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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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**GOOD DAY
METRO SOUTH**
with guest speaker: Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Development **Yvonne Hao**
Thursday, March 28
12:00 PM
Concord Foods
10 Minuteman Way, Brockton
REGISTER ONLINE
metrosouthchamber.com/events

Please join us for a Good Day Metro South luncheon **Thursday, March 28 from 12:00pm – 1:45pm at Concord Foods, 10 Minuteman Way in Brockton.** Our guest speaker is Secretary Yvonne Hao, Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED).

This event is sponsored by South Shore Bank. South Shore Bank's collaborative leadership group, "Leadership Metro South" will be in

attendance. All are welcome to attend, please register online at metrosouthchamber.com/events. We look forward to seeing you at this event! *More on page 2.*

New & Expanding Businesses in Metro South, Welcomed and Celebrated with Ribbon Cuttings - Join Us and Host your Own!

Want to showcase your new location, expansion, or brand new business with a ribbon cutting ceremony? Call the Chamber at (508) 586-0500 or email estratton@metrosouthchamber.com

Friday, March 15 | 4:00 pm | 1437 Bedford St., Abington

RIBBON CUTTING
15th March
Natural Agricultural Products
1437 Bedford Street
Abington, MA 02351
03/15 @ 4:00PM - 5:30PM
register & learn more online: metrosouthchamber.com/events

Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony **Friday, March 15th from 4:00pm - 5:30pm at Natural Agricultural Products, located at 1437 Bedford Street in Abington, MA 02351.** To register and learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events. *Read more on page 2.*

Friday, April 19 | 2:00 pm | 19 Riverside Ave., Brockton

RIBBON CUTTING
19th April
Leading Light Behavioral Health, Inc.
19 Riverside Avenue
Brockton, MA 02301
04/19 @ 2:00PM - 4:00PM
register & learn more online: metrosouthchamber.com/events

Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony **Friday, April 19th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Leading Light Behavioral Health, located at 19 Riverside Avenue in Brockton, MA 02301.** To register and learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events. *Read more on page 2.*

NOW HIRING! Metro South Chamber Seeks Community-Minded Event Coordinator

**WE ARE
HIRING**

OPEN POSITIONS

- Events Coordinator
- Development & Retention

JOIN OUR TEAM (:

This is an excellent opportunity to invite businesses to join and engage in the chamber community by strengthening local ties in Brockton and beyond, while gaining a deep understanding of regional economic progress and the competitive developing future of the Metro South region. *More details on page 9.*

Annual Labor & Employment Law Update



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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 the annual Labor & Employment Law Update on Thursday, April 11th at 8:30 a.m. at Granite Links, 100 Quarry Hills Drive in Quincy, MA 02169. Admission is free for chamber members, but please register in advance. To register and learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events. *Read more on page 2.*

Economic Development Secretary, Yvonne Hao to Speak at Chamber Luncheon in Brockton - March 28

Thursday, March 28 | 12:00 pm - 1:45 pm | Concord Foods | 10 Minuteman Way, Brockton



Yvonne Hao, Secretary of the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED)



Learn more about the Executive Office of Economic Development at www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-economic-development

To register for this event, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events. Season ticket holders please contact the chamber to pre-register.

Annual Labor & Employment Law Update, April 11

Thursday, April 11 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm | Granite Links | 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy



"Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, & Lehane, LLP in collaboration with the Metro South Chamber, Neponset River Chamber, South Shore Chamber, and Quincy Chamber is proud to announce that we will be hosting our annual Labor & Employment Law Update on Thursday, April 11th at 8:30 a.m at Granite Links, 100 Quarry Hills Drive in Quincy, MA 02169. Admission is free for chamber members, but please register in advance." Register online at metrosouthchamber.com/events

7:15 AM: Sign-in and Light Breakfast

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Presentation

Schedule to include:

- 2023-2024 Case and Statutory Update
- The National Labor Relations Act Applies to You – What Every Employer Needs to Know About the NLRB's Expanding Protections for Employees
- Continuing to Navigate Paid Family and Medical Leave in Massachusetts
- AI and Technology in the Workplace



March 15 - Ribbon Cutting on Bedford Street in Abington, Natural Agricultural Products

