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Chamber to Hold 11th Annual Women & Minority Owned Business Panel, Business Resource Fair, After Hours Networking

Thursday, March 5 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA 02301

Join us Thursday, March 5 from 5-7:30pm for the 11th Annual Multicultural Business Forum & Business After Hours! This triple feature event includes a business resource expo, woman & minority owned business panel, and after hours networking.

This is a great opportunity for potential and existing entrepreneurs to learn about helpful resources, network with local businesses, and hear from entrepreneurs who have successful business stories.

The Business Resource Expo: Space is limited and business resource organizations will be prioritized.

Contact Hannah for more information at events@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x231. [All expo participants must be approved, inquire now.] Register to attend this complementary event with the QR code above or visit metrosouthchamber.com/events. *Learn more on page 5.*

Economic Development Luncheon April Good Day Metro South Will Highlight Town of Bridgewater, 4/30 at Olde Scotland Links

Thursday, April 30 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Olde Scotland Links | 695 Pine Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Manager, Bridgewater

Bob Rulli, Community Economic Development Director, Bridgewater

Fred Clark, President, Bridgewater State University

In April, the Chamber will hold a special Good Day Metro South session highlighting the Town of Bridgewater! Speakers will include Bridgewater officials Bob Rulli, Community & Economic Development Director, and Bridgewater Town Manager, Justin Casanova-Davis; Fred Clark, Bridgewater State University, and more TBA.

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Mega Networking April 13 at Plainridge Park Casino!

Ap. 13
5-7pm



MULTI CHAMBER NETWORKING

at Plainridge Park Casino
Tri-Town - United Regional
Cranberry Country - Walpole
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Neponset River Regional

Please join us for a night of multi-chamber networking and live harness racing! **Monday, April 13th from 5-7pm at Plainridge Park Casino**, located at 301 Washington Street in Plainville. This is an opportunity to expand your network by meeting with neighboring communities to exchange ideas, build relationships, and further advance the regional business economy. To register and learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com.

Even More Networking! April 16 Sponsored by Live Nation

Host: Residence Inn Bridgewater
Join us Thursday, April 16th from 5-7PM for an evening of networking with Live Nation at Residence Inn in Bridgewater! Enjoy refreshments while meeting new contacts in the Metro South community.

FREE TO ATTEND! Just let us know you'll be there. RSVP at the QR code or link below.
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"Bridgewater Day" April 30: About the Speakers

Thursday, April 30 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Olde Scotland Links | 695 Pine Street, Bridgewater, MA

Justin Casanova-Davis is the Town Manager of Bridgewater, serving as the chief executive officer responsible for overseeing municipal operations and advancing the community's strategic priorities. He leads town departments, manages budgets, and works closely with elected officials, staff, and community stakeholders to promote fiscal stability and sustainable growth.



Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Manager, Bridgewater

With extensive experience in local government and public finance, he has held leadership roles in Massachusetts municipalities where he focused on budgeting, administrative operations, and organizational development. His background includes work in municipal finance and strategic planning, equipping him with a strong foundation in public administration and collaborative governance.

As Town Manager, he emphasizes transparency, accountability, and proactive communication while addressing infrastructure needs, economic development, and community services. He is committed to strengthening Bridgewater through effective leadership and long-term planning that supports residents and local businesses.

Bob Rulli joined the Town of Bridgewater in January 2023. His office oversees all land-use matters as well as community and economic development initiatives. He is the primary architect of the Town's ambitious initiative, Revitalizing the Heart of Bridgewater – Vision to Reality.



Bob Rulli, Community Economic Development Director, Town of Bridgewater

Prior to joining the Town, he led the Market to Metacom Climate Resilience and Economic Development Plan in Warren, RI, which was recognized by the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association with an Award of Excellence. Bob was also honored with the 2019 Smart Growth Rhode Island Best Policy/Practice Award.

In 2023, he was appointed to the MBTA Advisory Board's Commuter Rail Committee and previously served as a member of the State of Rhode Island Traffic Advisory Committee. In 2022, he was named a Senior Fellow at the Coastal Institute at the University of Rhode Island.

Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., is the 12th president in the 180-year history of Bridgewater State University, his alma mater. The advancement of student success has been the cornerstone of President Clark's leadership. Under President Clark's leadership, BSU aspires to become a national leader in removing barriers to academic success, providing the necessary supports to help each and every student grow and succeed, and eliminating achievement gaps among all student groups.



Fred Clark, President, Bridgewater State University

Because ensuring access to high-quality higher education remains a priority, President Clark has forged ground-breaking relationships with neighboring Massasoit Community College and Bristol Community College (CC2BSU) to help students transition to a four-year degree, and is expanding BSU's College of Continuing Studies to serve the needs of adult learners. President Clark was born and raised in Brockton and lives in Easton with his wife Carrie Kulick-Clark, '85, whom he met while they were students at Bridgewater State. They have two sons, Justin, '14, and Derek, and a daughter, Reilly.

Live Nation After Hours @ Residence Inn Bridgewater

Thursday, April 16 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM | Residence Inn | 2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater

LIVE NATION

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!

Join Us!
April 16th 5-7PM

2020 Pleasant Street in Bridgewater

Grow your net worth by expanding your network

Make new connections & refresh existing ones!

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Vibrant, Family Friendly Indoor Activity Center Opens at Westgate Mall. Welcome, Toy Box!

TOY BOX
GAMES. PARTY. PLAY.

Toy Box Westgate is the ultimate playground destination. Designed with a commitment to safety, creativity, and energetic fun, it features soft play structures, a DIY crafting zone, and an expansive arcade designed to ignite imagination, movement, and celebration for children and families. With convenient party packages and flexible pricing (with pre school specials and arcade/DIY activity pricing also available), Toy Box Westgate brings immersive, joyful play to Brockton area families. For more information, visit ToyBoxPlayZone.com.



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber and Mike Blath, Owner of the new Toy Box indoor jungle gym in Brockton's Westgate Mall



Mayor Moises Rodrigues had a ball at the Official Toy Box Ribbon Cutting, even trying out a fun VR roller coaster ride and air hockey in the arcade! Noting Toy Box as another strong vote of confidence in the City of Brockton. Investments like this bring opportunity, create local jobs, and add new energy to our neighborhoods and small business community.

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CHAMBER Calendar

THE GREATER BROCKTON
Community Navigator **POWERED BY SBA**

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

March

04 **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

05 **11th Annual Multicultural Panel & BAH** 5:00PM
Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton

25 **Board of Directors Meeting** 12:30PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

April

08 **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

13 **Multi-Chamber Mega Networking** 5:00PM
Plainridge Park Casino: 301 Washington Street, Plainville

16 **Business After Hours: Live Nation** 5:00PM
2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater

May

04 **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

27 **Board of Directors Meeting** 12:00PM
Metro South Chamber: 60 School Street, Brockton

**Impact.**

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

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

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

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

METRO SOUTH *Leading Businesses.*
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE *Leading Communities.*

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.

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UP-TO-DATE News

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

- 3/5: Tech Talks: Emails, Domains, and Your Brand
- 3/10: Intellectual Property Fundamentals: Trademark, Copyright, and Trade Secret
- 3/11: Entrepreneurship for Healthcare Practitioners 102
- 3/11: Tech Talks: Deep Dive - When Your Office Is Your Living Room
- 3/18: Developing an Effective Government Focused Capability Statement
- 3/19: How to Write a Business Plan Using AI and LivePlan
- 3/25: Entrepreneurship for Healthcare Practitioners 103
- 3/26: Building a Strategic Plan that Works
- 4/21: How to Prepare for a Business to Government or Business to Corporate Matchmaker

Brockton Symphony Orchestra Presents "Spring Healing" - March 15 @ Christ Congregational

 Brockton Symphony Orchestra

Experience the healing power of Springtime with a concert filled with fresh beginnings. We salute

our annual Youth Competition featuring two first-prize winners. Eunha Basu (2024) will showcase her virtuosity and passion on the piano in Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1. And we welcome back Andrew Byun, 2014 winner and rising international soloist, performing Leopold Hofmann's elegant Cello Concerto, a hidden gem from Mozart's era. The afternoon concludes with the vivid magic of Stravinsky's The Firebird Suite, a dazzling tale of transformation and triumph. Together, these pieces will transport you from the iciness of winter into the blooming delight of spring. Visit brocktonsymphony.org to get tickets.

