; southeastern Massachusetts; and, the city of Brockton, Massachusetts.

Please list awards, honors or special recognition your firm has received:

Fuller Craft Museum is one of only about 7 museums in the nation dedicated to craft and is the only one in New England. Our relentless commitment to our mission has also earned us the American Craft Council 2020 Award of Distinction: <https://www.craftcouncil.org/recognition/fuller-craft-museum>.

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community?

1. To actively increase visibility/marketing for general public visitation (which is free!)
2. To foster new relationships resulting in corporate membership and sponsorship of exhibitions and programs.

Anything additional we should know about your company?

Fuller Craft Museum has been an integral part of Brockton, Massachusetts since it was founded in 1969 by geologist and hydrologist, Myron Fuller. A native of Brockton, Fuller used his resources to establish the institution in the memory of his family. Today, the Fuller Trust still financially supports the museum and requires the Museum to have representation on its Board from the Mayor's office, the Trust bank, and the Brockton Public Schools. Originally conceived of as a traditional fine arts museum and cultural center, Fuller Craft has transformed itself into one of the foremost centers of contemporary craft. Its expansive collection includes glass, wood, studio furniture, ceramics, metal, jewelry, fiber art, and multimedia assemblages.

5,100 New Jobs and \$1.6B in Business Output – A Little Sewerage Could Go A Long Way.



A little sewerage could go a long way – more than 5,100 new jobs and 1.6 billion dollars in business output according to a recent study on additional sewerage capacity in business districts adjacent to Brockton. Many new jobs likely filled by Brockton residents, with regional economy reaping benefits. The Chamber commissioned Dan Hodge, Cambridge Econometrics to pre-

pare a sewer infrastructure study exploring capacity, use, and potential development opportunities in Avon, Easton, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater, while identifying regional economic impact. Visit metrosouthchamber.com/2022/11/a-little-sewerage-could-go-a-long-way/ to read the full study and view the slides.

Member Profile - VJC International

VJC International
27 Harold W. Bishop Blvd.
North Attleboro, MA 02760
(508) 739-5240
www.vjcinternational.com



VJC International

Year Established: 2016

Products or Services: Recruiting and Staffing

Number of Employees: 11

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer? We support Talent acquisition needs of customers on a national level. We have expertise and experience across various industry verticals and in multiple disciplines- from C level roles to IT to Engineering roles. Our rates are very competitive and pride ourselves in representing our Client's Employer Brand.

What is your market area? We are a National Firm and have clients across the US.

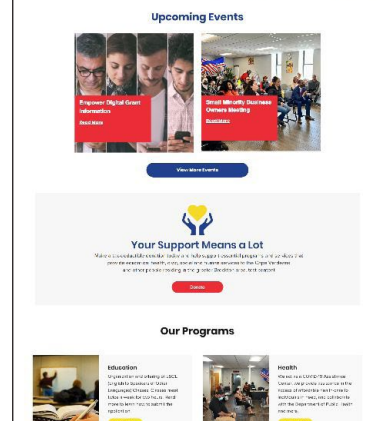
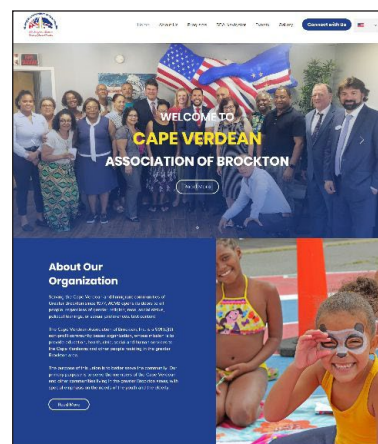
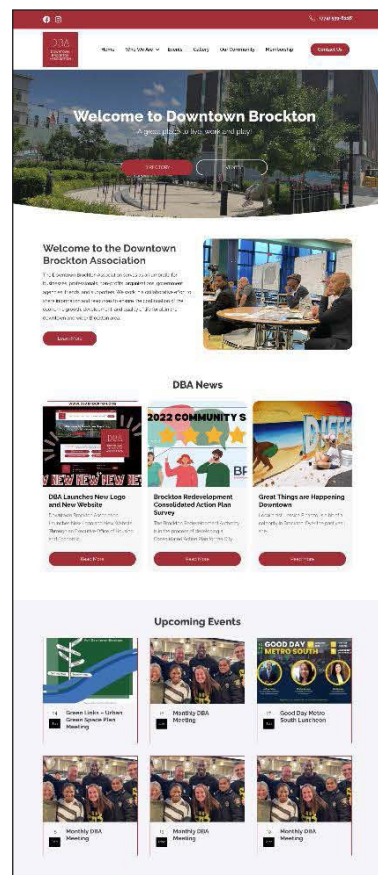
What markets do you serve? We have Clients in various industry verticals

