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Leading Communities



Chamber Mission

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



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Strengthen Your Business, Region & Community w/Summer Pop-Up Networking!

Register and learn more about the following events online at metrosouthchamber.com/events

7/26 | 4PM | Business After Hours



8/02 | 4PM | Business After Hours



8/23 | 5:30PM | Business After Hours



Increase your net worth by expanding your network! Save the dates above for free business-building opportunities at our summer pop-up networking series in Brockton. Enjoy delicious refreshments, live music by Riverside Duo, and celebrate small business appreciation while refreshing your existing connections and making new ones! *Turn to page 2 to learn more.*

Good Day Metro South focus on "Bridgewater Day" Economic Dev. 9/15

Friday, September 15 | 11:45am - 1:45pm | Olde Scotland Links | 695 Pine Street, Bridgewater



Michael Dutton,
Bridgewater Town Manager



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Robert Rulli, Community
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Director, Town of
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Save the Date: 33rd Annual Legislative Reception 10/5



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce cordially invites members of the business community, candidates for public office, and state, federal and local elected officials to gather on Thursday, October 5th for the 33rd Annual Legislative and Candidates Reception. The reception will be held at Donahue Hall, on the campus of Stonehill College in Easton from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

The reception is a casual event at which business leaders, elected officials, and candidates for public office can renew contacts and discuss issues of importance to them and the business community while enjoying complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Legislative actions at municipal offices, on Beacon Hill and in Washington are having far greater impact on Metro South area businesses than ever before. As a result, there is a greater need for our business community to speak out and be heard on regulations affecting commerce and industry. As a member of the Metro South Chamber, your organization has a vested interest in helping foster stronger relationships with local officials. The Legislative Reception is an excellent and cost-effective way for you, your key staff, and colleagues to initiate or renew contacts at the state, federal and local level.

Main Street Pop-Up Networking Series: Save the Dates for Fun Summer Business-Building Opportunities!

Wednesday, July 26 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Ann's Palace | 277 Main Street, Brockton

Wednesday, August 2 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Brockton Beer Company | 121 Main Street, Brockton

Main Street Pop-Up

Networking Series

@ Ann's Palace

July 26 | 4-7PM

277 Main Street, Brockton



Join us for a summer Main Street pop-up networking event hosted by Ann's Palace. Join the fun Wednesday, July 26th from 4:00PM – 7:00PM at Ann's Palace, 277 Main Street in Brockton for delicious food, beverages, live music, and more! Don't miss this great business-building opportunity.

Enjoy connecting with potential customers, existing chamber members, and friends in the Metro South community. Tickets to this event are complimentary, but please RSVP in advance. Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/events. Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance.

Main Street Pop-Up

Networking Series

@ Brockton Beer

August 2 | 4-7PM

121 Main Street, Brockton



Join us for a summer Main Street pop-up networking event hosted by Brockton Beer Company. Join the fun Wednesday, August 2nd from 4:00PM – 7:00PM at Brockton Beer, 121 Main Street in Brockton for delicious food, beverages, live music, and more! Don't miss this great

business-building opportunity. Enjoy connecting with potential customers, existing chamber members, and friends in the Metro South community. Tickets to this event are complimentary, but please RSVP in advance. Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/events. Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance.

BONUS Pop-Up Networking, Small Biz Appreciation Night with Mayor's Summer Concert Series 8/23

Wednesday, August 23 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Heights Crossing Assisted Living | Mayor Sullivan's City of Brockton Summer Concert Series | 35 Christy's Place, Brockton

Pop-Up Networking

@ Heights Crossing

August 23 | 5:30-8PM

35 Christy's Place, Brockton



Chamber members and Rotarians are invited to attend a small business appreciation night on Wednesday, August 23rd in coordination with Mayor Robert Sullivan's Summer Concert series. Enjoy live music, complimentary refreshments, and hors d'oeuvres, while networking on the outdoor patio at Heights Crossing, located at 35 Christy's Place, Brockton, MA 02301.