Friday, March 15 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | NAP | 1437 Bedford Street, Abington



Natural Agricultural Products goal is to "service the Abington local area with natural, high-quality cannabis products ranging from flower to edibles, and oils to vaporizers. Natural Agricultural Products is a brand for the people- we provide our community with the best-quality cannabis products for the

lowest price possible. We stand behind our product with a 100% guarantee; we want our customers to feel satisfied that they've done business with the best in the area. Although the market is saturated with retailers, we intend to cultivate and manufacture other products in the future; with retail, cultivation, product manufacturing all housed in one building, nobody does it like NAP." Visit naturalagriculturalproducts.org to learn more.

This is a complimentary event, but please pre-register online! Visit metrosouthchamber.com/events.

April 19 - Ribbon Cutting at Leading Light Behavioral Health, 19 Riverside Ave in Brockton

Friday, April 19 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Leading Light BH | 19 Riverside Ave, Brockton



About Leading Light Behavioral Health, Inc.: "Our mission is to empower and contribute to people improving their mental wellbeing. At Leading Light Behavioral Health, Inc., our vision is to empower and enable the disenfranchised population in Massachusetts to achieve self-determination

and empowerment. We are committed to creating an environment where individuals can employ innovative strategies that lead to desirable actions and ultimately result in positive and healthy outcomes. As a center dedicated to the community we serve, we offer a wide range of services designed to address the needs of mental health wellness. Through seminars, weekend retreats, therapeutic groups, and individual, couples, and family counseling, we actively strive to raise public awareness about the importance of mental health in our community. Our services are specifically tailored to strengthen and enhance self-esteem, self-respect, and respect for others in society. We aim to promote overall health and well-being, addressing the diverse issues that individuals and families face in order to improve the quality of their lives and relationships. At Leading Light Behavioral Health, Inc., we place a special emphasis on providing support to individuals and families who have been affected by incarceration, as well as those who are underrepresented, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+. We recognize the unique challenges they may face and are dedicated to offering them the support and understanding they deserve." Visit llbh-llc.com to learn more.

This is a complimentary event, but please pre-register online! Visit metrosouthchamber.com/events.

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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.

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CHAMBER Calendar

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

March		
15	Ribbon Cutting: Natural Agricultural Products 1437 Bedford Street, Abington	4:00 pm
20	Chamber Ambassador Meeting Zoom Virtual Meeting	9:00 am
27	Chamber Board Meeting Zoom Virtual Meeting	12:30 pm
28	Good Day Metro South Luncheon with MA Economic Development Secretary, Yvonne Hao Concord Foods: 10 Minuteman Way, Brockton	12:00 pm
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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 events@metrosouthchamber.com .		



METRO SOUTH
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Leading Businesses.
Leading Communities.

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

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

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

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

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

UP-TO-DATE News



MassDevelopment Monthly Office Hours at the Chamber

MassDevelopment will host a series of virtual office hours through the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

MassDevelopment 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.

Members - send Good News to
estratton@metrosouthchamber.com

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MSBDC Online Training Calendar - visit msbdc.org/training to register

- 3/20: How to Start a Business 101: The Basics
- 3/20: Maximizing the Benefits of International Trade Show Participation
- 3/21: Exploring Certifications and Finding Procurement Opportunities
- 3/27: Five Tiny Fixes to Improve Your Small Business Marketing
- 3/28: Waste Reduction in Food and Beverage Processing Businesses
- 4/4: How to Start a Business 101: The Basics
- 4/18: How to Start a Business 101: The Basics
- 4/18: Preparing a Government-Targeted Capability Statement - A Business Resume

Fuller Craft Museum presents "Beau McCall" Buttons On! March 30 in Brockton



Buttons On! marks the first-ever retrospective for creative artist, Beau McCall. Enthusiastically proclaimed by American Craft magazine as "The Button Man," McCall creates wearable and visual art by applying clothing buttons onto mostly upcycled fabrics, materials, and objects. Buttons On! showcases pieces from McCall's nearly forty-year career, the debut of several new and specially-commissioned works, and select archival material. Organized into several themes, the exhibition explores McCall's mastery of the button and commentary on topics such as pop culture and social justice. 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.

