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**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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April  
2023

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## Jump Start Spring with Networking; Welcome New Metro South Businesses!

Register and learn more about the following events online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

April 6 | 4PM | Ribbon Cutting

PORTER & CHESTER INSTITUTE  
GRAND OPENING BROCKTON CAMPUS  
April 6th  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Light Refreshments

Porter & Chester Institute will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at their newest location with light refreshments, tours of campuses & labs, info on financial aid & career services, networking, photo-op, and more! *Learn more on page 5.*

April 10 | 5PM | Business After Hours

MULTI CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT AT  
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO  
OPENING DAY!  
April 10th  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

You're invited to Opening Day of Live Harness Racing! Enjoy refreshments and networking with other members of the Metro South community and beyond. This is a multi-chamber business after hours opportunity to expand your network!

April 28 | 11AM | Ribbon Cutting

RIBBON CUTTING  
Healthier You Wellness Partners  
340 Pleasant Street, Brockton  
04/28 @ 11:00AM  
Join us for a ribbon cutting with refreshments, tours, networking opportunities, photo-op, and more!

Healthier You Wellness Partners will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at their newest location with refreshments, tours, networking, photo-op, and more! *Learn more on page 5.*

## "Leadership South Shore" Program to Highlight Regional Development

Wednesday, April 12 | 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton

**METRO SOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON**  
12 APRIL 2023  
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM  
THORNY LEA GOLF @ BROCKTON

LYNN TOKARCZYK  
Business Development Strategies, Inc.

ROB CORLEY  
NeighborWorks Housing Solutions

ROB MAY  
Brockton City Planner

GEORGE SPILIOS  
Crown Uniform and Linen Service

Space is limited, register online: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

Government Tax Incentive Consultant, Business Development Strategies, Inc.; Rob Corley, CEO, NeighborWorks Housing Solutions; Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development, City of Brockton; and George Spilios, Co-President, Crown Uniform and Linen Service.

Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at [CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com) for assistance. Learn more online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events). *Learn more on page 2.*

## What is a Business Improvement District? BID FAQ



"In thousands of communities across the country, including here in the Commonwealth, Business Improvement Districts are helping property owners create more robust, attractive and profitable downtowns. A BID doesn't replace the work of the Chamber, or the Business Association, it works with them to add new capabilities for business owners to go that extra step in creating welcoming, vibrant areas to bring in new shoppers, diners, residents and businesses - and that not only creates new jobs, profits and tax revenues, but a revitalized Brockton.

Our city is seeing a burst of redevelopment and a long-sought resurgence. By helping property owners to take a bigger role in planning and implementing improved streetscapes and amenities, working alongside city leadership, we are taking the next step toward a better future for all downtown." — Joe Casey, Co-Chair, Business Improvement District Steering Committee; President and CEO, HarborOne Bank. *Continued on page 8.*

The Metro South Chamber will host a special economic development luncheon Wednesday, April 12th at 12:15PM featuring a economic development leaders on commercial and housing development; and a new leadership program. This event will take place at Thorny Lea Golf Club, located at 159 Torrey Street in Brockton.

Our panel of guest speakers include Lynn Tokarczyk,

# "Leadership South Shore" to Visit; "Leadership Metro South" Announced

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South Shore Bank is excited to announce a partnership with the Metro South Chamber of Commerce to bring the Leadership Metro South program to our communities. Modeled after the program Leadership South Shore, which Bank CEO Jim Dunphy started with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce in 2016, the mission is to bring a diverse group of leaders and emerging leaders together to learn more about the uniqueness of our region. This yearlong, thought-provoking community leadership program examines regional challenges and opportunities through expert panel discussions, virtual and on-site visits, presentation, focus groups, interactive activities, and other innovative, experiential learning activities. Applications for the program will be available in May, with the program commencing in October 2023. Stay tuned! Contact JTully@southshorebank.com for more info.

The Leadership South Shore cohort will visit Brockton on **Wednesday, April 12** where they will tour Brockton business sites and convene at Thorny Lea Golf Club for a special economic development luncheon featuring a panel of regional leaders from business, economic development, and housing sectors.



Lynn Tokarczyk, Government Tax Incentive Consultant, Business Development Strategies, Inc.

 **Business Development Strategies, Inc.** Founded in 2003 by **Lynn Tokarczyk**, a former regional director of the Massachusetts Office of Business Development and senior manager for Ernst & Young, the BDS team helps companies across a wide spectrum of industries identify, negotiate and secure state and local tax incentives to help accelerate their real estate expansion plans.

As the only Massachusetts firm exclusively dedicated to government tax incentives consulting, BDS has the contacts, connections and expertise needed to achieve outstanding results. Our strength lies in our ability to successfully navigate the maze of government incentives, negotiate effectively with state and local leaders and nurture positive relationships among business, community and government stakeholders.



Rob Corley, CEO, NeighborWorks Housing Solutions



**Robert Corley** has been with NeighborWorks Southern Mass since 1997. Prior to becoming Executive Director of the agency in 2009, Robert was the Director of Real Estate for NWSOMA, overseeing all of the agency's housing development activities. Robert is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology's Construction Management program and holds a Masters in Community and Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University.