Please list awards, honors or special recognition your firm has received: We are highly rated in Table Talk which is a Recruiting Platform that rates performance of Recruiting Agencies in the US. We are currently rated 4.6/5

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? Our objective is to be fully aligned with our Clients in understanding their needs and in parallel fully understand their products and services and the markets they serve. We take pride in representing and protecting our Client's Employer Brand.

Anything additional we should know about your company? The CEO of our company has over 25 years of Global Human Resources experience having worked for a multi-national Electronics Manufacturing Company. He brings the knowledge and depth in Talent Acquisition Management which in turn allows our Firm to seamlessly and correctly source and place qualified candidates.

New Year, New Websites & Online Capabilities for Brockton-based Small Businesses



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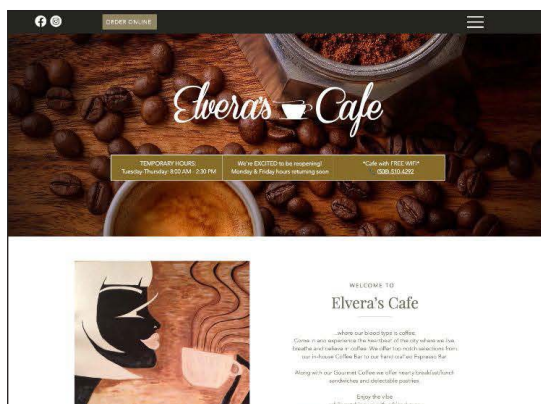


Thanks to a grant secured by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce last year, seven Brockton-based small businesses had the opportunity to enter 2023 on elevated, stronger footing by improving their websites and ramping up their online presence.

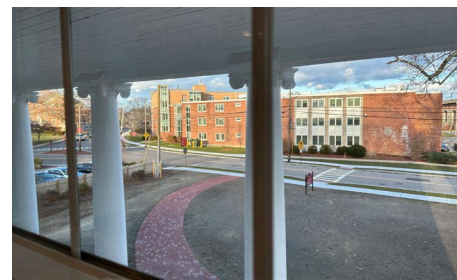
Through the partnership and guidance of Kerry Aglugub, KMA Web Design and Tricia White, T. White Creations, the following businesses received web and/or technical assistance: The Cape Verdean Association of Brockton, Downtown Brockton Association, Elvera's Cafe, Empower Nutrition, Italian Kitchen of Brockton, Cape Cod Cafe Pizza, and Sligh's Vegetarian Cafe - six of which launched in the final quarter of 2022. Sligh's is expected to launch later this month.

Services provided range from behind-the-scenes SEO (search engine optimization) strategies - which help your business to be "seen" by Google and boosts engagement - to content creation and complete website overhauls.

"We are grateful to the Metro South Chamber for the opportunity to update our website and to have the talents of KMA Web Design and T. White Creations. The technical assistance, creative insight, and guidance they provided was extraordinary. I would recommend to any business looking for similar services to contact KMA Web Design and T. White Creations," said Mary Waldron, President of the Downtown Brockton Association.