Don't miss this great business-building opportunity hosted by Heights Crossing Assisted Living. Enjoy delicious food and beverages while connecting with potential customers, existing chamber members, and friends in the Metro South community. Tickets to this event are complimentary, but please RSVP in advance. Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance. *Please do not attend if you feel unwell, masks are optional.*

September Good Day Metro South Luncheon Highlights Anticipated Bridgewater Economic Development 9/15

Friday, September 15 | 11:45am - 1:45pm | Olde Scotland Links | 695 Pine Street, Bridgewater



Michael Dutton, Bridgewater Town Manager



Robert Rulli, Community Economic Development Director, Town of Bridgewater



Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority

Please join us for a special Good Day Metro South program focusing on "Bridgewater Day". A panel of speakers will discuss transportation, infrastructure, and development possibilities in Bridgewater.

This panel will feature Bridgewater Town Manager, Michael Dutton; Bridgewater Community Economic Development Director, Robert Rulli; and Brockton Area Transit Authority Administrator, Michael Lambert. To be held on Friday, September 15th at Olde Scotland Links, 695 Pine Street in Bridgewater from 11:45AM – 1:45 PM. More details

TBA, please save the date and register online at metrosouthchamber.com/events.

Questions? Contact Cathryn Schofield at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance. *This event is hosted and sponsored by the Bridgewater Economic Development Office, with additional support from Rockland Trust.*



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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 Sponsor:



CHAMBER Calendar

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

July

12	Chamber Ambassador Meeting	9:00 am
	Zoom Virtual Meeting	
26	Main Street Pop-Up Networking Series	4:00 pm
	Ann’s Palace, 277 Main Street, Brockton	

August


02	Main Street Pop-Up Networking Series	4:00 pm
	Brockton Beer Company, 121 Main Street, Brockton	
08	Chamber Executive Board Meeting	3:30 pm
	Virtual meeting via Zoom	
23	Pop-Up Small Business Appreciation Night	5:30 pm
	Heights Crossing Assisted Living, 35 Christy’s Place, Brockton	
30	Chamber Board Meeting	12:30 pm
	Virtual meeting via Zoom	

September

15	“Bridgewater Day” Economic Dev. Luncheon	11:45 am
	Olde Scotland Links, 695 Pine Street, Bridgewater	

The Ambassador Team meets on a monthly basis to serve fellow members by providing information, resources, member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in Chamber programs and services. To learn more, please email Cathryn at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com.





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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 of products, from signage, to PPE, to

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business essentials, and more! Visit www.metroouthchamber.com/membership/savings/ to learn more.

COMING SOON, SEPTEMBER 23: Fuller Craft Museum presents "Face Value: Portraits from the Arthur S. Goldberg Collection"



Fuller Craft Museum is pleased to present Face Value: Portraits from the Arthur S. Goldberg Collection.

This multimedia exhibition celebrates one of the most important genres in art history with an array of portraiture from the collection of Arthur S. Goldberg. Goldberg, based in Chestnut Hill, is known for his figurative artwork collection, and this collaborative endeavor draws from these works with a specific compositional focus on the head and shoulders. Featuring a range of materials—from ceramic and resin to painting and drawing—Face Value celebrates the powerful magic of portraiture, the creative achievements of contemporary artists working in

the genre, and a collector's impact on the arts community. (Featured Image: Lidija Tkalcevic, Ines) Face Value includes works on loan from Goldberg alongside objects from Fuller Craft Museum's permanent collection previously donated by the collector. 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.

Governor Healey Announces Creation of Massachusetts Community Climate Bank: Nation's First Green Bank Dedicated to Affordable Housing



This landmark initiative, seeded with \$50 million in state funds from the Department of Environmental Protection, is designed to maximize investment in the reduction of

greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector. One of the Climate Bank's primary goals is to attract private sector capital and federal funds available under the Inflation Reduction Act to finance building retrofits aligned with the state's long-term climate objectives and new construction of decarbonized buildings. The bank will focus on the affordable housing market, where residents bear a disproportionate burden in energy costs and climate impacts, to promote an equitable energy transition and to meet the needs of environmental justice populations. Over time, the bank will diversify investments to include other decarbonization measures that benefit communities. The Massachusetts Community Climate Bank is located within MassHousing, the state's affordable housing finance and investment bank. Massachusetts is the first in the nation to locate its Climate Bank within its Housing Finance Agency and to focus its strategy on affordable housing. Visit www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-announces-creation-of-massachusetts-community-climate-bank-nations-first-green-bank-dedicated-to-affordable-housing to learn more

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Steward Medical Group is pleased to expand our care teams in the community by welcoming physicians, providers, and staff from Compass Medical, P.C. We have established a dedicated phone line for patients of Compass Medical who may wish to transfer their care. To make an appointment with a physician or provider below, call: 508-630-7280. We look forward to the privilege of caring for you and welcoming you to our Steward Health Care community.