In 2010, he participated in Boston University's Institute for Nonprofit Management and Leadership Certificate Program and he is a recent graduate of the Achieving Excellence in Community Development program co-sponsored by NeighborWorks America and Harvard University. In 2012, Robert was recognized as Rising Star by the Massachusetts Association for Community Development Corporations where he is a current board member. Robert is also a board member of the National NeighborWorks® Association. A charter member of the national NeighborWorks® America network, NHS is a full-service NeighborWorks® Homeownership Center with locations in Quincy, Brockton, Kingston, New Bedford, and Taunton.



Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development, City of Brockton



**Rob May** joined the City in 2014 as Director of Planning and Economic Development.

He has a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University and has worked in many cities, including Chicago, IL and Somerville, MA.

His office provides technical assistance and support to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Historical Preservation Commission. He sees the role of his office as; to enhance the quality of life, to expand job opportunities, to enrich open and natural spaces, to protect historic resources, to build a vibrant and diverse economy, and to promote professional, unbiased planning for current and future residents of Brockton.



George Spilios, Co-President, Crown Uniform & Linen Svc



**George Spilios** is the Co-President of Crown Uniform and Linen Service, a family owned and operated,

independent uniform rental and linen service that has been serving New England for over 100 years. After studying Communications at Hamilton College, George joined the now fourth-generation family business in 2005. He currently oversees Sales and Service for Crown and works alongside his cousin Plato Spilios, his uncle Arthur Spilios, and his cousin Angelina Spilios.

As the most highly accredited commercial laundry service in the region, Crown Uniform and Linen Services' state of art facility in Brockton signifies their commitment to hygienically clean laundry processes and their efforts in sustainability. George currently lives in Natick, MA with his wife, Victoria Spilios.

Space for this event is extremely limited. Please learn more / register now at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events). Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at (508) 586-0500 x231 or email [CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com).

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Calendar Sponsor:



# CHAMBER Calendar

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

April		
05	Chamber Ambassador Meeting	9:00 am
	Zoom Virtual Meeting	
06	Ribbon Cutting: Porter & Chester Institute	4:00 pm
	609 Belmont Street, Brockton	
10	Multi-Chamber After Hours	5:00 pm
	Plainridge Park Casino, 301 Washington Street, Plainville	
12	Leadership South Shore	12:15 pm
	Thorny Lea Golf Club, 159 Torrey Street, Brockton	
13	Annual Employment Law Update	8:30 am
	with MHTL, at Quincy Marriott: 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy	
28	Ribbon Cutting: Healthier You Wellness Partners	11:00 am
	340 Pleasant Street, Brockton	
May		
03	Chamber Ambassador Meeting	9:00 am
	Zoom Virtual Meeting	
09	Executive Board Meeting	3:00 pm
	Zoom Virtual Meeting	
19	32nd Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards [tentative date]	12:00 pm
	Thorny Lea Golf Club, 159 Torrey Street, Brockton	
24	Chamber Board Meeting	12:30 pm
	Zoom Virtual Meeting	
24	Business After Hours: Abington Bank	5:00 pm
	95 N. Franklin Street, Holbrook	
June		
4-8		<b>Regional Restaurant Week</b> Support Local Restaurants by Ordering and Going Out this Week!

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](mailto: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  
[estration@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:estration@metrosouthchamber.com)

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of products, from signage, to PPE, to business essentials, and more! Visit [www.metroouthchamber.com/membership/savings/](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/membership/savings/) to learn more.

## COMING SOON, MAY 13: Fuller Craft Museum presents "Material Mapping: Data-driven Sculpture by Adrien Segal and Norwood Viviano"



Material Mapping: Data-driven Sculpture by Adrien Segal and Norwood Viviano

Viviano features two artists working at the intersection of information and craft. Using a range of materials, from glass to wood to steel, Adrien Segal and Norwood Viviano transform data into tactile, sculptural forms. Segal seeks to bridge the divide between scientific observation and emotional engagement, with objects that examine disruptions to our natural environment. Also responding to change, Viviano creates artwork that materializes industry-related population shifts. Together, the artists offer dimensional pathways for understanding the world around

us and our lasting impact upon it. This exhibition was made possible, in part, by Baker Testing Services and MathWorks. 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](http://fullercraft.org) to learn more.

