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Ask the Experts: HR Law & Compliance Updates for the New Year

Friday, January 30 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Martin Institute @ Stonehill College | 320 Washington Street, Easton

Join the Metro South Chamber of Commerce for an Ask the Experts: Good Day Metro South Luncheon, an informative and interactive program designed to help employers prepare for the evolving workplace landscape in the year ahead.

The luncheon will feature a keynote address by Senator Michael Rodrigues, Chair of the Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Committee, who will share insights on the Commonwealth's economic outlook, legislative priorities, and what they mean for the business community.

Following the keynote, hear from an HR Law & Compliance Panel with representatives from HR Alternatives, TriNet, and Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane LLP. The panel will discuss key HR and employment law trends employers should be monitoring as they plan for 2026, with a focus on practical considerations and real-world compliance challenges facing Massachusetts organizations.

This program is ideal for business owners, executives, HR professionals, and managers looking to stay informed, ask questions directly of experts, and prepare their organizations for the year ahead. Questions? Contact Hannah at events@metrosouthchamber.com, call (508) 586-0500 x231, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events or scan the QR Code to register and learn more. *More info about our speakers on page 2.*



ASK THE EXPERTS @ GOOD DAY METRO SOUTH

HR Law & Compliance Updates for the New Year

A PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING INDUSTRY EXPERTS



Mary Baker
HR Alternatives



A specialist from
TriNet



An expert from
Murphy Hesse
Toomey & Lehane

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@ Stonehill College Martin Institute

PLUS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Senator Michael Rodrigues

First Bristol and Plymouth
Chair of the Senate Ways and
Means Committee



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Save the Date! March 5th, 11th Annual Women & Minority Owned Business Panel, Resource Fair + After Hours Networking

Thursday, March 5 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton



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(Left) Dr. Sahar
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Orthodontics



(Right) Jaquelyn
Rose, BuzzAround

Be a Part of the Solution,
Add Your Voice to the Business
& Community Chamber

As you set your sights on success in 2026, let the Metro South Chamber of Commerce be your partner in progress. Our membership offers the tools, connections, and resources you need to take your business to the next level.

Expand Your Network: Build valuable relationships through our exclusive events, networking mixers, and referral opportunities, connecting you with like-minded professionals and potential clients.

Boost Your Visibility: Gain exposure for your business through our online directory, targeted promotions, and sponsorship opportunities, ensuring your brand is seen by the right audience.

Access Key Resources: Stay ahead of the curve with expert-led workshops, business support services, and advocacy that champions your interests at the local, state, and federal levels.

Strengthen Your Skills: Learn and grow with access to training programs designed to enhance your leadership and business management expertise.

Whether you're looking to grow your customer base, sharpen your strategy, or make a positive impact in the community, the Metro South Chamber is here to help you turn your goals into accomplishments.

Join today and make 2026 your most successful year yet! To get started, call (508) 586-0500 or visit metrosouthchamber.com MSCC Strategic Plan on page 5.

January 30 Luncheon - Ask the Experts: HR Law & Compliance Updates for the New Year (Continued)

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Discussion topics may include emerging pay transparency requirements, wage and hour compliance, paid family and medical leave updates, worker classification, workplace safety trends, data privacy and the use of AI in HR, and evolving EEO and anti-discrimination considerations. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain guidance on how to proactively update policies, training, and internal practices.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:



State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, First Bristol & Plymouth Districts, Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues has proudly represented the First Bristol and Plymouth District in the Massachusetts State Senate since 2010, serving the communities of Westport, Fall River, Freetown, Lakeville, Rochester, Somerset, and Swansea. As Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, he plays a leading role in shaping the Commonwealth's budget and advancing major legislative priorities.

Over his tenure, Senator Rodrigues has held key leadership roles, including Senate Majority Whip, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ethics, and Vice Chair of both the Senate Committees on Steering and Policy and Redistricting. He previously chaired the Joint Committee on Revenue and spent 14 years in the House of Representatives, where he led committees focused on labor, workforce development, and consumer protection.

A graduate of UMass Dartmouth with a degree in Accounting, Senator Rodrigues brings real-world perspective as President and Treasurer of his family's small business, ABC Floor Covering in Westport. He is a devoted husband, father, and legislator.