Brockton Symphony Orchestra presents: "Winter Fairy Tales" March 10 @ 3PM

Escape into fairy-tale fantasy with the spell-binding Swan Lake Suite alongside artistic works by Nikolai Tchernin and Philip Glass. Our concert features captivating wife and husband duo, violinist Sarita Kwok and cellist Alexandre Lecarme. Nikolai Tchernin – Prelude to La Princesse Lointaine; Philip Glass – Double Concerto for Violin, Cello, and Orchestra; Sarita Kwok, violin;



Alexandre Lecarme, cello; Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky – Swan Lake Suite. Please call (508) 588-3841 for more information or visit brocktonsymphony.org.

Massasoit To Host Third-Annual Evening of Champions on March 23



This signature fundraiser benefits student scholarships and recognizes "Champions" of the College and our community. This year's honoree is Bob Rivers, CEO and Chair of the Board of Eastern Bank. "Bob Rivers has earned many accolades and honors over the years, not only because he is a true leader in business, but because he and Eastern Bank are avid supporters of the community - we are grateful for the role he plays," said President DiPasquale. The Evening of Champions promises to be a night full of great food, drinks, and company, all for a great cause - supporting students on their educational journey. Sponsorship opportunities available at Massasoit.edu/Champions.

Health Care Matters

Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

508-427-3000

www.goodsamaritanmedical.org

Welcome Grace Thomas, MD, Endocrinology

Good Samaritan Medical Center and Steward Medical Group are pleased to welcome Grace Thomas, MD, Endocrinology to the medical staff.

Dr. Thomas received her medical degree from Damascus University, Damascus, Syria, and then completed her residency in Internal Medicine through Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, Bronx, NY. Dr. Thomas is Board Certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Thomas is accepting new patients at Steward Endocrinology Specialists North Easton, 15 Roche Bros Way, Suite 220, North Easton, MA 02356.

To make an appointment call 508-897-6390.

Good Samaritan Medical Center is an acute-care, 267-bed hospital providing comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, and Level III Trauma emergency services to Brockton and 22 neighboring communities. The hospital offers Centers of Excellence care in orthopedics, oncology, and cardiology, specialized care in surgery, family-centered obstetrics with Level II nursery, and advanced diagnostic imaging. Good Samaritan Medical Center has the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. Good Samaritan Medical Center is part of Steward Health Care System. To learn more visit www.goodsamaritanmedical.org.

Grace Thomas, MD
Endocrinology



Job & Internship Fairs - Connecting with the Workforce



BRIDGEWATER
STATE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, April 4 | 12:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tinsley Athletic Center Gym | 131 Summer St., Bridgewater

The Job & Internship Fair is a great way for employers to meet a large number of potential candidates looking for full-time, professional-level positions as well as internships.

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



BRIDGEWATER
STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, May 1 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Rondileau Student Union Ballroom | 19 Park Avenue, Bridgewater

https://bridgew.joinhandshake.com/edu/career_fairs/38462

The Education Career Fair is a recruiting opportunity for educational organizations including public school districts, charter schools, private and independent schools, and education focused non-profits. This fair allows school hiring personnel to network with top-caliber teacher, counselor, and administrator candidates from Bridgewater State University and other area colleges. With over 60 school districts and 100+ students and alumni in attendance, this is a can't miss recruiting event! This event is invite only. Please contact Katie Vagen at: kvagen@bridgew.edu



UMass
Dartmouth

Tuesday, March 19 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Business, Engineering & Technology Career Fair | (508) 999-8658 | UMD Marketplace

app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/46594/student_preview
Opportunity to connect with students and recent graduates for internships, part-time and full-time jobs.



UMass
Dartmouth

Wednesday, March 20 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Business, Engineering & Technology Career Fair | (508) 999-8658 | UMD Marketplace

app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/46846/student_preview
Opportunity to connect with students and recent graduates for 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 26th 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 the Chamber at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email estratton@metrosouthchamber.com. Nomination deadline: May 10th. Learn more online at metrosouthchamber.com/event/athena-leadership-award-luncheon-2024

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Call for 2024 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 *2024 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 (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 12, 2024. Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Lunch in May.