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Imane Bentahar, MD and **Winny Ou, MD**, Steward Family Medicine Specialists Brockton, 1 Pearl St., Suite 2200, Brockton, MA, 508-897-6137

Kevin Broderick, DO and **Melissa Galligan, NP**, Steward Novacare Medical, 401 N. Bedford St., East Bridgewater, MA, 781-375-3150

Looking for your Compass Medical Doctor?

They may now be part of our Steward Medical Group team!

To make an appointment with the Compass Medical physicians and providers who have joined Steward Medical Group, call our dedicated Compass line: 508-630-7280.



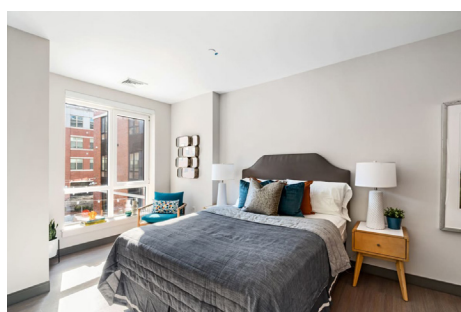
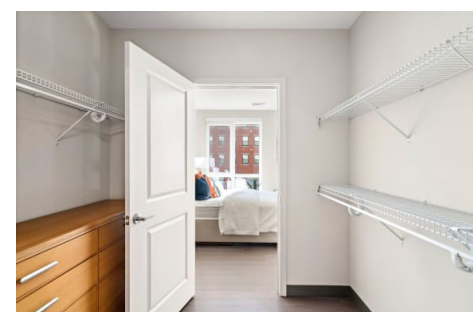
Good Samaritan Medical Center
A STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL

Enterprise Center Final Phase Downtown Housing Complete



This 111-unit second-phase residential building of the Enterprise Center completes the full city-block redevelopment at Centre and Main in downtown Brockton, and joins the 113-unit first-phase mixed-income residential building, which also includes the Enso Art Gallery, the Enterprise Main office and restaurant building (in the historic Enterprise Newspaper building), and the 415-space Mayor Bill Carpenter municipal garage. The 5-story Empresa building, clad in brick and metal panels, includes a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units, ranging from 30% to 80% AMI affordable, and market-rate units. Amenity spaces, shared by residents of both buildings, include fitness rooms, community rooms and lounge areas, and a beautifully-landscaped courtyard complete with barbecue grills and a fire pit.

Empresa is located at 45 Petronelli Way in Brockton. Please visit empresafats.com to learn more.



SEED Corp. Business Entrepreneurial Workshop Series

Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals

Date & Time: 9/5/2023 @ 10AM

Register: seedcorp.com/events

Contact: jmello@seedcorp.com

Description: SEED Corporation and Rockland Trust in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, & SCORE provide this free, virtual entrepreneurial workshop in which participants will learn the fundamentals of planning, preparing for and financing a small business. The workshop is open to anyone currently in business, starting a business, or thinking about someday owning a business, as well as business assistance professionals who would like to learn more about SEED's technical assistance programming. Attendees will be provided with a free business plan guide and other materials and will be introduced to free and confidential business assistance resources available to them locally and regionally. To register, visit seedcorp.com/events or contact jmello@seedcorp.com.