Bridgewater State Acquires 161 Summer Street, New Home of Martin Richard's Institute for Social Justice

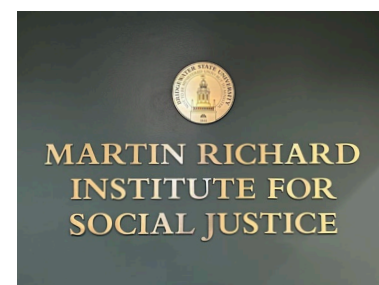


Bridgewater State University recently purchased 161 Summer Street in Bridgewater as the new site of the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice center.

The mission of the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice is to build knowledge about social justice, to develop skills for advancing social justice through individual and collective action, and to serve as a catalyst for actualizing Bridgewater State University's commitment to social justice.

At BSU, we believe that social justice requires individual and collective action to ensure fairness in pursuit of opportunities, freedom from oppression and the equitable distribution of resources. Fairness, freedom from oppression and equitable distribution of resources are all grounded in the same basic principle: that all human beings have equal dignity and worth.

The Institute for Social Justice was established in 2011 and renamed in honor of Martin Richard in 2015. Eight year old Martin was one of three people killed, while hundreds of others were injured, by bombs at the Boston Marathon in 2013. Martin's parents, Bill and Denise Richard, are BSU alumni. Visit bridgew.edu/center/martin-richard-institute-social-justice to learn more.



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce President and Ellen Cuttle Oliver, Chief Development Officer, Executive Director of Bridgewater State University Foundation.

Real Estate Spotlight: 132 Court Street, Brockton



Market Rate Development opportunity! 150 Unit (110-1BR & 40-2BR) Multifamily w/ 4,000 sqft of commercial/retail space to be developed. This development is located within 250 feet of the MBTA Rail Station in Downtown Brockton as well as the Brockton Area Transit Authority Intermodal Parking Facility. Be in Boston within 35

minutes. The property also falls into the Federal Opportunity Zone. Property has acquired a variance from the local Zoning Board of Appeals. Contact Brian Droukas: (508) 458-5000

"New Resources & New Faces" Holiday Networking

The Chamber wrapped up the year with a Good Day Metro South luncheon featuring the Treasurer's Office, New Faces, & Holiday Networking sponsored by Cambridge Savings Bank.

Liz Gomes and Michael McLeish from the Office of the Massachusetts State Treasurer and Receiver General presented the new Small Business Resource Toolkit website to the Metro South business community. (smallbusinessma.org)

Our "new faces" panel featured Erin McGough Rowe, Executive Director, Fuller Craft Museum; Christine Santoro, Executive Director, Children's Museum in Easton; and Glenn Parsons, President & CEO, SCU Credit Union. Thank you to our emcee, Dan Trout, North Easton Savings Bank; and interviewer, Mahsa Khanbabai, Khanbabai Immigration Law. Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Visit [flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber/) to see more photos from this event.



Liz Gomes, and Michael McLeish, Office of the Massachusetts State Treasurer and Receiver General with emcee, Dan Trout, North Easton Savings Bank.



John Bobbin, Cambridge Savings Bank and Mahsa Khanbabai, Khanbabai Immigration Law.



Monica Lombardo and Kelsey Tabela-Baxter, Boys & Girls Club of Metro South with Santa (Steve Damon, Jack Conway Realty).



(Image to the Left) William Mitchell, Massasoit Community College; John Nesti, MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board (GBWB); Krystal Love, New Heights Charter School of Brockton; Lorraine Merchant Albert and Patricia Garcia, MassHire GBWB; and Virginia DePina and Rita Jones-Hyde, Massasoit Community College with Santa (Steve Damon, Jack Conway Realty)



Erin McGough Rowe, Fuller Craft Museum



Christine Santoro, Children's Museum Easton



Glenn Parsons, SCU Credit Union



Rob Peters (DiFazio), Rob Peters Entertainment.



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber; Steve Damon, Jack Conway Realty (Santa); Rich Hynes, Barbour Corp.; Maryjane Anene, Combined Insurance of America; John Buckley, Plymouth County Register of Deeds.