## MSBDC Calendar - Online Training

Visit [msbdc.org/training](http://msbdc.org/training) to register

- 4/3: Basics of Starting Your Business
- 4/5: Real Estate Investing 101
- 4/6: Country of Origin Determination and Management
- 4/12: Starting a Business 101
- 4/13: Ways to Fund Your Small Business
- 4/19: Improve Your Credit Score
- 4/20: Basics of Starting Your Business
- 4/26: Financials 101
- 5/1: Basics of Starting Your Business
- 5/10: Starting a Business 101

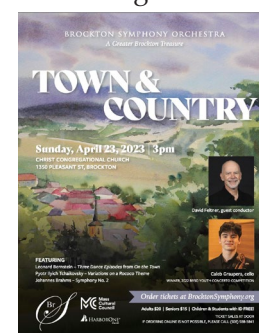
## Heights Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care hosts 3-part workshop: "Your Next Steps Simplified: Planning, Moving, and Selling with Ease"

Led by Dovetail Companies on March 7th, March 21st, and April 11th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Heights Crossing Assisted Living, located at 25 Christy's Drive in Brockton. Topics covered will include: Planning

for Your Future, Downsizing to Rightsize Your Life, Impact of Rising Interest Rates, Real Estate Market Update, and Maximizing the Value of Your Home" All pre-registered attendees will receive a Plan, Move and Sell with Ease workbook: A Guide to Getting You Started as well as a complimentary lunch. Attend one or all-three workshops. For more information or to register, call (508) 584-4300 or email [info@heightscrossing.com](mailto:info@heightscrossing.com)

## Brockton Symphony Orchestra Presents: "Town and Country" April 23 @ 3PM in Brockton

Witness classical music's power to depict the boisterousness of the city and the romance of pastoral life in Town and Country, with Bernstein's On the Town and Brahms Symphony No. 2. This concert will also feature our 2022 Youth Competition winner, Caleb Graupera, performing the delightful cello showpiece,



Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme. Learn more and get tickets online at [brocktonsymphonyorchestra.org](http://brocktonsymphonyorchestra.org)

# Health Care Matters

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235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

508-427-3000

[www.goodsamaritanmedical.org](http://www.goodsamaritanmedical.org)



## Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey Visits Good Samaritan

Good Samaritan Medical Center was honored to host Governor Maura Healey and several elected officials on March 2, 2023, as part of their visit to the City of Brockton in response to the Brockton Hospital fire.

"We were so honored by the visit and proud to introduce many of our staff to this distinguished group, led by Governor Healey," said Matthew Hesketh, president. "The support shown by our elected officials was inspiring, given the challenges this community is now facing. I am looking forward to continuing to work with this group to ensure equitable access to care is maintained in Brockton for decades to come."

PHOTO CAPTION: Joining Governor Healey was Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll; Kate Walsh, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; Jennifer Barrelle, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Health; Senator Michael Brady; Senator Walter Timilty; Representative Gerard Cassidy; Representative Michelle DuBois; Mayor Robert Sullivan; City Councilor Shirley Asack; City Councilor John Lally; and Gerson Monteiro, Brockton Representative for the Southeastern Vocational Technical High School Committee. Also pictured is Marisela Marrero, MD, Sr VP Health Care Equity and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Steward Health Care; Matthew

Hesketh, President, GSMC; Ken Lawson, MD, Chief Medical Officer, GSMC, and Richard Tetrault, VP Operations, GSMC.

**Good Samaritan Medical Center**

A STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL



## Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Porter & Chester Institute Brockton - April 6

Thursday, April 6 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Porter & Chester | 609 Belmont Street, Brockton



Please join us for a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony at Porter & Chester on **Thursday, April 6 from 4-6pm at their new Brockton location, 609 Belmont Street.**

Porter & Chester Institute will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at their newest location with light refreshments, tours of campuses & labs, info on financial aid & career services, networking, photo-op, and more! This is a complimentary event and open to the public, but please register in advance. Hope to see you there! Register online: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

About PCI: At PCI our Mission is to support committed students in achieving the technical and professional skills essential for their chosen career through industry-modeled, student-centered education and training. Originally founded as the Porter School of Engineering Design in Hartford, Connecticut in 1946, Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) has enjoyed a long history of training New England's workforce for success across a wide range of vocational professions. From our first career school and its early program offerings, we have expanded to nine locations in Connecticut and Massachusetts that now offer 10 career training programs with academic curricula based on the needs of our students and area employers. Visit [porterchester.edu](https://porterchester.edu) to learn more.

## Multi-Chamber After Hours, Expand Your Network! Opening Day of Live Harness Racing - April 10

Monday, April 10 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | Plainridge Park Casino | 301 Washington St., Plainville

You're invited to Opening Day of Live Harness Racing! **Monday, April 10th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Plainridge Park Casino at 301 Washington Street in Plainville, MA.** Enjoy refreshments and networking with other members of the Metro South community and beyond!



This is a multi-chamber networking event. Participating chambers include: Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce, Cranberry Country Chamber of Commerce, Neponset River Regional Chamber, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, United Regional Chamber of Commerce, South Coast Chamber of Commerce, Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce, Walpole Chamber of Commerce, and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$10/Member & \$20/Future Members.

Please visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events) to register and learn more. Questions? Contact Cathryn at [CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231. Hope to see you there, bring your business cards!