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25th Annual ATHENA Award Recognizes Support & Development; Honors Women Leaders



On Friday, June 16th at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton, the Metro South Chamber and Eastern Bank presented the 25th Annual ATHENA Leadership Award during a special luncheon 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; Barbara Arena, Granite, State Economic Development Corporation.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, Director, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy; Graduate Program Director, Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy Graduate Certificate Program; McCormack Graduate School; UMass Boston. Abby Nguyen-Burke, SVP, Team Leader, Equity Alliance for Business from premier sponsor, Eastern Bank, was interviewed by our emcee Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center. Visit metrosouthchamber.com/2023/06/25th-annual-athena-award/ to learn more. *Photos courtesy of Ben Ross Photography. Visit flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber to see more photos from this event.*



25th ATHENA Recipient, Barbara Arena, Granite State Economic Development Corp. receives official citations from State Senator Mike Brady and State Senator Walter Timilty.



Abby Nguyen-Burke, premier sponsor, Eastern Bank and Sue Joss, BNHC.



Brockton City Councilor-At-Large, Moises Rodrigues and Brockton Ward 7 City Councilor, Shirley Asack.



Mayor of Brockton, Bob Sullivan.



Guest speaker, Dr. Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, UMass Boston.



Premier Sponsor Eastern Bank team alongside 25th annual ATHENA Award Recipient (Barbara Arena, Granite State Economic Development Corporation) and ATHENA Guest Speaker (Dr. Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, UMass Boston).

New in Avon, MA: BinStar Opens Fun, Sustainable Shopping Experience

With its first store now open on the South Shore, a new retail concept — BinStar — is here to help consumers find great deals and save the landfills at the same time. BinStar is located at 20 Stockwell Drive in Avon. BinStar is on a mission to make retail landfill-free by turning high-quality merchandise returned to e-commerce and brick-and-mortar stores into treasure for customers. The concept was created by Jack Laughlin to solve an enormous sustainability problem: the fact that 9.6 billion pounds of new, returned goods end up in landfills annually. BinStar sells assorted returns and overstocks, all out of large bins, with a widely diverse range of items, from AirPods to Ziplocs, and everything in between.

Visit metrosouthchamber.com/2023/06/binstar-avon-ribbon-cutting to learn more. Visit flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber to see more photos.



Abington Bank Hosts After Hours Business Reception

Metro South community and business leaders gathered at Abington Bank's Holbrook branch at 95 N Franklin Street in May for an evening of delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by Abington Ale House, branch tours, spectacular door prizes (Red Sox tickets!) and most importantly – networking!

Abington Bank has grown from a single branch in Abington to three within the Metro South region, and are now part of a larger bank corporation. To learn more, please visit <https://metrosouthchamber.com/2023/05/abington-bank-hosts-after-hours-reception-at-holbrook-branch>. *Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Visit flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber to see more photos from this event.*



Chris Cooney, MSCC; Damien Johnson, OpenCape; Andy Raczka, Abington Bank President; Cathryn Schofield and Emma Stratton, Metro South Chamber.



Abington Bank team with Bank President, Andy Raczka at the Holbrook Branch at 95 N Franklin Street.



Abington Bank team with Bank President, Andy Raczka at the Holbrook Branch at 95 N Franklin Street.



Damien Johnson, OpenCape; and Kathleen Lynch, Heights Crossing Assisted Living.



Mary Ellen Baker, HR Alternatives; and Mary Ann Mendes, Father Bill's & Mainspring.



Christine Santoro, The Children's Museum in Easton; and Marcy Venezia, Above the Clouds.

South Shore Bank Celebrates New Brockton Branch with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; kicks off Restaurant Week

Metro South community and business leaders gathered to celebrate South Shore Bank's expansion into Brockton at their new branch at 1280 Belmont Street. Jim Dunphy, South Shore Bank president accepted official citations from the City of Brockton and Office of Senator Mike Brady; Ward 3 Brockton City Councilor Mark D'Agostino also provided remarks. Refreshments followed the ribbon cutting next door at Brack's Grille & Tap where we kicked-off Regional Restaurant Week with delicious dessert provided by Montilio's Bakery in Brockton. To learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/blog.



Brockton City Councilor, Ward 3, Mark D'Agostino.



Nikki Corbo, Niki Ghosh, South Shore Bank.



Richard Hooke and Tina White, Rotary Club of Brockton.



Mayor Sullivan welcomed South Shore Bank to the City with an Official Citation.



Scott Ewing, Chris McGowan, Daniel Picha, John Heuther, Daniel Brennan, South Shore Bank.