Eastern Bank Provides \$15.5 Million Affordable Housing Construction Loan For Causeway Development, 142 Main Street in Brockton


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The financing will support the adaptive reuse of a historic mill building into 30 mixed-income apartments—10 market-rate units, 15 affordable to households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income, and five Massachusetts Rental Voucher

Program units serving households up to 30% AMI. The project also includes three ground-floor commercial spaces, including a community-oriented coffee shop, helping activate Main Street. Developed by Causeway Development, the redevelopment leverages Low-Income Housing and Historic Tax Credits to align preservation with long-term affordability, expanding housing access while contributing to downtown Brockton's continued economic revitalization. Visit www.easternbank.com/newsroom/eastern-bank-provides-155-million-affordable-housing-construction-loan-causeway to learn more.

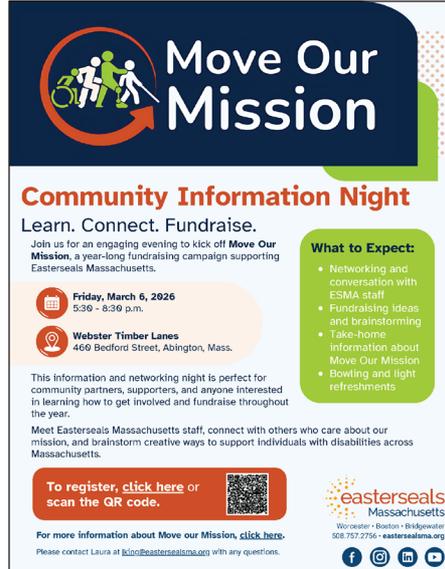
Everett's Auto Parts Celebrates 75 Years in Business in 2026!

**EVERETT'S
AUTO PARTS**

Everett's Auto Parts is celebrating 75 years in business; a milestone built on hard work, strong customer relationships, and a commitment to service. Over the decades, the team has adapted to changes in the automotive industry while staying focused on helping customers get back on the road quickly and efficiently. Generations of employees and loyal customers have helped shape the company into what it is today. Seventy-five years later,

it remains a trusted local business rooted in community and reliability, with a legacy that continues to grow. Congratulations, Everett's Auto Parts! Located at 553 Thatcher Street in Brockton.

Easterseals to Host "Move Our Mission: Information and Networking Night" March 6 @ Webster Lanes, Abington



Move Our Mission

Community Information Night

Learn. Connect. Fundraise.

Join us for an engaging evening to kick off **Move Our Mission**, a year-long fundraising campaign supporting Easterseals Massachusetts.

Friday, March 6, 2026
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Webster Timber Lanes
469 Bedford Street, Abington, Mass.

What to Expect:

- Networking and conversation with ESMA staff
- Fundraising ideas and brainstorming
- Take-home information about Move Our Mission
- Bowling and light refreshments

This information and networking night is perfect for community partners, supporters, and anyone interested in learning how to get involved and fundraise throughout the year.

Meet Easterseals Massachusetts staff, connect with others who care about our mission, and brainstorm creative ways to support individuals with disabilities across Massachusetts.

To register, [click here](#) or scan the QR code.

For more information about Move Our Mission, [click here](#).

Please contact Laura at laura@eastersealsma.org with any questions.

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Join Easterseals Massachusetts (The Bridge Center) for an evening of networking at their Community Information Night. Friday, March 6 from 5:30-8:30pm at Webster Timber Lanes in Abington. Scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n6vsx5x> to sign up.

Health Care Matters

Boston Medical Center - South

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

508-427-3000

www.bmchealthsystem.org/bmc-south

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

– 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.

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER South

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

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ABOUT THE PANELISTS



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.