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Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

2023 Healthier You Wellness Partners
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.

Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

2023 Brockton Beer Company
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

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

- ATHENA International



Study Presented at Chamber Luncheon Highlights Social Services Needs in Brockton. Mayor Delivers "Message of Progress" Update on City Construction, Housing, New Businesses, Restaurants, and Baseball



Premier Sponsor



In February, the Chamber hosted a Good Day Metro South luncheon at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton with guest speakers Dr. Mark Melnik, Director of Economic and Public Policy Research at the UMass Donahue Institute; and Mayor of Brockton, Bob Sullivan. The study completed by UMass Donahue Institute on behalf of Catholic Charities shows the current landscape of social services needs and available services in Brockton. The core areas of need have been identified as: Childcare and Youth Services, Job Training, Housing, Immigrant Services, Mental and Behavioral Health, and Food Insecurity and Basic Assistance.

Mayor Sullivan's "Message of Progress" highlighted construction projects at the MCK Senior Center, War Memorial Building, Cosgrove Pool, Brockton City Hall, Brockton Public Safety Building, Brockton Hospital, 9 Residential Projects, Marvelous Marvin Hagler Tribute, new businesses, restaurants, and baseball coming to Brockton.

Video recording and slides are available at metrosouthchamber.com. Thank you to our Program Sponsor: OCES - Old Colony Elder Services. Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography, visit our flickr page to view more: [flickr.com/photos/metroouthchamber/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/metroouthchamber/).



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce; Doug Smith, Stonehill College, chamber director, event interviewer; State Senator Walter Timilty; State Representative Rita Mendes; State Senator Mike Brady; Minhtram Tran, Plymouth County District Attorney's Office; City Councilor Shirley Asack, Ward 7; Joe Casey, HarborOne Bank, immediate past-chair of the MSCC, event emcee; and Kelly Tuthill, Catholic Charities Boston President & CEO.



Event sponsor Alisa DeLage, OCES - Old Colony Elder Services interviewed by Doug Smith, Stonehill College



Dr. Mark Melnik, Director of Economic and Public Policy Research at the UMass Donahue Institute



Jaime Ewing, Kelly Tuthill, Danielle Mensing, and Mark Kerwin, Catholic Charities of Boston



Mayor of Brockton, Bob Sullivan



Chamber ambassador Maryjane Anene, Combined Insurance; and Tim Cruz, Plymouth County DA.



Sold out luncheon at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton. Thank you for joining us!

Chamber Holds 9th Annual Multicultural Biz Forum



Premier Sponsor:
North Easton
Savings Bank

On leap day, the Metro South Chamber in partnership with North Easton Savings Bank held the 9th Annual

Multicultural Business Forum & Business After Hours in Brockton. Guest speaker, Bob Nelson, Small Business Administration MA District Director provided welcoming remarks. Chamber director, President & CEO of North Easton Savings Bank Rich Spencer also spoke as the premier sponsor of this event.

The panel of women and minority owned small business owners featured Maryjane Anene, Combined Insurance; David Offutt, HomeVestors franchisee; and Dr. Sabrina Coombs, Medella Dental. The business expo included Center for Women & Enterprise, South Shore Women's Business Network, SCORE Business Counselors, SBA - Small Business Administration, MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board & Career Center, South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corp., and more. Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Check out our blog post to see more photos, video recording, and more from the event! metrosouthchamber.com/blog

Real Estate Brokerage Opens on Pleasant Street in Brockton; Welcome J. Brown Realty!



City Councilor Shirley Asack, Ward 7; Senator Mike Brady; Max Bretours, Valencia Jacobs Brown, and Brianna Davis, J. Brown Realty; State Rep. Rita Mendes; Senator Walter Timilty; and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber.



In late February, Metro South business community leaders and elected officials gathered to celebrate and welcome a new business to Brockton! J Brown Realty is located at 567 Pleasant Street, Suite 201, Brockton, MA 02301. We were joined by State Senators Mike Brady and Walter

Timilty, State Representative Rita Mendes, and Ward 7 Brockton City Councilor Shirley Asack, all who expressed their gratitude toward J. Brown Realty for choosing to make Brockton / Metro South home for their business.