## Annual Employment Law Update with MHTL - April 13

Thursday, April 13 | 8:30am | Marriott Hotel | 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy



Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, & Lehane, LLP in collaboration with the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Neponset River Chamber of Commerce, South Shore Chamber of Commerce, and Quincy Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that we will be hosting our annual **Labor & Employment Law Update on Thursday, April 13th at 8:30 a.m at the Marriott Hotel at 1000 Marriott Drive in Quincy.** Register online: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

## Ribbon Cutting: Healthier You in Brockton - April 28

Friday, April 28 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Healthier You | 340 Pleasant Street, Brockton



Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony at **Healthier You Wellness Partners' new location at 340 Pleasant Street in Brockton on Friday, April 28th from 11:00AM - 1:00PM**

Healthier You Wellness Partners will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at their newest location with

refreshments, tours, networking, photo-op, and more! Formal ceremony to begin at 12PM. This is a complimentary event and open to the public, but please register in advance. Please visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events) to register and learn more. Questions? Contact Cathryn at [CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231. Hope to see you there, bring your business cards!

Healthier You Adult Foster Care Services helps you or your loved one recover and heal from an illness, surgery, or accident in the comfort and safety of your own home without having to go to an assisted living facility or nursing home. It's a proven fact that home health care services help patients heal faster, feel more optimistic, and remain independent longer. Visit [healthieryouwellnesspartners.com](https://healthieryouwellnesspartners.com) to learn more.

## Spring Networking with Abington Bank, Holbrook Branch

Wednesday, May 24 | 5:00pm - 7:30pm | Abington Bank | 95 N. Franklin Street, Holbrook



Please join the Metro South Chamber of Commerce for a Business After Hours Open House networking event at Abington Bank on **Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 5:00 - 7:30PM.**

It feels like spring has finally sprung so don't miss this great business-building

opportunity. Enjoy delicious food and beverages while connecting with potential customers, existing chamber members and friends in the Metro South community. Register online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events).

## Job & Internship Fairs - Connecting with the Workforce



**Wednesday, April 5 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Virtual Career Fair | Massasoit Community College**

A number of employers in the fields of humanities, communications, and human services will be available to discuss opportunities, open positions, and career paths with you. The Massasoit virtual Career Fairs will be held on Handshake – the free, online recruiting platform for college students. For training on Handshake, as well as all of Career Services' other offerings. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please don't hesitate to contact the Career Services office at (508) 588-9100 x1603 or email [jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu](mailto:jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu)

**Career and Internship Fair 2023**  
**Wednesday, April 5 | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**Curry College Student Center**  
[tinyurl.com/Curry23CareerFair](https://tinyurl.com/Curry23CareerFair)



The Curry College Career and Internship Fair is a fantastic opportunity to connect with current undergraduates, graduating seniors, and alumni of Curry College about your employment opportunities and internships! If you have open jobs and/or internship opportunities, then this is the event for you.



**Thursday, April 6 | 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. This event is invite only. Please contact Laurent Troland at: [ltroland@bridgew.edu](mailto:ltroland@bridgew.edu)

**Tuesday, April 18 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm | "Just in Time" Career Fair**  
**(508) 999-8658 | UMD Marketplace**  
[www.umassd.edu/news/2023/career-fairs-spring-2023.html](http://www.umassd.edu/news/2023/career-fairs-spring-2023.html)

Last chance opportunity to connect with students and recent graduates for summer internships, part-time and full-time jobs.



## ATHENA Award - Honoring & Empowering Women Leaders: Call for Nominations

This June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank will present the 25th Annual ATHENA Award to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

The ATHENA Awards Program was created in 1982 and has expanded to over 500 cities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Russia, and China. The Metro South Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating the talents and

expertise of women into the leadership of our businesses, communities, and government.

To nominate an individual for an ATHENA Award, or for more information please contact Cathryn Schofield at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email [CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com). Nomination deadline: May 5th. Learn more online at [metrosouthchamber.com/event/athena-leadership-award-luncheon](http://metrosouthchamber.com/event/athena-leadership-award-luncheon)

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## Call for 2023 Small Biz Award Nominations



The Metro South Chamber and Bank of America recognize the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region. We welcome you to nominate businesses for the *2023 Small Business of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year awards*.

You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy. For nomination forms, call Cathryn at (508) 586-0500 x 231. You may include any additional documentation that will help illustrate why the business is deserving of the award. Nominees do not need to be members of the Chamber.

**Small Business of the Year Criteria:**  
 50 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business more than 3 consecutive years under the current ownership; for-profit business.

**Entrepreneur of the Year Criteria:**  
 10 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business less than 3 years; a for-profit business.

Companies will be rated on their creativity and imagination in the development of their business, demonstration of growth, and a reflection on internal and external social responsibility.

Nominations are due to the Chamber by April 14, 2023. Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Lunch in May of 2023.

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### Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

2022 New England Tortilla / Mi Niña  
 2021 Mallory Headsets, Inc.  
 2020 South Shore SoftWash, LLC  
 2019 Immerse Agency  
 2018 Just Desserts Bakery & Cafe  
 2017 Wood Palace Kitchens  
 2016 Strange Planet Printing  
 2015 Maguire's Bar & Grill  
 2014 JM Pet Resort  
 2013 Solex Payroll Systems, Inc.  
 2012 Vincente's Tropical Grocery

### Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

2022 Grand Flourish Collective  
 2021 Fusion Dolls  
 2020 Empower Nutrition  
 2019 LAUNCH Web Marketing  
 2018 Shovel Town Brewery  
 2017 Epicure Wine & Jazz Bar  
 2016 Elvera's Cafe  
 2015 The Sound Lab  
 2014 JJ's Caffe  
 2013 James Tran, Sky8 Shrimp Farm, LLC  
 2012 Billy Michaud, Sparky's Import Repair

"We develop, support and honor women leaders from the classroom to the boardroom."