Jimmy Valentin, Office of Senator Mike Brady; Jim Dunphy, Bank President; Marina Oliveira, South Shore Bank; Chris Cooney, MSCC.

Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Visit flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber to see more photos from this event.



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce; Lourenco Dasilva, Commercial Business Banker, South Shore Bank; Jim Dunphy, Bank President; Marina Oliveira, Banking Center Officer; News Marcelin, Senior Personal Banking Manager; cuts ribbon on their new Brockton branch with Mayor of Brockton Bob Sullivan, Sydné Marrow, City of Brockton; City Councilor Mark D'Agostino; and Jimmy Valentin, Office of Senator Mike Brady.

LukeJackson Benefit & HR Solutions Hosts Rox After Hours, Restaurant Wrap-Up, Mandela Fellows

Recently, LukeJackson Benefit & HR Solutions hosted a summer after hours reception at a Brockton Rox baseball game at Campanelli Stadium. We were joined by Bridgewater State University's Mandela Washington Fellows, as well as many community and business leaders from throughout the Metro South region. Lawn games, plentiful food and drink, dessert by Montilio's Bakery, networking, and fun was had! During this gathering, we also celebrated the success of June's Restaurant Week & Appreciation Month. Visit metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/blog to learn more. *Photos courtesy of Ben Ross Photography.*



(L-R) Stephanie Messina Sewade, Jack Myers, LukeJackson Benefit & HR Solutions; Ayodeji Erubu, Mandela Washington Fellow; Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce.



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Member Collab: HD Pediatrics and Old Colony YMCA Form "Healthy Kids, Healthy Families" Partnership to Aid Families Experiencing Homelessness

"[Stoughton, MA.]—June 12, 2023 – HD Pediatrics and Old Colony YMCA have come together to support families experiencing homelessness in the Greater Brockton community. This partnership is coming at a time when families are among the fastest-growing section of the overall homeless population (currently 33%). YMCA's Family and Community & Social Services programs help underserved families including support for families in transitional living situations.

HD Pediatrics will use its expertise to assist with the medical, physical, and emotional well-being of children involved in the program. This partnership will help the Old Colony YMCA better serve the children in these programs by qualifying children for other YMCA programs.

While the YMCA's summer camps freely admit all children from their transitional living program, they must receive appropriate vaccinations and pediatric physicals. HD Pediatrics will facilitate these requirements through its comprehensive pediatric healthcare services at their 1524 Turnpike Street, Stoughton, MA location. HD Pediatrics healthcare providers have all of the necessary resources to fulfill the requirements of the YMCA summer camp. HD Pediatrics additionally will make available 24-hour on-call and telehealth services for families who join this program dubbed, "Healthy Kids, Healthy Families".

HD Pediatrics has a new facility that ensures fast and accurate patient care and treatment. The facilities are designed to maximize patient comfort and improve their long-term well-being with fun themed examination rooms, bright colors and textured walls. Pediatric providers are able to provide same-day care to children to diagnose and prevent illnesses and infections for all of its families.

In addition to treating and seeing the children, HD Pediatrics will also visit the Old Colony YMCA transitional living program locations to teach the parents and guardians preventive health and safety measures. They include basic first aid, child-proofing, avoiding choking hazards, and water safety. HD Pediatrics' primary care clinicians pursue an all-around approach that includes working closely with mental health counselors and therapists. Their services are available to children of all ages, from infants to pre-adult teens. Their services will enable every child in the YMCA's transitional living program to be able to fully benefit from the available services and amenities.

This groundbreaking partnership between HD Pediatrics and Old Colony YMCA will contribute significantly to giving the children in the transitional living programs the same opportunity to learn and grow." To learn more, visit hdpedi.com or oldcolonyymca.org.

Business Leaders Survey - Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education (MBAE)

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Share your views on the workforce, our education system, and the state's economic competitiveness.

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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:

HOTEL & MOTEL RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made \$75,000,000 available to hotels and motels negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will award grants up to \$2,000,000 per property for eligible hotels and motels, prioritizing those based on (1) revenue loss, (2) economic impact, and (3) equity and demographics. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: JULY 14**

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.

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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.

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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
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 Health Insurance Opportunities, Energy Power Purchasing Program, **And More!!**
 (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.