His public service has been recognized with numerous local awards, and in 2010, he received the Medal of Prince Henry the Navigator, Portugal's highest civilian honor for non-citizens, awarded by the President of Portugal.

Mary Ellen Baker is the second generation of the Callahan family to join HR Alternatives. She is a graduate of the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts and is a SHRM (Society of Human Resources Management) Certified Professional. Mary has 7 years of experience in compensation and workforce analysis. She has experience developing and delivering school curriculum and facilitating professional development and networking conferences.

Mary Ellen is providing outsourced HR services to client companies, managing special projects and conducting employee workshops.

Mary Ellen enjoys reading and spending time outdoors playing and exploring with her husband David, their two sons and their fur-baby. She serves as an Ambassador for the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.



Mary E. Baker, SHRM-CP
HR Alternatives



Women & Minority Owned Business Panel, Resource Fair + After Hours Networking (Continued)

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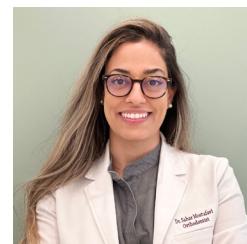


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As someone who used to be afraid of going to the dentist as a child, **Dr. Sahar** knows the trust that patients put in the hands of their doctor every time they sit in the dental chair. She takes pride in making her patients feel as comfortable as possible during every appointment and is dedicated to making each dental visit a positive experience.

Dr. Sahar received her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Tufts University in 2017. She then completed a General Practice Residency at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital where she had the privilege of treating special needs and medically complex patients. She obtained her specialty certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, NY before returning to her home state of Massachusetts. Dr. Sahar is an Assistant Professor of Orthodontics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and serves as one of the orthodontists on the Craniofacial-Cleft Lip and Palate Team at Tufts Medical Center. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. Visit sharonorthodontics.com to learn more.



Dr. Sahar Mostafavi
Sharon Orthodontics



Jacquelyn Rose is a co-founder, publisher, and social entrepreneur dedicated to strengthening communities through positive local news and civic engagement. As the driving force behind Buzz Around, Inc., she empowers residents to connect, participate, and celebrate what's happening in their communities.

Since founding Buzz Around in 2009, Jacquelyn has expanded its reach across New England, producing thousands of posts annually and promoting more than 75 civic, nonprofit, and community organizations. She has built a loyal audience of tens of thousands of subscribers and fosters strong partnerships with local businesses, municipalities, and nonprofits.



Jacquelyn Rose, BuzzAround



Her work is informed by a diverse background as an entrepreneur, mother, special needs parent, elder advocate, volunteer, and student of human communication. Jacquelyn also leads a robust internship program, mentoring dozens of college students each year from institutions including Brown University, Boston College, Bridgewater State University, and UMass Dartmouth.

Jacquelyn holds an M.A. in Theology with a concentration in Interfaith Leadership and Communication, a BA in English/Communication Arts, and multiple professional certifications. She values collaboration, storytelling, and community action, and enjoys creative pursuits, gardening, and time with her family and her dog, Lilly. Visit buzzaround.info to learn more.

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

January

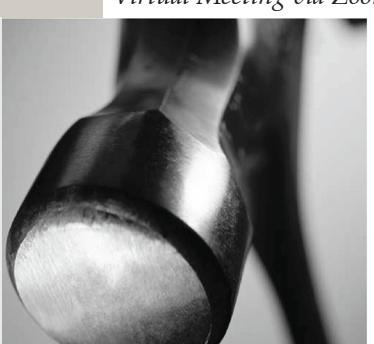
14	Ambassador Meeting <i>Virtual Meeting via Zoom</i>	9:00AM
28	Board of Directors Meeting <i>Metro South Chamber: 60 School Street, Brockton</i>	12:00PM
30	Good Day Metro South - HR Panel <i>Stonehill College: 320 Washington Street, Easton</i>	11:45AM

February

04	Ambassador Meeting <i>Virtual Meeting via Zoom</i>	9:00AM
26	Good Day Metro South "East Bridgewater Day" <i>Location TBA</i>	11:45AM

March

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05	11th Annual Multicultural Panel & BAH <i>Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton</i>	5:00PM
25	Board of Directors Meeting <i>Virtual Meeting via Zoom</i>	12:30PM