Visit jbrownrealty.com to learn more about J Brown Realty and the services they bring to the Metro South Region. Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography, visit our flickr page to view more: [flickr.com/photos/metroouthchamber/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/metroouthchamber/).



Max Bretours, Valencia Jacobs Brown, and Brianna Davis, J. Brown Realty

Chamber Bids Farewell to Naldo Cardoso



Naldo Cardoso, Small Business Specialist at Codman Square Neighborhood Development

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce bids farewell to Naldo Cardoso. He has accepted the position of Small Business Specialist at Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation in Dorchester.

Naldo began working with the Chamber about six months ago, after graduating Cum Laude from UMASS Dartmouth with a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics, where he also minored in Finance and Portuguese. During his time at UMD, he interned with MassDevelopment and served as a Peer Mentor for the university’s “College Now/START” program which offers students a non-traditional route into college.

“Naldo filled a key role during a time of transition at the chamber. We thank him for his thoughtful and helpful service and wish him well in all his future endeavors”, said Chris Cooney, president and CEO.

LAST CALL FOR ADS AND BIZ LISTING UPDATES



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

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.

The Metro South Guide is distributed to thousands of key decision makers and community stakeholders, including all members, prospective members, town halls, libraries, legislators, hotels, museums, and more. Want your business to be included? Call (508) 586-0500 x222.

Ad Size	Dimensions	Investment
Enhanced Listing	--	\$237
1/6 page ad	3.5" x 3"	\$473
1/3 page ad	3.5" x 6.5"	\$604
1/2 page ad	7.25" x 4.75"	\$939
Full page ad	7.25" x 10"	\$1,884
Inside Front Cover	12.5" x 10"	\$2,619
Inside Back Cover	8.5" x 11"	\$2,619
Back Cover	8.5" x 11"	\$3,354
Your Business Logo on the Front Cover, Plus Full Page Ad Inside	8.5" x 11"	\$4,14

ATTN: EMPLOYERS - MassHire 6th Annual Construction Career Day, May 10 in Brockton



THE REGION’S PREMIER CAREER SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTING CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING TRADES, AND RELATED INDUSTRIES!

Friday, May 10th, 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

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SEED Corp Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop Series



South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation is a regional nonprofit economic development corporation with the mission of empowering entrepreneurs, strengthening local economies, and creating jobs by financing all types of small businesses in Massachusetts

and Rhode Island. With loan programs ranging from \$1,000 micro loans to \$5.5 million SBA 504 loans and a long history of assisting small business owners, SEED is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to start-up, grow, or streamline their business.

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.

Learn more and register for any of the below workshops online at seedcorp.com

Title: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals

Date: 3/12/2024 Time: 10:00AM Fee: Free

Location: Bristol County Savings Bank, 70 N Water Street, New Bedford, MA

SEED Corporation and Bristol County Savings Bank 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.

Title: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Financials

Date: 3/14/2024 Time: 10:00AM Fee: Free

Location: Bristol County Savings Bank, 70 N Water Street, New Bedford, MA

SEED Corporation and Bristol County Savings Bank in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, & SCORE provide this free, in-person entrepreneurial workshop in which participants will learn how to read and a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, and keep on top of their business finances. The workshop also explains how a small business owner can anticipate financial needs in order to operate the business more efficiently through a deeper understanding of their financial picture. 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.

Title: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals

Date: 3/26/2024 Time: 10:00AM Fee: Free

Location: Online

Title: Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Financials

Date: 3/28/2024 Time: 10:00AM Fee: Free

Location: Online

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

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The Metro South Chamber of Commerce strives to be the region’s qualified leader for attracting and harnessing the energies, capabilities, and ambitions of businesses; catalyzing critical public discussion on key issues and mobilizing political support; protecting a positive image of the region and bolstering awareness of its many advantages; and position the region to seize the variety of emerging economic opportunities.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite businesses to join and engage in the chamber community by strengthening local ties in Brockton and beyond, while gaining a deep understanding of regional economic progress and the competitive developing future of the Metro South region.

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Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital Targets Late Spring to Reopen

On the one-year anniversary of a devastating 10-alarm electrical fire that shut down Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital, hospital officials announced they expect to safely reopen late Spring.