Vegan Cape Verdean Restaurant & Market Comes to Downtown Brockton; Soft Opening Jan. 20th



Tome and Valery Andrade, owners of Cabo Vegan (PC: Alyssa Stone/The Enterprise)

Join us **Friday, January 20th at 11AM** for a soft opening at "Cabo Vegan", 20 Main Street in Brockton. Enjoy networking, tours, photo-op, and more! Register online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://www.metroouthchamber.com/events)

Cabo Vegan is a local vegan catering service with a menu consisting of 100% vegan/plant based options. Popular dishes include katxupa/cachupa, lobsterless rolls, chuna snack rolls, coconut black beans & squash, coconut chickpea curry, vegan BBQ chik'n, traditional "djagacida", baked mac & cheese, lasagna, lentil stew, bacalhau de nata, strawberry shortcake, almond cardamom cake, and more. Visit [thecabovegan.com](https://www.thecabovegan.com) to learn more.



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Visit metrosouthchamber.com/events to see a complete list of workshops listed here. Want to host a workshop? Email Cathryn at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com to discuss.



I'm Certified. Now What?

Date & Time: January 10, 2023, 12:00pm

Description: Have you just received your WBENC Certification and are unsure about where to start? Join us for this webinar where we review the WBENC National network, share certification reminders, opportunities open to certified businesses, resources for you to utilize, and ways to engage in the WBENC community.



Women Entrepreneur Workshop: Access to Capital

Date & Time: January 10, 2023, 6:00pm

Description: Join us for a workshop series focused on the tools women entrepreneurs can use to thrive in Boston. In this workshop we will learn about accessing capital for your business. Starting your own business? Trying to grow or diversify but don't know where to start? Join us for a series of free workshops taught by experts and resources from the City of Boston to find the best tools and strategies for your business.



MGCC Empower Digital Grant Info Session

Date & Time: January 17, 2023, 5:30pm

Description: Beginning in May 2021, \$3,800,000 will be made available for the Empower Digital Grant. This grant program provides funding for the needs of Massachusetts-based small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals seeking tools and services to develop their digital capabilities in partnership with a Small Business Technical Assistance (SBTA) provider for up to \$5,000. SBTA providers are the door to this grant program for applicants. SBTA providers will sponsor small businesses to apply and support the effort of the small business applicants through technical assistance in the application process. The small business applicants, with the help of their SBTA sponsor, will work with a Qualified Professional in the area of their greatest digital need(s) to pursue a digital development plan. Additional consideration will be given to businesses owned by women, minorities, immigrants, non-native English speakers, U.S. Military Veterans, disabled individuals, LGBTQ+, low-to-moderate income owners, socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and businesses operating in Gateway Cities.



Tax Preparation for the Self-Employed

Date & Time: January 18, 2023, 12:00pm

Description: Sheila May, a tax preparer with the IRS Enrolled Agent credential, will be giving lots of good tips for the SELF-EMPLOYED just in time for tax season. She will tell you easy ways to make tax preparation more manageable.

Apply for Diversity Certification

Date & Time: January 26, 2023, 10:00am

Description: The pre-certification workshop provides an overview of the State certification criteria and process, the SDO portal platform and the required documents that must be submitted when applying for certification. The workshop also provides a brief introduction to COMMBUYS (the Commonwealth's procurement platform where bidding opportunities occur), the Small Business Purchasing Program, and the Supplier Diversity Program.



"Cultivate" 12 Week Business Education Program



Santander's Cultivate Small Business program is designed to support the growth of early-stage woman-, BIPOC-, and immigrant-owned food businesses in emerging neighborhoods in the Greater Boston area. This 12-week, fully virtual program is completely free to entrepreneurs, and provides you with industry-specific education, networks, and mentoring, along with the opportunity to apply for capital grants for your business. Learn more: <https://sforce.co/3Q5RaPY>

Register for an infosession: www.eventbrite.com/e/santanders-cultivate-small-business-information-session-tickets-441348514287

Empower Small Biz: MGCC Grants & Resources

EMPOWER SMALL BUSINESSES: Additional COVID Business Resources and Grants from Mass Growth Capital Corporation