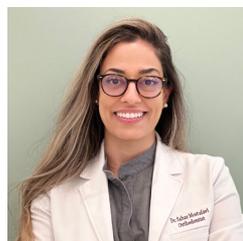
Dr. Sahar received her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Tufts University in 2017. She then completed a General Practice Residency at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital where she had the privilege of treating special needs and medically complex patients. She obtained her specialty certificate 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.

Claudie Philemond is a dedicated early childhood education leader and the Director of Nath Academy Learning Center, a trusted Brockton-area childcare and learning provider committed to nurturing the whole child through inclusive, high-quality early education. With over 25 years of experience working with children, Claudie brings deep expertise in child development, compassionate leadership, and a passion for fostering growth, creativity, and confidence in every learner.

Under her leadership, Nath Academy has become known for its warm, respectful, and child-centered approach—creating safe and engaging environments where children can explore, learn, and thrive. Claudie's commitment to diversity, equity, and community partnership helped guide the recent expansion of Nath Academy's facility on Quincy Avenue in Brockton, enhancing access to quality early education for more families in the Metro South region.

In recognition of her impact on the local economy and community, Nath Academy Learning Center was honored as an Economic Impact Award recipient by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, celebrating the center's significant investment in educational space, job creation, and support for working families.

Claudie remains deeply involved in the Brockton community and continues to champion early learning excellence, advocacy for children and



Dr. Sahar Mostafavi
Sharon Orthodontics



Claudie Philemond, Nath
Academy Learning Center



families, and collaborative partnerships that strengthen both education and economic growth. Visit nathlearningcenter.com to learn more.

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.

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.



Jacquelyn Rose, BuzzAround



ABOUT OUR PREMIER SPONSOR - SCU CREDIT UNION



SCU Credit Union (Sharon & Crescent United Credit Union) was formed in 2020 through the merger of Sharon Credit Union and Crescent Credit Union. Both credit unions were founded by individuals who relied on each other, invested in a cooperative endeavor, and, in doing so, invested in each other's future. Today, we remain member-owned and dedicated to improving our members' financial well-being by offering better rates, lower fees, and personalized service.

Mission: Positively impact the financial well-being of our members by providing access to a wide range of products and services; to support the diverse communities we serve through education and collaboration; and to foster a rewarding environment for our employees.

Core Values: We put our members at the heart of everything we do and strive to exceed their expectations by providing - Service, Integrity, Accountability, Collaboration, and Excellence.

As a member of SCU Credit Union, you can take advantage of our full range of deposit accounts, loans, and related services featuring highly competitive rates. We are a leading provider of home and auto financing throughout our service area. We offer the latest technology, which allows you access to your accounts from your home, office or on the go. All our services are provided by a highly experienced and friendly staff that welcomes the opportunity to serve you. SCU Credit Union was incorporated in 1956 and operates under the supervision of the State Banking Commissioner. Deposits are federally insured up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Association (NCUA), an agency of the U.S. Federal Government. The shares and deposits of the Credit Union in excess of NCUA limits are fully insured by the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (MSIC).

New Investments Take Center Stage in Brockton as Mayor Highlights Pro-Business Growth



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Newly remodeled and rebranded Garner Hotel in Brockton



Standing room only at this sold out event!



Greta Teller, FIFA Boston 2026



Jammy Torres Millet, Boston Legacy FC



City of Brockton Mayor Moises Rodrigues



Glenn Parsons, President & CEO, SCU Credit Union



Richard Hooke and Kevin Brower, SCU Credit Union



Dan Evans, Chamber Chair, EMI exceeded the event



Krystal Love, MassHire; Carine Sauvignon, Greater Brockton Young Pros



Jiten Patel, Jiten Hotel Management (JHM) and Chamber Ambassador Felicit Sepulveda, Cape Verdean Ass.



Greg Hart, Chamber Treasurer, Summer St Financial conducted interviews during the event



Chamber Ambassadors: Armindo Rocha, OCEs; Joanne Schneider, Eastern Bank; Antonio Barros, NESB; Franca Monteiro, Rockland Federal Credit Union; and Mary Ellen Baker, HR Alternatives



More of the JHM Team. (Standing) Rick Sekhri, Jiten Patel, Ravi Kodali, Marie Fred, Preeti Sekhri, Bryan Trench. (Seated) Cam Giangrande, Ermithe Fleurime, Nathan Wing.