- ATHENA International



## ATTN: EMPLOYERS - MassHire Connecting Activities Partnership (CAP) Career Day, April 13 in Brockton



**26TH ANNUAL CAREER DAY CONFERENCE**  
EXPLORE-LEARN-CONNECT

**APRIL 13, 2023**  
8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
TEEN CHALLENGE BROCKTON  
MULTIPURPOSE AUDITORIUM  
1311 MAIN STREET BROCKTON, MA 02301

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
\*THE ROAD TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
\*KEYS TO MAINTAINING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

**EXPLORE CAREERS IN**

• RETAIL	• HOSPITALITY
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MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board is very pleased to announce the 26th Annual Connecting Activities Partnership (CAP) Career Day being held on Thursday, April 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Auditorium at Teen Challenge in Brockton!

Co-sponsored by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, this event with MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board's Connecting Activities Program is an opportunity to build stronger connections between schools and the community. By connecting schools with area businesses and organizations, students can see the relevance and authenticity of what they are learning in

school, invigorating the school culture and the classroom, while they begin to consider their potential careers. Currently, we are looking for businesses or organizations to participate in this event by hosting and exposing youth to their particular career path. If your interested in participating please contact David Edwards by email at [dedwards@masshiregbwb.org](mailto:dedwards@masshiregbwb.org) or by phone at (508) 584-3234 Ext14.

## ATTN: EMPLOYERS - MassHire 5th Annual Construction Career Day, May 12 in Brockton

Friday, May 12th, 9AM-1PM @ Massasoit Community College in Brockton.

Brockton Area Construction Career Day will give area high school students an exciting, immersive opportunity to learn about career pathways in many varied construction related industries. Incorporating hands-on activities and live demonstrations, professionals from a wide variety of these industries are available to answer questions and give students a taste of what it would be like to work in their respective fields. Students will explore careers in:

- Building/Remodeling
- Engineering
- Paving/Sealcoating
- Electrical
- Plumbing/HVAC
- Architecture
- Welding & Mechanical
- Land Surveying
- Solar & Energy
- Smart Technologies
- Landscaping
- Utilities
- Management & MORE

To exhibit and participate, support, or volunteer, call John Nesti at MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board: (508) 584-3234 or email [jnesti@masshiregbwb.org](mailto:jnesti@masshiregbwb.org)

## National Small Business Week 2-Day Virtual Summit



For more than 50 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions

of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. Join the U.S. Small Business Administration May 2 – May 3, 2023, for the National Small Business Week Virtual Summit hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE.

Attend this free, virtual summit to learn new business strategies, meet other business owners and chat with industry experts! This 2-day, action-packed event will include educational sessions, online business resources, and expert speakers. To learn more about this event and to participate, please visit [www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week](http://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week).

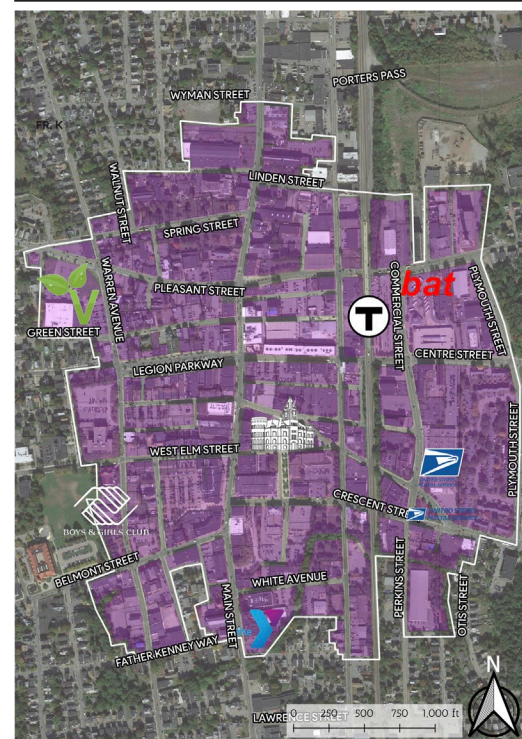
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# The Brockton Business Improvement District (BID) Plan - Frequently Asked Questions



In the past decade, Brockton has experienced tremendous growth with over \$178M in new investments from the city, entrepreneurs, and residential developers. The investments in modernizing the city's infrastructure and over 1,000 new residential units have set the stage for a reinvigorated and vibrant downtown. This is an unprecedented opportunity to support the downtown. In forming the BID, it will strengthen downtown Brockton by creating a welcoming, attractive destination offering diverse cultural and entertainment options. A BID is designed to benefit every resident, visitor, business owner and employee who spends time in the district. By supporting the BID, you can help ensure a downtown that is the social and economic heart of the city. The BID helps people appreciate a commitment to working together to make downtown Brockton thrive.