The purpose of MGCC is to create and preserve jobs at small businesses, inclusive of those owned by women, minorities, immigrants and veterans. MGCC also works to promote economic development throughout the Commonwealth, with special paid attention to business needs in underserved areas, Gateway Cities and low to moderate income communities. Visit www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org to learn more and apply for the follow grants:

BIZ-M-POWER GRANT: This program is focused on assisting low-income and moderate-income entrepreneurs with their acquisition, expansion, improvement or lease of a facility, purchase or lease of equipment, or with meeting other capital needs of a business through crowdfunding. The objective is to provide entrepreneurs with new knowledge and skills for growing their business and advancing toward innovative approaches to obtaining capital through the earned support of local residents, neighborhoods, community members, and stakeholders alike.

EMPOWER DIGITAL GRANT: This program seeks to support the development of digital capabilities and consequent growth of small businesses of socially and economically disadvantaged individuals with the support of our Small Business Technical Assistance (SBTA) providers.

Visit www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org to learn more.

New MassDREAMS Grant for First-Time Homebuyers Helps Employee Retention, Brockton



First Time Home Buyers currently living in one of these communities may be eligible for a grant up to \$50,000 toward closing costs and down payment purchases in MA. Eligible communities: Attleboro, Barnstable, Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Peabody, Pittsfield, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Salem, Springfield, Taunton, Westfield and Worcester. For more information and to check eligibility, visit nhs.mass.org/wp-content/uploads/MassDREAMS-Factsheet_-w-logo.pdf

Job & Internship Fairs - Connecting with the Workforce



Thursday, April 6, 2023 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tinsley Athletic Center Gym | 131 Summer St., Bridgewater

The Job & Internship Fair is a great way for employers to meet a large number of potential candidates looking for full-time, professional-level positions as well as internships. Career Services provides a comprehensive marketing effort for the event so that employers can expect to see hundreds of candidates. This event is open to all Bridgewater State University students, alumni and the community providing over 100 employers with the opportunity to meet with 500+ candidates from a variety of majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Employers attending must have open/anticipated full-time, degree required jobs and/or academic internships. This event is invite only. Please contact Laurent Troland at: ltroland@bridgew.edu



The following are career fairs held by UMass Dartmouth. Visit umassd.edu/career/events to learn more.

- "Health and Nursing Career Fair" | 2/23 @ 2:00 pm
- "Business, Engineering, and Technologies Career Fair" | 3/22 @ 2:00 pm
- "Humanities, Creativity, and Common Good Career Fair" | 3/23 @ 2:00 pm
- "Just in Time Career Fair" | 4/20 @ 1:00 pm

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The Next Cohort for STI's Grant Funded Programs, Culinary Arts & Welding, Starts in January! STI, in partnership with MassHire, is offering an exceptional educational opportunity. Learn more at stitech.edu/index.php/2022/11/21/the-next-cohort-for-stis-grant-funded-programs-culinary-arts-welding-starts-in-january.

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Becoming a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce provides your business opportunities to accelerate its growth. When you join the Chamber, you become a leader within the business community and a member of the region's most dynamic advocacy organization. Membership means potential new business prospects, new savings, access to valuable resources and information, a

variety of marketing opportunities, and more, for you and your business. Chamber membership is affordable no matter how small your business, and it provides your business with tremendous opportunity.

Join to Receive OVER \$1,000.00 IN PROMOTIONAL BENEFITS

FREE Member Listing in the Action Report newsletter (distributed to over 20,000)
FREE Member Profile in Action Report newsletter, distributed through *The Enterprise*
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FREE 2022/23 Guide to the Metro South Region
FREE Chamber Business List in Excel or mailing labels, \$150 value
FREE Enhanced member listing on the Chamber website with hotlink to website
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FREE opportunity to promote company at event share tables and at the Chamber
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(Base Rate is \$375 + \$5 per full time employee)

For more info or to set up an appointment call (508) 586-0500 x 229 or email membership@metrosouthchamber.com.