**Impact.**

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

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

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

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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

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

- 1/7: How to Start a Business
- 1/13: Small Business Credit: What Every Owner Needs to Know
- 1/13: Understanding Business Financials: Balance Sheets, Income and Profit/Loss Statements
- 1/14: Exploring the Government Marketplace
- 1/15: Is Entrepreneurship Right for You? How to Start a Business
- 1/20: Small Business Taxes - Part 1
- 1/22: Unlock Your Business Potential
- 1/23: Free Legal Clinic
- 1/27: Search Engine Optimization (SEO) for Beginners
- 1/28: Small Business Cash Flow Essentials
- 1/29: Tax Planning for Small Business Owners

Westgate Mall Announces Opening of Toy Box



Toy Box Westgate is Brockton's ultimate playground, with soft-play, a DIY craft zone, and a large arcade. Safe, creative, and fun, it offers flexible pricing and party packages. More info at ToyBoxPlayZone.com.

Health Care Matters

Boston Medical Center - South

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

Boston Medical Center Health System Unveils New Names for Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth's Medical Centers

The shared brand identity will help patients easily recognize and access trusted, clinically excellent care across BMC Health System hospitals.

Boston Medical Center Health System is proud to announce the renaming of two of its hospitals, as the system advances its vision of high-quality, accessible, and sustainable healthcare in the region.

Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton is now Boston Medical Center

Members - send Good News to estratto@metrosouthchamber.com

Sponsored by: Boston Medical Center - South

Brockton Symphony Orchestra Presents "The Spiritual Mozart" January 25



Brockton Symphony Orchestra

Step into the elegance of the Classical era with an afternoon devoted to the genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, from the sacred to the celebratory, and featuring renowned organist Peter Krasinski on the Austin organ. Visit brocktonsymphony.org to get tickets.

Eastern Bank Named #1 SBA Lender in Massachusetts for the 17th Year in a Row



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Eastern Bank, Massachusetts' top SBA 7(a) lender for 17 years, provided 290 loans totaling \$43.5M, helping small

businesses—including women and entrepreneurs of color—access capital, resources, and support to grow, thrive, and strengthen their communities.

Abington Bank, a division of North Shore Bank, Raises \$54,600 for Local Food Pantries

Abington Bank's Neighbors Helping

Neighbors campaign raised \$54,600 for 13 local food pantries during its fifth annual drive. Donations, matched dollar-for-dollar by the bank, supported South Shore and South Coast communities, bringing the program's five-year total to \$218,250 and reflecting the bank's commitment to local families.

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MassDEP Funding Opportunity: Recycling and Reuse Business Development Grant

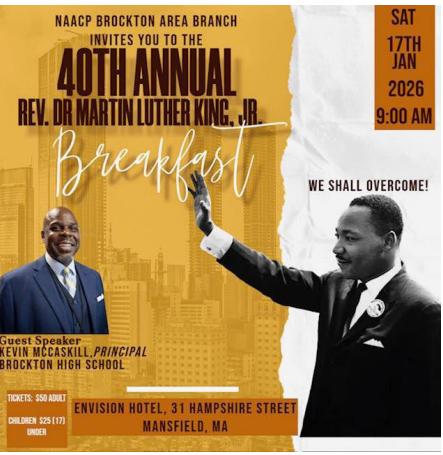
The Massachusetts DEP is accepting applications for the Recycling and Reuse Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program until April 3, 2026. Grants support businesses creating sustainable recycling markets for targeted materials, advancing the 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan and fostering economic development. Learn more at www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-recycling-reuse-business-development-grant



MassDEP

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection

Brockton Area NAACP's 40th Annual Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast - Jan 17



The NAACP Brockton Area Branch proudly invites you to our annual celebration honoring the life, legacy, and leadership of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year marks our 40th anniversary, and we are excited to welcome our guest speaker: Kevin McCaskill - Principal, Brockton High School. Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM @ Envision Hotel — 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA. Tickets: www.naacp-brocktonbranch.org/event-details/40th-annual-rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-breakfast



BOSTON MEDICAL South

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www.bmhealthsystem.org/bmc-south

— South (BMC South) and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton is now Boston Medical Center – Brighton (BMC Brighton). St. Elizabeth's and Good Samaritan's associated offsite physician practices will transition to BMC Health.