JHM Team! (Standing) Preeti Sekhri, Jiten Patel, Milton Carvalles, Rick Sekhri, Sucre Figuereo, Ravi Kodali, Marie Fred. (Seated) Beth Bleakney, Chris Dixon, Bob Jackson, Kenny Patel.



PC: Rich Morgan Photography

Congratulations - Garner Hotel! On the fantastic complete remodel and rebrand of the former Holiday Inn at 405 Westgate Drive in Brockton by Jiten Hotel Management Inc. Thank you to our elected & selected officials, Chamber Ambassadors, and Sponsors at SCU Credit Union for your support.

The Metro South Chamber's February Good Morning Metro South breakfast brought members together in Brockton for a milestone morning centered on leadership, investment, and the city's continued momentum.

The program featured keynote remarks from Moises Rodrigues, Brockton's newly elected and first mayor of color. He shared his vision for the city's future, outlining priorities around economic development, housing, public safety, and strengthening partnerships with the business community. His remarks reflected a renewed sense of energy and direction as Brockton builds on recent progress.

The event also included a ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of one of the city's newest hotels - a major addition to Brockton's hospitality landscape and a strong signal of private investment. Formerly a Holiday Inn Express, the property has been converted to Garner by IHG, featuring refreshed spaces, pet-friendly accommodations, and new amenities, while remaining part of the IHG family. Locally owned and managed by Jiten Hotel Management, the investment reflects continued confidence in Brockton's growth.

Adding to the excitement, attendees heard from Greta Teller, Director of Community Celebrations for FIFA Boston 2026. Greta touched on the tourism numbers, spending, and overall economic impact coming to the region along with the World Cup Games, in addition to how businesses can get involved. Haiti will be playing right here in Massachusetts!

Guests also briefly heard from Jammy Torres Millet, Manager of Fan Experience for Boston Legacy FC, who highlighted the club's new practice facility calling Brockton home - a major win for the city. FIFA soccer balls were gifted to attendees as door prizes, a fun nod to the global stage ahead.

The Chamber also recognized event sponsor SCU Credit Union for its continued investment in the region. President Glenn Parsons shared updates on the credit union's project at 1300 Belmont Street, reinforcing SCU's long-term commitment to Brockton. He also highlighted how SCU supports small businesses through commercial vehicle and equipment lending, helping

local entrepreneurs grow and scale. In addition, Parsons spoke about the credit union's "Free to Be" partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South, underscoring SCU's focus on financial empowerment and meaningful community impact.

The Chamber also thanks Garner Hotel for hosting and providing a breakfast and dynamic meeting space for area businesses, visitors, and residents alike. Additional photos, video, and resources are available on metrosouthchamber.com. Scan the QR Code to access the blog post, or visit metrosouthchamber.com/blog.

Metro South Chamber Welcomes Ian Abreu as Director of Business Development & Engagement

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Ian Abreu as its new Director of Business Development & Engagement, where he will lead initiatives to strengthen regional business networks, enhance member engagement, and support economic growth throughout the Metro South region.

Ian brings more than a decade of chamber work experience to the role. Most recently, he served as Director of Business Development at the One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce, where he played a key role in expanding membership, strengthening retention strategies, and building meaningful connections with small and medium-sized businesses. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management (IOM), a nationally recognized professional development program for chamber and nonprofit leaders.

In addition to his chamber experience, Ian has experience running his family business, Silmo Syrup, and in elected public service serving as an At-Large City Councilor in New Bedford.

Ian is a graduate of Bridgewater State University with a degree in Communication Studies. He lives in Southeastern Massachusetts with his wife, Samantha, and their children, Adriah and Hunter.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ian to the Metro South Chamber team," said Christopher Cooney, President & CEO of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. "Ian brings a strong track record of chamber membership development, entrepreneurial insight, and public service. His experience and energy will help us expand our engagement with the business community, and we look forward to him hitting the ground running as we continue to support the economic vitality of the Metro South region."