“Every day since the fire, one of our three paramount goals has been to safely reopen as soon as possible,” explained Robert Haffey, Signature’s President and CEO. “Our construction partners and local, state, and federal officials share this goal and have been tireless in pursuing it. Now, we have entered the final phases of work to continue renovating the damaged electrical and other infrastructure and are announcing this spring, Brockton Hospital will welcome back its valued staff, patients, and the community.”

The Feb. 7, 2023, fire began in an electrical equipment room. Fighting the fire meant shutting off both utility power and emergency generators. That decision required the shutdown of computer systems, elevators, phones, medical devices, and lights. As a result, emergency personnel, working closely with the hospital’s doctors, nurses and all staff, evacuated and transported 162 patients, all without injury to patients, staff, or emergency personnel.

“When I think back to a year ago,” Haffey said. “I am still in awe of the dedication of our staff and emergency personnel and how they cared for our patients on that unfortunate day. Together, we safely evacuated 162 patients, some critically ill, without overhead lighting, medical records, or elevators.”

According to Brian Backoff, Director of Facilities and Engineering, the fire destroyed much of the hospital’s electrical wiring. “An electrical fire of that magnitude meant that we have to rewire the entire 250,000-square-foot hospital,” Backoff said. “Wiring a hospital is a monumental task even for new construction. Retrofitting a hospital with new wiring and electrical and other infrastructure is even more challenging.”

Backoff said that supply chain shortages presented challenges in the early days. “A year ago, manufacturers were still backlogged because of the COVID-19 pandemic,” he explained. “That slowed things down early on, but our legislators, regulators, suppliers and contractors worked some supplychain magic and got us back on track. We have everything we need, now, to finish this project and reopen our doors this spring”

Renovations: The previously planned remodeling and renovations are being done more quickly than anticipated taking advantage of the closure. Haffey said the renovated hospital will be safer, more welcoming, and most importantly, more patient-centric. “Our Emergency Department will be completely renovated and will have a new 12 unit behavioral health triage unit, which will help provide beter and more private care for behavioral health patients away from the hustle and bustle of the regular emergency department,” he said.

Outpatient Surgical Center

The hospital will now have a new Outpatient Sugrical Center, main lobby, and 1.5-megawatt solar array. The three urgent care centers, including the newest location in East Bridgewater, will remain open.

Emergency Department

Behavioral Health Triage Unit

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KMA Web Design
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(781) 775-3102

Year Established: 2014

Products or Services: Website Design, Website Support & Maintenance, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), & Digital Marketing

Number of Employees: 4

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer? At KMA Web Design we specialize in creating lead-generating, user-friendly websites that highlight

Kerry Aglugub, Founder & CEO
KMA Web Design

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What is your market area? Massachusetts and beyond

What markets do you serve? Small businesses and nonprofits

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

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- KMA Web Design was featured as one of the 42 Women-owned Creative Agencies You Should be Following by WP Engine in February 2023.
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What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? We provide our clients with a marketing strategy and the tools and knowledge to help them increase their visibility online, grow and succeed. We are proud to provide outstanding customer service and high quality web design and development services to help clients market their business.

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For membership, contact:

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membership@metrosouthchamber.com

Member Profile - T & C Cleaning Services



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Cleaning Services*

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tandccleaningservices.net
(508) 714-9503

Year Established: 2023

Products or Services: Cleaning - Commercial & Residential

Number of Employees: 6

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer? T & C is unique because we care about the quality of service we provide.

What is your market area? South Shore

What markets do you serve? Commercial & Residential

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? Provide professional, outstanding and affordable services to those in need of cleaning.

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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.

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: Nathalie Jean
(508) 586-3887

Center for Women & Enterprise
Contact: Berlhey Narcisse
(617) 532-0225

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

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BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

March 15

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

4:00PM

Natural Agricultural Products
1437 Bedford Street, Abington

Join us for a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony with new chamber members - Natural Agricultural Products!

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

March 28

Good Day Metro South

12:00PM

Concord Foods
10 Minuteman Way, Brockton

Guest speaker: Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Development, Yvonne Hao

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Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 11

Annual Labor & Employment Law Update with MTHL LLP

8:30AM

Granite Links
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Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 19

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

2:00PM

Leading Light Behavioral Health
19 Riverside Avenue, Brockton

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