"Our vision for a unified health system, rooted in expert care and access for our communities, is steadily taking shape," said Alastair Bell, MD, MBA, President & CEO of BMC Health System. "We are creating a shared identity across all of our hospitals that stands for clinical excellence, trust, accessibility, and compassionate patient care."

Consistent branding across BMC Health

System hospitals ensures patients know they will receive high-quality, equity-led care. BMC Health System gathered input from patients, employees, and community members to help shape the new names.

"We're honored to work alongside our system hospitals who are also devoted to mission-driven care. Bringing our hospitals under one brand sends a strong signal about that shared commitment," said Paul C. Smith, President of BMC Brighton. "We look forward to building on our more than 100-year legacy in Brighton as the foundation of an even brighter future."

"Today is a proud day for our hospital as we take this next integration step into BMC Health System," said Matthew Hesketh, President of BMC South. "We are incredibly proud of our long history in Brockton and look forward to expanding patient care access to more than 20 other communities along the Route 24 corridor."

Over the next weeks and months, the new names and logos will be incorporated into digital and physical touch points across BMC Brighton, BMC South, and associated BMC Health practice locations.

BMC Health System assumed operations of the two hospitals on October 1, 2024.

Happy New Year! Metro South Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan Overview

Mission

What is the Chamber's enduring sense of purpose?

We connect, support, and energize member businesses focused on improving the economic vitality of life of the Metro South region.

Values

To which standards does the Chamber hold itself?

- Steadfast commitment to independence, objectivity, and transparency underscoring all forms of engagement, advocacy, and decision making.
- Outstanding corporate citizenship that is deeply invested in the broader development of the region.
- An adaptive resource that serves all sizes and varieties of area businesses and ventures.
- Inclusive leadership/membership reflecting the region's diversity.

Vision

What is on the distant horizon of the Chamber's work?

We envision a Metro South region known for:

- A business community that is continually collaborating, innovating, and thriving.
- Robust pipelines of success that foster new business and advance careers.
- Citizens that are well informed and quick to mobilize on key public issues.
- An overwhelmingly positive reputation for its many competitive advantages.

Goals

How is the Chamber advancing its mission and reaching for its vision while reflecting its values?

1. Business Community Convener

FOCUS the aggregate energy and resources of the regional business community to capitalize on mutually beneficial opportunities, share perspectives, and respond to common challenges.

2. Connecting Members

CULTIVATE and INVIGORATE the region's human capital by fostering robust opportunity pathways and professional development networks among members.

3. Issue Advocacy

ARTICULATE, CONVEY, and ADVANCE the Chamber's position on political issues of great importance to the membership and the overall business climate of the region.

4. Positioning the Region for Success

LEVERAGE the membership's collective influence, expertise, and capital to expand current business activity, attract new ventures to the region, and project the Metro South as a place of economic opportunity and vitality.

5. Sustainability

SOLIDIFY and EXPAND the Chamber's member and financial base.

Areas of Focus

What is the Chamber doing to better align itself with changing external and internal dynamics?

External

- Targeting membership growth areas of younger professionals and non-English-speaking immigrants
- Focusing on small/micro business startups
- Showcasing regional diversity as a strength
- Understanding and conveying regional attractiveness more effectively
- Overcoming growing problem of labor shortages
- Boosting regional collaborations for international commerce
- Clarifying roles/core functions of myriad regional economic development agencies
- Coping with the impacts of regional business consolidations
- Revitalizing derelict industrial spaces

Internal

- Introducing career development programming
- Leveraging higher education partners
- Further diversifying the Board of Directors
- Hitting a business development "home run"
- Developing mentorship opportunities for startups
- Increasing number of Chamber-sanctioned positions on key business and economic issues
- Rethinking and refining content/purpose/timing of current slate of regular events
- Deepening political relationships in Brockton
- Broadening political relationships beyond Brockton
- Adding expertise/capacity for social media efforts
- Adding additional multilingual staff capacity
- Transitioning to a tiered membership model
- Developing a bona fide membership strategy