To contact Ian, email membership@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x229. Feel free to reach out and welcome him to Metro South!

5 Benefits of Joining Your Local Chamber of Commerce

1. It helps you make business contacts
2. It increases your credibility
3. It increases your visibility
4. It provides key business resources
5. It supports your professional development



Learn how to maximize your chamber membership

Chamber Welcomes Muhammad Ovais Yusuf, BSU Graduate Student as New AI Developer Intern

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Muhammad Ovais Yusuf as its newest AI Developer Intern. Muhammad is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Computer Science at Bridgewater State University, with a focus on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics. His advanced coursework and research explore deep learning, generative AI, and autonomous systems. He actively applies this knowledge

Muhammad Ovais Yusuf (continued)

through hands-on projects and in his role as a Graduate Assistant at the university's Teaching & Technology Center.

With a strong technical foundation and passion for innovation, Muhammad will lead the development of two custom artificial intelligence chatbots for the Chamber. One chatbot will be designed for internal staff use, improving operational efficiency and streamlining access to information across departments. The second will be integrated into the Chamber's website to enhance member engagement by providing instant access to events, programs, and regional business resources.

Chris Cooney, President and CEO of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, expressed enthusiasm about Muhammad's addition to the team. "We are excited to welcome Muhammad to the Chamber. His expertise in artificial intelligence and emerging technologies will support our efforts to modernize operations and strengthen digital engagement for our members and the broader Metro South community."

The Chamber, in partnership with Bridgewater State University, continues to emphasize the importance of internships as a pathway for students to gain meaningful, real-world experience while contributing innovative solutions that benefit the regional business community. Muhammad's role reflects the Chamber's commitment to embracing forward-thinking technology to better serve Metro South.



Muhammad Ovais Yusuf,
Graduate Student, M.S.
Computer Science, Bridgewater
State University Graduate
Assistant & AI Developer Intern



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not saying
everything,
but everything
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Workforce in Demand Across Metro South



HOT JOBS: ROUND UP

Metro South employers continue to demonstrate strong hiring momentum across a range of industries, reflecting the region's economic vitality and business growth. From entry-level roles to specialized professional positions, Metro South companies are actively seeking talent to support expansion, innovation, and long-term success. Explore the opportunities below and discover how local businesses are investing in the workforce that drives our regional economy forward. Visit masshiregbc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs for a complete, up-to-date list.



SCAN ME

City of Brockton, Brockton, MA
Inspector of Wires- Public Property,
23841471

Town of Easton, Easton, MA
Collections Assistant, 23848207

JLS Mailing Services, Brockton
Accounting Manager/ Bookkeeper,
23853117

Maintenance/ Production Mechanic
(all shifts), 23853140

Rexa, West Bridgewater, MA
Mechanical Assembly Technician,
23841431

CNC Programmer, 23841433
Valve/Actuator Application Engineer
(Inside Sales), 23841438
Engineering Intern, 23841442

Touch of Design Inc., Easton, MA
Seamstress/Hand Sticher, 23841175

Town of Avon, Avon, MA
Water Systems Technician, 23810531

Old Colony Planning Council, Brockton, MA
Economic Development Director,
23778770

Everett's Auto Parts, Brockton
Human Resources Administrator,
23778605

Easton Select Group, West Bridgewater, MA
Pool Construction Foreman. 23816341
Pool Construction Worker, 23816344

Harbor Health Services Inc., Brockton, MA
Center Aide CNA or HHA, 23810455

Rivers of Hope, Brockton&Taunton, MA
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN),
23768749

AFC Urgent Care, Brockton, MA
Physician Assistant (PA), 23810479
Staff Physician, 23810495
X-Ray Technologist, 23810501
Certified Medical Assistant, full or
part time, 23810508

C.N. Smith Farm, East Bridgewater, MA
Farmworkers and Laborers Crop,
23703148

Safe Movers, Inc., Stoughton, MA
Movers, 23535354

Peopleready, Brockton, MA
Sales Representative, 23778688
Area Sales Manager, 23778693

Pet Supplies Plus, Brockton, MA
Store Team Member, 23810578
Pet Nail Tech, 23810581
Store Shift Supervisor, 23810582
Store Manager, 23810583

Want to list your job here? Visit masshiregbc.org/businesses/job-postings to post your own. "Hot Jobs" are posted online and emailed to hundreds of job seekers and more than 50 community partners.