The Truth About Employee Retention Credits (ERC) and How to Process the Paperwork

Employee Retention Credits (ERC)



Up to \$26K of tax credits per employee

The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC) has evolved to become more widely available to many small businesses. It is worth, in many instances, more than PPP and EIDL grants. The ERC is for your small business to help you financially make it all the way

through this pandemic. You will be glad you spent the one hour listening to this concise and helpful Zoom recording from the SBA. It's the first time they are presenting on this topic.

Will your small business benefit? Take a listen and share with your payroll and accounting people to prepare your paperwork now. Watch the infosession online: <https://bit.ly/3B79SRs>

Federal, State & Regional COVID-19 Resources



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to providing support for our business community now more than ever - we're here for you. Below, please find an extensive list of federal, state, and regional resources available to you during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brockton Redevelopment Authority
Contact: Patricia Jackson
(508) 586-3887

Center for Women & Enterprise
Contact: Carla Akalatian
(617) 532-0244

Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD)
Contact: Margaret Laforest
(617) 939-3097
Contact: Susan Whitaker
(617) 620-1005

MA Small Business Development Center Network (MSBDC)
Contact: Jill Beresford (508) 673-9783

Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)
Contact: John Fitzpatrick
(617) 720-3300

MassDevelopment
Contact: Jay Pateakos
(508) 678-0533

MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board (MassHire GBWB)
Contact: Sheila Sullivan-Jardim
(508) 584-3234

MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center (MassHire GBCC)
Contact: John Murray
(508) 513-3400

Old Colony Planning Council
Contact: Mary Waldron
(508) 583-1833 ext. 202

SCORE Business Counselors
Contact: Peter Smith
(508) 587-2673

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation
Contact: Sue Murray
(508) 822-1020

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
Contact: Susan Lourie
(617) 565-5564

Affordable, Flexible Health Coverage for Small Biz



The Massachusetts Health Connector is here in support of small businesses and employees to make sure you know about the affordable and cost-saving health insurance options

available through www.MAhealthconnector.org/business.

This information session focuses on health insurance options available to small businesses and their employees through Health Connector for Business. A review of options available for individuals and families who are not eligible for coverage through their small employer is also

Employers' Experience with Health Connector for Business

Groups shopping through the Health Connector for Business receive greater cost savings and flexibility through these benefits:

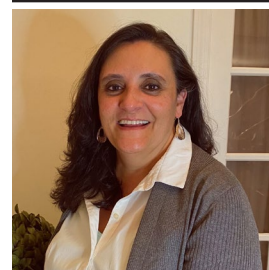
FLEXIBLE CHOICES	EMPLOYEE CHOICE MODELS Through our flexible employee choice models employers can allow employees to shop for different plans that fit their needs, all while keeping employer costs constant.
REBATES	CONNECTWELL Employers with 1-25 enrolled employees will be eligible for a 15% rebate on the employer's premium contributions if 33% of employees complete one of 30+ approved wellness activities.
TAX CREDITS	SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE TAX CREDIT Only businesses that shop through state marketplaces can be eligible for the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit.
NO FEES	NO FEES OR MEMBERSHIP DUES The Health Connector for Business allows for you to shop for coverage options and enroll in coverage without any fees or dues.

included. The agenda includes:

- Coverage options for small employers
- Flexible Employee Choice models
- Exclusive cost-saving benefits such as the ConnectWell rebate program and the Small Business Tax Credit
- Health insurance options for individuals and families not eligible for small group coverage

The slidedeck is also available at files.constantcontact.com/969219b8001/61411af4-586e-4d68-a1fe-796f7b812a7e.pdf

Small Business Resource; We Speak Portuguese!



Theresa Lobo-Albin, Small Business Assistance

Theresa Lobo-Albin on the chamber staff is fluent in Portuguese. She is available to communicate with businesses that may require help in learning about various business assistance programs serving entrepreneurs, businesses and non-profits throughout the region.

Theresa holds a degree in business and accounting and has worked with many small businesses from numerous industries over her career in accounting.