Bridgewater Welcomes Verizon Wireless Zone



Verizon Wireless Zone is now open in Bridgewater! Located in the Roche Bros Plaza between Papa Gino's and Elements Massage (former Olympia Sports) - 233 Broad Street, Unit 20. Open Mon - Sat, 9AM-8PM and Sun 11AM-5PM.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce proudly joined the community in early December to celebrate the ribbon cutting for Verizon Wireless Zone Bridgewater at 233 Broad Street, Unit 20 in Bridgewater's Roche Bros Plaza. Chamber members, local leaders, business partners, and supporters gathered to welcome this exciting new addition to the region. With a proven legacy in wireless retail and deep community ties, the new store represents the continued growth of a trusted Verizon Authorized Retailer in Metro South. Wireless Zone is known for offering Verizon's industry-leading products and services, coupled with expert, locally focused customer care.

Owned and operated by Ray Luong, Mike Shaw, and Lenny DeLeon, this location marks the group's ninth Verizon Wireless Zone store – a testament to their business acumen and commitment to serving local customers. With 28 years of combined franchise ownership experience, this ownership team brings deep retail expertise and a customer-first mindset to Bridgewater. Leading the store's day-to-day

operations is Store Manager David Truong, who welcomed guests and shared insights about the products and services available to members of the community.

Elected officials joined the festivities to show support for small business growth in Bridgewater and across Metro South, including Mark Linde, Bridgewater Town Council; Mary McGrath, Town Council Vice President; Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Manager; Kajelyn Beardsley, Executive Assistant; and State Representative Dennis Gallagher. Their presence highlighted the important role that small businesses play in local economic development and community connection.

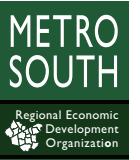
A strong turnout from the Chamber community reinforced the collaborative spirit among Metro South businesses. Chamber Ambassadors and partners included Joanne Schneider of Eastern Bank, Antonio Barros of North Easton Savings Bank, Armindo Rocha of Old Colony Elder Services (OCES), Reiko McNeil of Bluestone Bank, and Steve Damon of Jack Conway Realty. Their participation underscored the network of support that helps new and expanding businesses thrive in the region.

Attendees had the opportunity to tour the new Bridgewater store, learn about the latest Verizon technologies and solutions, and connect with community leaders and fellow business owners. From smartphones and accessories to tailored wireless plans, Verizon Wireless Zone Bridgewater is well-positioned to meet the local demand for connectivity and service excellence.

To learn more about Verizon Wireless Zone, visit shop.wirelesszone.com/ma/bridgewater/233-broad-st. Scan the QR Code above to view additional photos and learn more.



Economic Outlook, Speed Networking and Fine Craft Featured at Chamber Luncheon



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Dan Evans, EMI; Maria Celli, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; Rob Peters, author; Mark Melnik, UMass Donahue Institute; Jennifer Chrzanowski; Representative Dennis Gallagher; Mayor Elect Moises Rodrigues; Jack Ferren, Cambridge Savings Bank; and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber.

by Maria Celli of Brockton Neighborhood Health Center.

Guest speaker Dr. Mark Melnik, Director of Economic & Public Policy Research at UMass Donahue Institute, shared a data-driven look at the Massachusetts economy, highlighting slow growth, labor market stabilization, high costs of living, and demographic challenges shaping the year ahead. His insights offered attendees a valuable perspective on regional economic trends and opportunities for business and community leaders.

Holiday networking was facilitated by Rob Peters, author of The Small Business CEO's Playbook, giving attendees the chance to connect and celebrate. Santa Claus also made a special appearance, joining guests for photos and exploring locally made treasures at the Museum's Holiday Handmade Market. The luncheon brought together business leaders, community partners, and friends of the Chamber for a festive afternoon of connection, inspiration, and holiday cheer.

Additional photos, Mark Melnik's slides, and a video are available on metrosouthchamber.com. Scan the QR Code to access the blog post, or visit metrosouthchamber.com/blog. *PC: Rich Morgan Photography*.



(Left) Isaiah Thelwell, Greater Brockton Young Professionals and Nelson Fernandes, City of Brockton Mayoral Transition Team.