Efforts are expected to focus on district services; beautification, maintenance & safety services, marketing & events, business development, and advocacy.

To learn more, contact Mary Waldron (774) 539-8826.

You may view the Brockton BID Brochure on the Chamber website at [metroouthchamber.com/2023/03/the-brockton-business-improvement-district-bid-plan](https://www.metroouthchamber.com/2023/03/the-brockton-business-improvement-district-bid-plan)

## Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

**Are there other BIDs In MA?** Thousands of BIDs are active in cities and towns of all sizes throughout North America. Massachusetts was the 48th state to adopt enabling legislation to join the BID movement. There are currently 10 BIDs with budgets from \$150,000 to \$6.5 million dollars offering supplemental programs and services to downtowns across the state. Cities with BIDs include Springfield, Taunton, Worcester, Cambridge, Amherst, and Boston. Nearly a dozen other communities in MA are in the planning stages of forming BIDs.

**What are the benefits of a BID?** A BID creates a way for property owners to advocate for their downtown priorities, provide resources to sustainably fund and coordinate improvements and supplemental services that add value, generate more business activity, and enhance the district for everyone. Property owners can collectively leverage resources and make strategic decisions on supplemental programs and services to achieve scale and impact more electively through a BID than any individual owner can accomplish alone.

**How is a BID different from the Chamber or Downtown Brockton Association?** The Brockton BID will be a vehicle for property owners to collectively purchase supplemental programs and services specifically for the downtown, establishing a dedicated revenue stream to execute the business plan approved by the property owners in the BID. The Chamber provides membership services that are geographically dispersed over multiple communities. The Downtown Brockton Association is a membership based voluntary organization that provides membership services to businesses. The BID will work in collaboration with these organizations and other stakeholders in the downtown.

**Who controls the BID?** The BID is controlled and financed by the property owners in the district. The BID is formed as a 501c3 governed by a Board of Directors and is comprised of property owners selected from the district in accordance with the BID bylaws. The Board of Directors also oversees management and implementation of the BID Business Plan. The Board of Directors makes personnel, program, and budget decisions within the scope of the plan approved by the BID members.

**How much does it cost?** Property owners within the BID determine the priority supplemental programs and services it will provide in the district. Property owners in the district determine a budget and fee structure based on the BID work plan. Each BID determines the appropriate fee structure for their district and no two are alike. The Brockton BID steering committee strives to develop a fair and equitable fee structure as part of the planning process to form the BID. The fee structure for the Brockton BID is outlined in this brochure.

**How are the boundaries for the BID established?** BID boundaries are established by a consensus of property owners in the proposed district. Boundaries are not limited to zoning constraints or traditional definitions of downtowns or neighborhoods. Geographic or physical barriers that create a natural boundary often create a natural ending point to the district.

**Is there a hardship provision?** Yes. A BID will consider a waiver or reduction of fees for a period of time based on severe financial hardship. The Board of Directors will establish financial hardship criteria and a waiver process as part of the petition to establish the BID.

**We pay taxes — why should we pay more for services? Isn't that the City's responsibility?** This is the most common question and arises from the concern that private property owners are being asked to provide services that some feel should be undertaken by the City. The BID provides supplemental services that are over and above those commonly offered through taxes. The BID fee is an investment in strategic activities for the district that will yield returns in the form of increased property values, improved tenancy, and revenue to businesses and City through increased business activity and visitor expenditures. Investing in the BID leverages public expenditures, grants and other revenue for programs offered within the district. BIDs encourage property owners to become active members of the downtown community by making investments that benefit their properties and enhance the district for all who use it.

**How does the City of Brockton participate in the BID?** The City participates by providing financial support and/ or in-kind services to support the implementation of the BID Plan. The City participates as a property owner of the district through a Memorandum of Understanding that spells out the relationship with the BID, the baseline services provided by the City and a "baseline plus" agreement that outlines how the City will participate.

**How is the BID managed?** The BID is managed and financed by the property owners in the district. A Board of Directors representing property owners, businesses, residents, City, and other key stakeholders make all personnel, program, and budget decisions, and oversees the management of the BID. The BID will hire a small professional staff to implement the BID plan.

**Is a BID permanent? Can a BID be dissolved?** Once the downtown Brockton BID is established, all property owners are required to participate in the BID. Every five years, property owners vote to renew the BID or not. If a majority of the property owners vote to dissolve the BID, it will be disbanded. A BID can be dissolved at any time by a vote of 51% of the real property owners or the owners of 51% of the assessed valuation within the district and approval by the city council.

**Why should a property owner be mandated to participate?** All properties, tenants, residents, and visitors benefit from the supplemental programs and services provided. The BID creates the vehicle to distribute both the burden and the benefits equitably. Skipping properties who do not want to participate negatively impacts the effectiveness of the service and its impact on the district.