RENEWING Members

Thank you!

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Anderson Insulation, Inc.
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Bank of America
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Hackwell-Boone Insurance Agency, Inc.
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Lock & Security
Lion Labels, Inc.
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MassHire Greater Brockton
Workforce Board
Modern Auto Body
New England Baling Wire, Inc.
North Star Distributors, Inc.
Office of Plymouth County
District Attorney
Old Colony Planning Council
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and Management
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Walker-Clay, Inc.

For membership, contact:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Reinvesting in Our Community

Dominion Health Care LLC
Jane Okundaye
1044 Central Street, Unit 104
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dominionhc.net
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**Leading Light Behavioral
Health Inc**
Guan Ellerbe
74 Plain Street, Unit J
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 690-6069
llbh-llc.com
Mental Health Clinic

**Sheldel House LLC / Loyal
Staffing Agency LLC**
Ronald Jean-Philippe
75 Washington Street
East Bridgewater, MA 02333
(857) 217-3289
loyalstaffingservices.com
Temporary Labor Agency

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Got Your Guide to the Metro South Region?



The Metro South Chamber's 2023/2024 Regional Guide and Member Directory is here! Designed to encourage in-state support for our local businesses, especially those effected by the COVID-19 pandemic; shop local, and support small businesses!

Our member businesses, among the finest in their respective fields, are featured in this 100 page

publication. Their appreciation of you as consumers, employees, and customers has never been greater. In turn, it is so important for us to remember how vital these local businesses are to our American way of life and our great democracy. More than ever, they need our recognition and support!

While you are here, you can visit the extraordinary Fuller Craft Museum, enjoy the acclaimed Brockton Symphony Orchestra, cheer on the Brockton Rox at Campanelli Stadium, and grab a drink at the new Brockton Beer brewery downtown! With plentiful hotel rooms and within easy reach of Boston, Providence, Plymouth and Cape Cod, you will find many fun shopping experiences, peaceful parks, dynamic sporting events and rich cultural activities all within reach. If you are new to this region, we aim to inform you. If you live here, we want to remind you. If you do business here, we wish to thank you.

Want your business or advertisement to be included in the next publication? Call for Membership! (508) 586-0500 x229 or visit metrosouthchamber.com

Attend Important Business & Community Programs with Your Chamber Season Tickets! Order Ahead



The new season of Metro South Chamber events is about to begin, and we want you to be there! Reserve your 2023 - 2023 Season Ticket now and get access to events all year long. The season ticket includes:

- Now including the Legislative Reception
 - All Good Morning Metro South Programs (5 Programs, \$195 value)
 - All Business After Hours (12, up to \$60 value)
 - Annual Legislative Luncheon (\$39 value)
 - ATHENA Award Luncheon (\$39 value)
 - Small Business Awards Luncheon (\$39 value)
 - 1 Taste of Metro South Ticket (\$35 value)
- All for just \$289 (Savings of 19% +)

SEASON TICKET AND ADDITIONAL SAVINGS OPTIONS

Season Ticket: # _____ Discounted Tickets x \$289 = \$ _____

For more information, contact Cathryn Schofield at CSchofield@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231.

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.

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, www.sema.score.org, www.boston.score.org, or by calling (508) 587-2673. Ahead for the month and beyond...

July 11: *How to Protect Your Business and Invention Using Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights*

July 13: *Increase Your Sales by Attracting Your Target Market*

July 20: *How to Start a Food Truck Business: A Step-by-Step Guide*

July 25: *How to Effectively use Artificial Intelligence in Your Business: A Step-by-Step Guide*

August 8: *How to Make Your Black-Owned Business Attractive to Bankers*

August 24: *Safety and Risk Management...Protect Your Business and People*

August 29: *Brand Clarity: Make your Marketing Easy & Effective*

Affordable, Flexible Health Coverage for Small Biz



Health Connector for Business is a one-stop shopping solution for small businesses and brokers looking for affordable, high-quality health and dental

insurance. Through the Health Connector, you can compare plans from leading insurance carriers side by side.

Their new online tools make it easier for employers, brokers, and employees to apply, compare options for health and dental insurance, and enroll.