Phyllis Ellis and Miles Jackson, Brockton Area Branch NAACP



Marcy Venezia, GleeWorks Holistic Coaching; Ulea Lago and Sarah Gonet, BAMSI

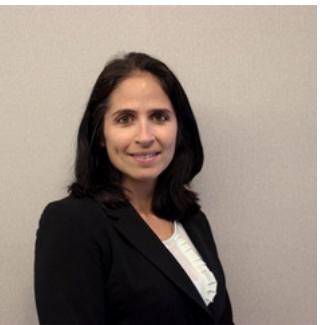


Felicia Sepulveda, Cape Verdean Association of Brockton; Francia Monteiro, Rockland Federal Credit Union; Steve Damon (Santa), Jack Conway Real Estate; Joanne Schneider, Eastern Bank; Antonio Barros, North Easton Savings Bank; Hannah McGuire, Metro South Chamber; Mary Baker, HR Alternatives; Emma Penardi, Metro South Chamber.

Member Profile - Residence Inn Boston Brockton/Easton Managed by Buffalo Lodging Associates



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Jessica Medina, General Manager,
Residence Inn Brockton

Residence Inn Boston Brockton/
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Year Established: 2001

Products or Services: Extended-stay and short-term lodging accommodations, hospitality services, and guest-focused amenities under the Marriott Residence Inn brand.

Number of Employees: 32

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer? Buffalo Lodging Associates is known for its people-first culture, strong operational excellence, and commitment to delivering consistent, high-quality guest experiences. At the Residence Inn Boston Brockton / Easton, we combine the trusted Marriott brand with a personalized, community-driven approach. Our spacious suite-style accommodations, thoughtful amenities, and exceptional service make guests feel at home, whether staying short-term or long-term. What truly sets us apart is our engaged, well-trained team who take pride in creating welcoming and memorable experiences.

What is your market area? Metro South Massachusetts and the greater South Shore region.

What markets do you serve? Business travelers, extended-stay guests, corporate clients, relocating families, leisure travelers, and local organizations requiring group or long-term accommodations.

Please list awards, honors or special recognition your firm has received: 2025 TripAdvisor Travelers Choice Award winner. Consistently strong guest satisfaction scores, brand performance recognition, and operational achievements within the Marriott and Buffalo Lodging portfolios.

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? Our primary objective is to deliver exceptional hospitality experiences while building long-lasting relationships with our guests and business partners. We strive to be a trusted lodging partner within the Metro South community by supporting local businesses, maintaining high service standards, and contributing positively to the local economy.

Anything additional we should know about your company? We are proud members of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and value the meaningful connections it fosters across the community. Our Chamber involvement bridges gaps and creates relationships we may not have otherwise formed, strengthening our ability to support local initiatives and collaborate with fellow businesses. Through these connections, we have expanded our community outreach and volunteer efforts, reinforcing our commitment to giving back.

In 2025, the Residence Inn Brockton team proudly participated in and raised funds for Signature Healthcare through the Champions Fighting Cancer Walk, with plans to continue this initiative annually. We also hosted a volunteer initiative in partnership with Guardians of the Streets, a local organization dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. Through this effort, our team collected much-needed items and assembled care packages that were delivered to Guardians of the Streets for distribution within the community.

Additionally, our property has provided complimentary night gift certificates to support local organizations we collaborate with, including Adult and Teen Challenge, Stonehill College, Signature Healthcare, and PAM Health. These contributions help support fundraising efforts, community programs, and initiatives that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in our area. For the 2025 holiday season, our team selected Sweats for Vets as our give-back initiative. We are collecting New England sports team sweatshirts for veterans, hosting a team wrapping event, and delivering the donations to founder Mark Vitale, who will distribute them to homeless veterans across New England, helping provide warmth and support during the winter months.

Join the Chamber to showcase a Member Profile for your own business! Call (508) 586-0500 or visit metrosouthchamber.com/membership/join to sign up and join in on the vision of the future of the Metro South region.