Connect with the Incoming Workforce via Job & Internship Fairs; MassHire CAP Career Day April 9



BRIDGEWATER
STATE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, April 2 | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
325 Plymouth Street, Bridgewater, MA 02325

The MEGA 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.

The Career Services & Internships Office 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 120 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 David Kelly Truong at d1truong@bridgew.edu if you are interested in attending as an employer.

**MASSASOIT
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Wednesday, April 15 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton, MA 02302

Spring Job Fair, co-sponsored with the Veterans Service Office & MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center. The first half-hour, from 11:00 to 11:30 am, will be reserved exclusively for veterans. Contact Jennifer Sanchez-Olsen for more info on how to showcase your business and connect with the incoming workforce. Email jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu or call (508) 588-9100 x1603



Tuesday, March 10 | 9AM-12PM

UMass Dartmouth's Nursing Recruitment Event: Exclusive expo limited to 20 employers for maximum visibility. 80 graduating senior nursing students attending and strong participation from underclassmen.

Tuesday, April 7 | 1PM-4PM

Spring 2026 Just in Time Career Fair: Connect with 500+ motivated students and recent graduates from all majors. Visit www.umassd.edu/career/employers/career-fair/.

INSPIRE STUDENTS AT CAREER DAY!

29th Annual CAP Career Day **APRIL 9**

8th Annual Construction Career Day **MAY 15**

REPRESENT YOUR INDUSTRY & ORG

All occupations highlighted at this career expo: healthcare, finance, IT, manufacturing, culinary, hospitality, sales, retail, clean energy & more!

Interactive outdoor expo showcasing careers in construction, engineering, skilled trades, IT, utilities, security, transit, clean energy & more!

SAVE THE DATE: 4/9/2026

SAVE THE DATE: 5/15/2026

Help shape the future of your workforce! Your company is invited to participate at one or both of these events at no cost. Reach out today to reserve your spot. Contact John Nesti at 508-584-9800 x26 or jnesti@masshiregbc.org

Thursday, April 9 - 29th Annual CAP Career Day. Help shape the future of your workforce! Your company is invited to participate at one or both of these events at no cost. Reach out today to reserve your spot (jnesti@masshiregbc.org) All occupations highlighted at this career expo; healthcare, finance, IT, manufacturing, culinary, hospitality, sales, retail, clean energy & more!

Friday, May 15 - 8th Annual Construction Career Day. Interactive outdoor event showcasing careers in construction/engineering/skilled trades, IT, utilities, security, transit, clean energy & more! Inclusion of equipment/tools/vehicles allows students an immersive & memorable hands-on experience.

Call for Small Biz & Entrepreneur Award Nominations



The Metro South Chamber recognizes 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 *2026 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 Hannah at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email events@metrosouthchamber.com. 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 1, 2026. Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Lunch in May.

Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

2025 Dr. Ellie Paris Social Bookstore & Ice Cream Cafe
 2024 Medella Dental
 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.
 2012 Vicente's Tropical Grocery

Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

2025 REnVisioning Technology (REV-T)
 2024 BinStar
 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 SKy8 Shrimp Farm, LLC
 2012 Sparky's Import Repair

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

This June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce will present the 28th 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 Hannah McGuire at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email events@metrosouthchamber.com. Nominations are due to the Chamber by May 1, 2026.

Prior ATHENA Recipients

2025 Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort
 2024 Beverly Williams, BAMS
 2023 Barbara Arena, Granite State Econ. Dev.
 2022 Phyllis Ellis, Brockton Area NAACP
 2021 Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, MassHire GBWB
 2020 Nancy B. Gustafson, The Charity Guild
 2019 Sharon Wolder, Brockton Public Schools



Economic Empowerment Office Hosts Bilingual Worth & Wealth Seminars on Financial Education



Looking for ways to feel more confident managing your money and planning for the future? Registration is now open for free financial education workshops and one-on-one coaching! The Worth & Wealth Seminars are designed to provide personal finance and career-building skills for Massachusetts residents. Brought to you by the Massachusetts State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment and powered by Citizens, you can hear guidance from financial experts on topics like: wealth-building, investing and retirement planning, side hustles, debt reduction, and more.