**Do BIDs work?** BIDs have now been in existence for over 65 years and are fully integrated into many municipalities, policies, and legislation to form them is rarely modified. The International Downtown Association ([www.idadowntown.org](http://www.idadowntown.org)) documents a proven track record of success that can be demonstrated through increased values, improved tenancy, and an enhanced "sense of community" in BIDs across the country.

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Rockland, MA 02370  
(781) 878-0232  
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Kate Perfetti  
374 Old Post Road  
Sharon, MA 02067  
(781) 789-8795  
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#### Health Care

#### Signal Solutions, Inc.

David Lurie  
175 Metro Center Blvd, #6  
Warwick, RI 02886  
(781) 408-9049  
signalri.com  
*IT Support Services*

**For membership, contact:**

(508) 586-0500 x 229

[membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com)

## Brockton Rox Sign First Female Player; Lyszczyk



The Brockton Rox have Boston buzzing once again with the latest announcement to their 2023 season roster. The team, part of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, has added its first female player in team history to the lineup - Marika Lyszczyk, also the first female baseball catcher in the NCAA. Currently playing for the Sonoma State University Seawolves men’s baseball team. MLB Creator Lyszczyk will bring even more defensive power to Campanelli Stadium this summer, as she takes the field that the sons of Red Sox greats Ortiz, Ramirez, Martinez, and Foulke all played on before her. Season starts May 24, visit [brocktonrox.com](http://brocktonrox.com) to learn more.

## 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](http://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](http://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org) to learn more.

## Join the Chamber Now, \$1,000 in Incentives



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*
  - 2 FREE** Listings in the 2023/24 Guide to the Metro South Region
  - 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
  - FREE** access to members-only page of website to post discounts, events, and more
  - FREE** opportunity to promote company at event share tables and at the Chamber
  - FREE** opportunity to promote company in the Action Report
  - FREE** business workshops
  - FREE** membership sticker and virtual badge for your website.
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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](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com).

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance). Individual counseling is available by appointment.

## Federal, State, and Regional Resources for Businesses



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.

### 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: Susan Whitaker  
(617) 620-1005

### Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network

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

Contact: Jason Hunter  
(508) 584-3234

### MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center

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

Contact: Susan Lourie  
(617) 565-5564

## Own A Small Biz? Thinking of Starting One? Call SCORE!



To succeed, you have to stay ahead of the competition; whether you're looking for a business direction sheet or working to tap into value creation, connect with a SCORE mentor to help you! If you're just starting a business, SCORE mentors can provide the practical action plan, education and tools you need to open your doors and establish a customer base.

Already own a business? Our volunteer mentors can help identify ways to increase profit, improve employee and customer satisfaction, and achieve work/life balance. With SCORE, you can have the honest, confidential and sometimes tough conversations about raising money, motivating your team, marketing your business, and other topics.

Take advantage of their **free** live webinar series! Learn more by visiting [www.score.org](http://www.score.org), [www.sema.score.org](http://www.sema.score.org), [www.boston.score.org](http://www.boston.score.org), or by calling (508) 587-2673. Ahead for the month and beyond...

**April 4:** *How Google Workspace Can Boost Your Small Business Efficiency*

**April 6:** *How to Write a One-Page Business Plan: A Step-by-Step Guide*

**April 13:** *How to Get a Small Business Loan: A Step-by-Step Guide*

**April 18:** *Benefits of Volunteering with SCORE as a Business Mentor*

**April 25:** *5 Strategies to Run a More Efficient Business*

## SEED Corp. Small Business Education Calendar



Throughout the year, SEED holds and participates in events geared toward educating, preparing, and empowering small business owners as well as all those who serve budding and seasoned entrepreneurs. To learn more and register, visit [seedcorp.org/events](http://seedcorp.org/events).

5/09: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop - Business Fundamentals

5/11: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop - Understanding Business Financials

5/30: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop - Business Fundamentals

6/01: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop - Understanding Business Financials

## Tax Season is Here! 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. Watch the infosession online: <https://bit.ly/3B79SRs>

## SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation focuses on job creation by financing small business in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Contact: call (508) 822-1020 x 312 or visit [www.seedcorp.com](http://www.seedcorp.com)



- **Micro & Small Loans** up to \$350,000
- Interest rates: 6-7%
- Loan Term: up to 10 years
- No prepayment penalty

• **Use of funds:** Working capital; leasehold improvements/built-outs; inventory/supplies; real estate acquisitions (owned-occupied); furniture, fixtures, and equipment; refinancing business credit card debt

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://sswbn.org) for more information.

## Support Brockton Hospital Fire Recovery Fund

The fire emergency at Brockton Hospital has dramatically impacted our staff and the community over the past nine days. Signature Healthcare's mission remains unchanged, to support our community and deliver medically necessary services to all in need regardless of status or ability to pay. Brockton Hospital has been a long-standing institution in the City of Champions for over 125 years. We plan to be here for the next 125 years, fulfilling the same mission to care for our community.



Our incredible staff continues to rise to the occasion. Since immediate efforts to safely evacuate and transport patients without incident subsided, our teams have been working day and night to provide solutions for our community's healthcare needs and to provide much-needed access.