Brockton Mayor Awards Bob Rivers, Eastern Bank with Key to The City



Bob Rivers, Eastern Bank; Brockton Mayor Sullivan

On December 10, 2025, Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan presented the Key to the City to Bob Rivers, Executive Chair and Chair of the Board of Directors of Eastern Bank, recognizing his exceptional civic leadership, community engagement, and long-standing support for Brockton's economic development through public-private partnerships. Rivers recently contributed \$1 million to address food insecurity in Brockton, further demonstrating his commitment to community well-being. The honor highlighted his impact on local initiatives, and Mayor Sullivan proclaimed the day "Bob Rivers Day" to celebrate his dedication to fostering growth and opportunity. Learn more: tinyurl.com/4d48mba7

D-BAT Year-Round Batting Practice Opens in Stoughton



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber; Brian Brynes, D-BAT Metro South Owner; and Connor Carey, Brockton Rox General Manager.

Chamber President & CEO Chris Cooney visited the newly opened premier baseball and softball training facility in Stoughton, D-BAT Metro South! Their year-round batting cages, professional instruction, camps, and advanced technology combine to provide a fun, family-focused environment to help players of all ages develop their skills and love for the game. Located at 707 Technology Center Drive, D-BAT Metro South is open Monday - Friday 10AM-PM, Saturday 10AM-6PM, and Sunday 12PM-6PM. Visit dbatmetrosouth.com or call (781) 654-DBAT to learn more.

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Office Space Available in Hanover – Join Us in Our New Conway Headquarters! Looking for a professional, collaborative workspace? We're offering 900 square feet of modern office space for lease in our new Hanover headquarters, perfect for small teams or growing businesses. **Space Details:** 539 SF: Large primary room, 361 SF: Attached office, Total: 900 SF (option to lease only the primary space)

Shared Amenities: Conference rooms and classroom space, On-site café and lounge, Collaborative environment with Conway's Real Estate, Mortgage, Title, and Property Management teams. Location: 183 Columbia Street, Hanover, MA

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New Member Provides Resources for Nonprofits: Beyond Funding - Grant & Capacity-Building



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Strengthening Leadership, Systems, & Impact for Nonprofits



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Nonprofits are often asked to do more with limited staff, time, and resources. That's why Grants New England created GNE Connections — a collaborative service designed to help nonprofits strengthen the people, systems, and strategies behind their mission. It's about building sustainable success from the inside out. Their work focuses on five key customized areas:

- Leadership Support & Interim Capacity:** Fractional executive leadership and coaching to help your team regroup, build capacity, and avoid burnout.
- Board & Governance Development:** Retreats, assessments, and charter reviews that foster clarity, trust, and accountability.
- Systems & Operations Alignment:** Process and workflow audits (CRM, finance, communications) to streamline operations and improve data integrity.
- Brand & Communications Strategy:** Clear messaging, donor journey mapping, and visibility strategies that inspire trust and connection.
- Financial Strategy & Revenue Diversification:** Modeling and planning that bring stability to your budgets and reduce last-minute funding pressure.

Engagements are tailored to each organization's size, mission, and goals, recognizing that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to nonprofit growth. This resource may be especially helpful for nonprofits looking to improve organizational effectiveness, prepare for growth, or navigate periods of transition while staying focused on mission delivery. Learn more about nonprofit support resources at grantsnewengland.com/nonprofit-support/

Father Bill's & MainSpring Celebrates Completion of 24-Unit Housing Development in Stoughton



Father Bill's & MainSpring
NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

The \$10.5 million redevelopment of the 3.88-acre property, formerly the Stoughton Motel, began in March 2025 and includes three buildings with 12,100 square feet of living space. Two units are fully wheelchair accessible, and FBMS case managers will provide on-site supportive services to help residents maintain long-term housing stability.

The project creates 24 studio efficiency apartments at 1919 Washington Street, providing permanent supportive housing for individuals who have experienced homelessness. The development is expected to welcome tenants this winter. The new housing comes at a critical time as individual homelessness continues to rise locally and statewide, up 26% from FY24. For more information, visit www.helpfbms.org.