Why choose the Health Connector?

- Save 15% with ConnectWell
Qualifying businesses can get a 15 percent discount on your contribution to employees' coverage, while promoting a healthy lifestyle in your company.
- Employee Choice options
Flexible options that allows employers to design plans that give employees a range of options.
- An easy-to-use website

It's now even easier to manage plans, compare options, and enroll online or shop with your broker.

To learn more, visit mahealthconnector.org/business.

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



- **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.

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.



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.

Member News: United Way to hold Volunteer Forum Opportunity on July 14

VOLUNTEERISM: A PATH TO WELL-BEING, BELONGING, AND CONNECTION

Are You There Yet?

Join us! Friday, July 14th
9:00am - 11:00am
New Heights Charter School
1690 Main Street Brockton, MA

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Gayl Crump-Swabey
Mental Health Therapist, Associate
Professor at Springfield College, Author

REGISTER HERE:
tinyurl.com/SVMCJuly14
\$10 / Individual
If costs are a barrier to attending, please email bella@plymouthchamber.com.

Forum proudly hosted by the Southeast MA Volunteer Council

Please join United Way of Greater Plymouth County for a forum hosted by the Southeast MA Volunteer Council! The event will feature networking and a keynote address by Dr. Gayl Crump-Swabey on the topic of Volunteerism: A Path to Well-Being, Belonging, and Connection. Light breakfast refreshments and coffee to be served! Resource Table Opportunity: All organizations attending are welcome to bring items for the SMVC resource table at the event. For example, volunteer opportunity flyers, brochures, small “swag” promotional items, etc. Visit tinyurl.com/SVMCJuly14 to register and learn more. Tickets are \$10/individual.

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Rockland Federal Credit Union is a federally chartered credit union, established in 1922. Deposits are insured through the National Credit Union Administration and the Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation. At RFCU, our mission is to provide our members and local Southeastern Massachusetts communities with quality, affordable financial services in a responsible, efficient, professional, and convenient manner.

Rockland Recovery Behavioral Health in Massachusetts offers a variety of mental health programs designed to meet the needs of each individual. Our behavioral health practice provides various services, including individual, group, and family therapy, medication management, and diagnostic assessments. Our team of mental health professionals is dedicated to helping you feel your best. We'll work with you to create a treatment plan that meets your unique needs and goals.

At Signal Solutions, we understand that change is not always easy. We help companies of all sizes respond to technology changes in order to stay competitive. Our 15 years of experience have taught us to always make your business success our priority. Our team of experts is ready to help you develop strategies to not only help your business survive, but allow you to thrive well into the future. We combine IT solutions experience with carrier services expertise to deliver you the optimal collaboration and network solutions to reach your business goals.

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 metrosouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance.

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Everything's Within Reach**

Hundreds of Dining Options • Great Conference Space
Over 500 Hotel Rooms • Many Parks & Lakes



The Metro South region offers the best of all worlds; cultural and corporate advantages, natural beauty, and the serenity of historic New England.

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,
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**BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*****July 26****Main Street Pop-Up Networking!
4:00PM**

277 Main Street, Brockton

Join us for our Main Street summer pop-up networking series at Ann's Palace. Enjoy food, drink, and live music by Riverside Duo while refreshing your existing business connections, and making some new ones!

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

August 02**Main Street Pop-Up Networking!
4:00PM**

121 Main Street, Brockton

Join us for our Main Street summer pop-up networking series at Brockton Beer Company. Enjoy food, drink, and live music by Riverside Duo while refreshing your existing business connections, and making some new ones!

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

August 23**Small Biz Appreciation Night!
5:30PM**

35 Christy's Place, Brockton

Join us for an evening of networking at Heights Crossing Assisted Living, featuring City of Brockton Mayor Sullivan's Summer Concert Series! Brockton Rotary Club will be in attendance. Come expand your net worth by building your network!

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

September 15**"Bridgewater Day" Economic
Development Luncheon
11:45AM**

695 Pine Street, Bridgewater

Join us for special Good Day Metro South: Bridgewater Day! at Olde Scotland Links in Bridgewater. Panel will discuss infrastructure, transportation, housing, anticipated development of downtown Bridgewater area.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events