We have a three-phased approach and tentative timeline to safely bring back and expand medical services:

**Phase 1:** Expanded access and hours at our Signature Medical Group ambulatory locations include Cardiac Testing, MRI, CT, Ultrasound, Diagnostic Radiology, Mammography, PET/CT and Bone Density. All are fully staffed and are accepting patients.

We will open two new urgent care centers over the next two weeks to care for our community. The first urgent care center will be located at our 110 Liberty Street location in Brockton, seven (7) days a week from 8:00am - 8:00pm. The second urgent care center will be located at 650 Centre Street, Brockton.

**Phase 2:** While the assessments and evaluations of the damage of Brockton Hospital continue by our experts in their fields, our goal is to re-open the Hospital with limited inpatient services in approximately three (3) months. This timeline is contingent on supply chain and access to necessary materials.

**Phase 3:** Additional hospital services will be phased-in after that. The services will be identified once assessments, evaluations and supply chains have been thoroughly reviewed.

Signature Healthcare owes tremendous gratitude to our state and local officials, government agencies, regional healthcare organizations and affiliates for their unwavering support of these goals. We are immensely appreciative of our staff and the help of our community partners in our shared goal of safely re-opening Brockton Hospital services.

Help us, help you! Donate now to our fire recovery efforts: [www.bh-fire.org](http://www.bh-fire.org).

## Member News: United Way to hold "Women United Leadership Breakfast" - May 3 in Brockton



Join us to learn about and to get involved with our impactful work feeding families, educating youth and adults, providing childcare, delivering elder homecare and more throughout Greater Plymouth County. The event will feature a dynamic keynote, the opportunity to meet with caring & leading women in our community, and a delicious breakfast! Featuring

keynote speaker: Julie Beckham AVP, Financial Education Development & Strategy Officer, Rockland Trust. Learn more: <https://conta.cc/3nxjznI>

## Brockton Rox



1 Feinberg Way, Brockton • (508) 559-7000  
www.brocktonrox.com

The Brockton Rox are a collegiate summer baseball team based in Brockton, Massachusetts as a member of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League. Season starts May 24! Visit brocktonrox.com to purchase season tickets, learn about the players, inquire about internships, and more.

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WeCare 365 Adult Foster Care program means we are committed to caring 365 days a year with care plans carefully tailored for member needs through a team approach for holistic, wrap-around services. We change lives one family at a time by recognizing their diversity and support them with professional staff who are multilingual and multicultural. WeCare 365 provides caregivers and member families with financial relief and the comfort that comes with comprehensive service.



## Starting a Business?

Need help starting your business?  
Looking for money to start your business?

The Metro South Business Assistance Center Can Help!

**COUNSELING:** Individual counseling is available by appointment for start-up and existing businesses. Counselors are working or retired professionals, highly experienced and willing to share their knowledge in financing, marketing, management, and more.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS:** An outstanding collection of reference materials that include hundreds of fully detailed, step-by-step guides for every aspect of starting and maintaining a small business.

**ACCESS:** To computer and business-related software, including QuickBooks Pro, Business Plan Pro, Loan Builder, Microsoft Office, and more.

**EDUCATION:** Workshops include QuickBooks, Writing a Business Plan, SEED Commercial, Social Media Series, DCAMM Certification, and more.

(508) 586-0500 metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance.

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The region features **top notch education**, including three institutes of higher education, **exceptional health care** facilities, including four major hospitals. **Rich in culture**, the region is also home to symphonies, a craft museum, children's museum, and various historic museums. It also contains many **recreational activities**, including baseball outings, golfing and many parks and lakes for walking, biking, and fishing. With over 500 hotel rooms, the Metro South region is a **great place to stay** and competitive housing costs offer affordable and varied living opportunities.

Whether for Business or Pleasure, The Metro South region provides exceptional value in the heart of Eastern Massachusetts, centrally located between Boston, Providence, Plymouth and Cape Cod. *Ride the rail to Boston in only 35 minutes!* Call 508.586.0500 for your free map.



**Metro South Regional Economic Development Organization**  
For more info, contact the Metro South Chamber of Commerce,  
508.586.0500 • www.metroouthchamber.com

BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

**April 5**

**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@metroouthchamber.com.

**April 6**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Porter & Chester Institute**

4:00PM

609 Belmont Street, Brockton

Join us for a ribbon cutting & grand opening ceremony with networking, tours, photo-op, and more!

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events

**April 10**

**Multi-Chamber Business After Hours Networking**

5:00PM

301 Washington Street, Plainville

Join us for a multi-chamber Business After Hours at Opening Day of Live Harness Racing at Plainridge Park Casino. This is an excellent opportunity to meet others from surrounding regions and expand your network!

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events

**April 12**

**Leadership South Shore Special Economic Development Luncheon**

12:15PM

159 Torrey Street, Brockton

Join us for a special economic development luncheon featuring Tokarczyk, Government Tax Incentive Consultant; Corley, NeighborWorks Housing Solutions; May, Brockton City Planner; and Spilios, Crown Uniform & Linen Service, along with "Leadership Metro South".

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events