Want to dive even deeper? Sign up for a free one-hour session with Samanta Morales, an accredited financial coach and co-founder of WellFin360. Coaching slots are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Register today to take advantage of this amazing opportunity! Visitmass.gov/worth-wealth-seminars to learn more or scan the QR code above.

Tax Time Without Stress: Filing Basics & Tax Credits Explained - March 4, 2026 at 12:00 pm. Learn how to prepare for filing your taxes efficiently and understand the available tax credits that can save you money. This workshop will provide practical tools to simplify the process and maximize your benefits. Make your taxes work in your favor!

Temporada de impuestos sin estrés: cómo declarar y entender los créditos fiscales - 11 de marzo de 2026 a las 12 pm. Aprenda cómo prepararse para presentar sus impuestos de manera eficiente y comprenda los créditos fiscales disponibles que pueden ayudarle a ahorrar dinero. Este taller le brindará herramientas prácticas para simplificar el proceso y maximizar sus beneficios. ¡Haga que sus impuestos trabajen a su favor!

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New Bedford, MA 02740
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southcoastcf.org

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Brockton, MA 02301
(908) 392-3856
toyboxplayzone.com

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Extravagant Booth LLC

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extravagantbooth.com
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March 3: *How to Acquire, Maintain and Market a GSA Schedule*

March 10: *Starting a Nonprofit Organization*

March 11: *Price it Right!*

March 11: *Maximizing Your Marketing Impact at Trade Shows and Events*

March 11: *Website Planning 101*

March 12: *Building Donor and Volunteer Personas for Nonprofits*

March 17: *Selling to the Federal Government*

March 19: *Nonprofit Marketing Calendar Blueprint*

March 20: *How to Create Your Brand: And Shape Your Vision For The Future*

March 25: *Resources for Veterans Starting a Business*

March 26: *Creative Effective Surveys for Nonprofits*

March 27: *How to Become WBE (Women's Business Enterprise) Certified*



SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs

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.

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. Call (508) 822-1020 x 312 or visit SEED Corp online at www.seedcorp.com

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. All upcoming small business workshops, lender trainings, and annual networking events are listed below. Visit seedcorp.com/events to learn more and sign up.

- 3/17: Borrowing Basics Webinar
- 3/19: Small Business Borrowing Basics Lunch & Learn
- 3/25: Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business & Financing Fundamentals



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

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Access to Capital for Massachusetts Businesses



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.



Again and Again: Rhythm and Pattern. On view through July 3, 2026.



Shaping Futures: The Prison Outreach Program of New Hampshire Furniture Masters. On view through June 7.



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** 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.



Brockton Redevelopment Authority
Contact: Brockton Planning Dept.
(508) 586-3887

Center for Women & Enterprise
Contact: Berlheey Narcisse
(617) 536-0700

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

Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network
Contact: Anne Fenton
(508) 673-9783

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

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
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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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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*

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; Claudie Philemond, Nath Academy Learning Center; and Jacquelyn Rose, BuzzAround.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 13

Multi-Chamber Mega Networking

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Plainridge Park Casino
301 Washington Street, Plainville

Multi-chamber mega networking! Connect with other business communities in neighboring towns to make new relationships and expand your network!

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 16

Business After Hours: Live Nation

5:00PM - 7:30PM

Residence Inn
2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater

Join us for an evening of networking with Live Nation at Residence Inn in Bridgewater. Enjoy refreshments while forming new connections and refreshing existing ones.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 30

Good Day Metro South:

Bridgewater Day

11:45AM - 1:30PM

Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine Street, Bridgewater

Join us for a special "Bridgewater Day" session of Good Day Metro South, focused on the Town of Bridgewater's economic development updates.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events