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January 6: Grant Writing Basics

January 6: Google Analytics Foundations: Setup, Navigation and Tracking

January 8: Google Analytics Reports That Matter: Traffic, Engagement, and Performance

January 12: Small Business Essentials Series Certificate Program - January

January 13: Get Ranked: Modern SEO for Google and GEO for AI Answers

January 13: Business Strategy on a Budget: Avoid Costly Mistakes Early

January 14: Credit 101: Build, Improve, and Protect Your Financial Future

January 14: Employment Law: The Hiring Process

January 14: Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers for Nonprofits

January 15: Digital Branding Masterclass Series

January 15: Financial Series 1: Basics Finances for Your Business

January 15: The Small Business Website Essentials: Attract, Engage and Convert

January 15: Creating a Quick Business Plan

January 19: Setting Up a New Business Entity

January 21: Workplace Drama Can Cost Money

January 21: Creating a Marketing and Content Calendar for the Upcoming Year

January 21: Marketing Part 1: Developing Your Marketing Plan

January 22: Financial Series 2: Using Financial Data to Manage Your Business

January 22: Networking The Works: Building a Referral-Driven Business



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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. SEED has a long history of assisting small business owners, is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to start-up, grow, or streamline their business.

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Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) has merged with MassDevelopment as the Growth Capital Division. This functions as a one-stop resource for debt financing for small businesses. MassDevelopment GCD drives economic growth through access to alternative funding, resources, and individualized services to identify and structure solutions tailored to each small business in Massachusetts. The purpose of MassDevelopment GCD is to create and preserve jobs at small businesses. MassDevelopment GCD also works to promote economic development throughout the Commonwealth, with special paid attention to business needs in underserved areas and Gateway Cities. Their services include small business lending from \$100,000-\$200,000; microloans from \$5,000-\$100,000; small business technical assistance grant program for non-profit assistance providers; microlending operations support & CDFI lending capital matching funds grant program; and the biz-m-power crowdfunding matching grant program. Visit www.massdevelopment.com to learn more.

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 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 jointheebba.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.

Current & Future Exhibitions at Fuller Craft Museum



Boundless: Spotlight on Emerging Artist in Residence Sirley Cruz. On view through March 15, 2026.



May We Present: Recent Additions to the Permanent Collection. On view through March 29, 2026.



A Shared Legacy: Gifts from the Robyn and John Horn Collection. On view through May 3, 2026.



Cicely Carew: BeLOVED. On view through July 3, 2026.



Shaping Futures: The Prison Outreach Program of New Hampshire Furniture Masters. Coming January 24, 2026.



MORE CLAY!: The Power of Repetition. Coming March 28, 2026.



Fuller Craft Museum is a true gem in the region. Open Tuesday-Sunday 10AM-5PM at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, admission is offered on a pay-what-you-can basis. Visit fullercraft.org or call (508) 588-6000.

Federal, State, and Regional Resources for Businesses



The Metro South Chamber 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 everyone interested in business.

MassDevelopment
Contact: Kelly Arvidson
(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: Shelly Gillis
(617) 565-5590

Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD)
Contact: Alexandra Husted
(617) 872-9926

Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network
Contact: Anne Fenton
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Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)
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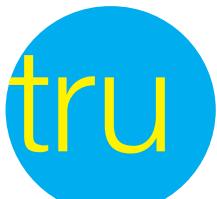


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COUNSELING: Individual counseling is available by appointment for start-up and existing businesses. Counselors are working or retired professionals, highly experienced and willing to share their knowledge in financing, marketing, management, and more.

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.

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

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

January 14

Chamber Ambassador Meeting

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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.

Contact Hannah: events@metrosouthchamber.com

January 30

Good Day Metro South

11:45AM - 1:30PM

Stonehill College

320 Washington Street, Easton

Guest Speaker: Ways and Means Committee Chair, Senator Michael Rodrigues. HR Panel featuring HR Alternatives Mary Baker, TriNet Business Consultant Mary Jo Lawless, and an attorney. Stonehill Dean of the Meehan Business School, John Duggan will also speak.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

February 26

Good Day Metro South

11:45AM - 1:30PM

East Bridgewater
Location TBA

A special "East Bridgewater Day" edition of our Good Day Metro South program is in the works! Program will include a guest speaker, luncheon, and interview. Save the date, more info TBA.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

March 5

11th Annual Multicultural Business Forum & Business After Hours

5:00PM - 7:30PM

Thorny Lea Golf Club

159 Torrey Street, Brockton

Business After Hours networking, business resource expo, and the women & minority owned business panel featuring Dr. Sahar Mostafavi, Sharon Orthodontics, and Jacquelyn Rose, BuzzAround.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events