The Chamber (in partnership with many regional, state, and federal resources) operates the Metro South Business Assistance Center and Thomas Edison Business Incubator in support of business development. Many of the BAC resources can be found online and are being offered remotely, including one-on-one coaching through SCORE

Counselors.

To learn more about business assistance resources in English and Portuguese contact Theresa Lobo-Albin at finance@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 230. To learn more about the Business Assistance Center (BAC) and available business resources, visit www.metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance. Individual counseling is available by appointment.



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 **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 **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 **Connect 24 Business Alliance (C24BA)**, formerly the Randolph & Stoughton Chambers of Commerce, was formed to increase strength and support for our members and provide more opportunities for our local business community to thrive. Visit connect24ba.com to learn more.



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 **Easton Chamber of Commerce** is a non-profit 501(c)(6) membership organization representing business and professional people. The Easton Chamber of Commerce mission is to unite, guide and support Easton businesses with the goal of increasing economic opportunities and fostering a healthy business climate. Visit easton-chamber.com to learn more.



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 **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.

Networking Group USA Partners with Chamber: Easton, Halifax, and West Bridgewater



The Metro South Chamber and Networking Group USA have formed a partnership to engage emerging businesses and help them grow. This is a low cost way to network, and in combination with Chamber membership, is great way to grow your business. Visitors are always welcome.

Networking Group USA has open seats for building your business by referral. Flexible, growth oriented and affordable, meeting are twice a month in person or via zoom.

Easton NGU - meets 8am, 2nd & 4th Weds via Zoom with quarterly social events contact MarcyVenzia@gmail.com

Waters NGU - Meets 8:30am 1st & 3rd Thurs at Keeping

Pace with Multiple Miracles in W. Bridgewater Contact Jane.McCarthy@rate.com

Taunton NGU meets 9-10am 1st & 3rd Tues Contact Kevin at QuackSellsHomes@gmail.com

To learn more contact Marcy Venezia at 781-223-8221 and watch this 3 minute video of the Waters Group overview. <https://bit.ly/3LJ1Dh0>

SEED Corp. Offers Brockton Business Loan Program

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation focuses on job creation by financing small business in Massachusetts and Rhode Island through:

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January 5: *How To Pay Small Business Taxes Strategically to Avoid One Big Tax Bill*

January 10: *How To Start a Business Using A Free SCORE Mentor*

January 12: *2023 Hottest Business Ideas, Trends & Markets*

January 17: *The Best Start Up Strategies For Starting a Small Business*

January 19: *Should You Get Certified as a Woman-owned, Veteran-owned, or Minority-owned Business?*

January 24: *Tax Filing Requirements for Small Businesses in Mandarin*

January 24: *SEO Marketing For Small Business Websites*

January 25: *How to create a five-star experience for your client and then upgrade them*

January 26: *How to Turn Your Invention Into A Product and Bring it Market*

January 31: *How To Create A Marketing Plan For Your Small Business*

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Metro South Regional Economic Development Organization
For more info, contact the Metro South Chamber of Commerce,
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BUSINESS EVENTS Planner

January 11 Ambassador Meeting 9:00AM Virtual meeting via Zoom

Want to become a Chamber Ambassador and advocate for the Metro South business community? Contact Cathryn Schofield at (508) 586-0500 x231 or email CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com.

January 18 Tax Preparation for the Self-Employed 12:00PM Online workshop offered by SCORE

Sheila May, a tax preparer with the IRS Enrolled Agent credential, will be giving lots of good tips for the SELF-EMPLOYED just in time for tax season. She will tell you easy ways to make tax preparation more manageable.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

January 25 Board Meeting 12:30PM Virtual meeting via Zoom Chamber board meeting.

Email chris@metrosouthchamber.com for info.

January 27 Good Day Metro South 11:45AM Stonehill College, 320 Washington St., Easton

Guest speakers: Jeff Fuhrer, Foundation Fellow, Eastern Bank Foundation and former senior policy advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; and Chaitra Sanders, Associate Director for Health Connector Business, Massachusetts Health Connector for Business. Also featured during this event will be an interview with recently elected State Representative, Rita Mendes!

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