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September 2025

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



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**From the Big Bill to Business Front Door**

Steve McAllister  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Eastern Regional Office

Kyla Summer Miller  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Eastern Regional Office

Naomi Berlin  
MA Executive Office of  
Economic Development

**Join Us for an Exclusive Chamber Luncheon**  
Hear firsthand insights on key initiatives shaping our business landscape.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH  
THORNY LEA GOLF CLUB  
159 TORREY ST, BROCKTON  
11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

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SCAN ME!

Please join us for a Good Day Metro South luncheon Thursday, September 25th from 11:45am-1:30pm at Thorny Lea Golf Club located at 159 Torrey Street in Brockton.

This event will feature remarks on the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" from U.S. Chamber of Commerce representatives Steve McAllister and Kyla Summer Miller. Naomi Berlin from MA EOED will introduce the state's new "Business Front Door" online portal that aims to act as a centralized entry point for entrepreneurs and business owners, connecting them with public resources to help people start, manage, and grow their businesses.

This event is sponsored by Rockland Trust and United Way Greater Plymouth County.

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events@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x231 for assistance. *Learn more on page 2.*

## Welcome Sharon Orthodontics! Ribbon Cutting September 10

**FREE EVENT!**

You're Invited!

**GRAND OPENING**

Dr. Sahar Mostafaei

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 3:00 PM**  
374 S MAIN STREET, SHARON, MA 02067

## Tracks to Transformation: MSCC and NEREJ Summit October 30

October 30 | 8AM-11:30AM | 73 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph

Phillip Eng, MBTA General Manager and CEO

The Metro South Chamber is partnering with the New England Real Estate Journal (NEREJ) to bring you an engaging event discussing building the future of the Metro South region. Topics include: mixed-use developments, public-private partnerships, equity in transit access, and transit-oriented development. **Keynote Speaker: MBTA CEO, Phillip Eng. Page 5**

## Meet Your Legislators! October 9 at Stonehill

**LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**

OCT 9, 2025

STONEHILL COLLEGE  
DONAHUE HALL  
NORTH EASTON  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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An opportunity for business leaders, elected officials, and candidates for public office to connect.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce cordially invites members of the business community, candidates for public office, and state, federal and local elected officials to gather on Thursday, October 9th for the 35th Annual Legislative Reception. The reception will be held at Donahue Hall, at Stonehill College in Easton from 5:00 - 7:30pm. This event is free and open to the public, but please register in advance at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events). *Continued on page 2.*

## 2025 City Elections: Dates and Deadlines to Know



Check your registration status with the Brockton Elections Commission at [brockton.ma.us/city-departments/elections-commission/](https://brockton.ma.us/city-departments/elections-commission/). Be sure your registration is in place by September 6 to vote in the preliminary on September 16, and by October 25 to vote in the general election on November 4. Request a mail-in ballot by September 9 if needed. Check your polling location and hours. Stay informed about candidates and consider attending any local debates or forums.

## From the Big Bill to Business Front Door (continued)

Thursday, September 25 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton



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**Stephen P. McAllister** is the Vice President of the Eastern Region at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where he oversees advocacy and engagement efforts across the six New England states, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, and Maryland. In this role, he travels extensively throughout the region, strengthening relationships with business leaders, trade associations, state and local chambers, and elected officials. He delivers presentations on the Chamber's policy priorities, programs, and grassroots resources, helping to advance its legislative and political objectives.



Stephen McAllister, Vice President, Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Steve brings a wealth of experience in both federal and state government. He previously served as Director of Advance for Rhode Island Governor Lincoln D. Chafee (D-RI) and as a Constituent and Community Liaison for U.S. Senator John E. Sununu (R-NH). He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Saint Anselm College and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire. A resident of Warwick, Rhode Island, Steve was elected to the Warwick City Council in 2016 and served as Council President until retiring from the council in 2025.

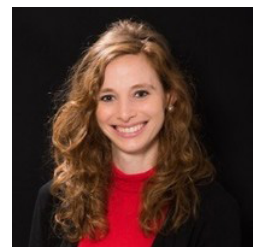
**Kyla Summer Miller** is the Manager of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Eastern Region Office, where she works to strengthen relationships with business leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders across the region. Prior to joining the Chamber, Kyla served in the U.S. House of Representatives, advancing from Staff Assistant to Legislative Assistant. She also worked as Political Director for Carolyn Bourdeaux's congressional campaign and gained valuable legislative and government affairs experience through internships with the Georgia General Assembly and a Federal Government Affairs office. Kyla holds a degree



Kyla Summer Miller, Manager, Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

in Political Science and Government from the University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs.

**Naomi Berlin** serves as the Assistant Secretary for Business Growth with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Executive Office of Economic Development. There, she is focused on ensuring businesses will come, stay, and thrive in the Commonwealth. Prior to her role in the executive branch, Naomi ran the sales arm for the Cambridge Innovation Center's growing global portfolio of innovation campuses, where she focused on fostering the best possible environment for innovators to succeed. Earlier in her career she had roles in communications and government; including in media relations at Dukas PR, government relations with the Port Authority of



Naomi Berlin, Assistant Secretary for Business Growth, Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development

New York and New Jersey, and served as a political fundraiser in her home state of Florida. Naomi holds a BA from Tufts University in International Relations, and an MPA from NYU's Wagner School for Public Service. She is a mom of two and resides in Roslindale, MA.

## Sharon Orthodontics Ribbon Cutting September 10

Wednesday, September 10 | 3-5PM | Sharon Orthodontics | 374 S Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067

Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony **Wednesday, September 10** from 3:00PM – 5:00PM at **Sharon Orthodontics**, located at **374 S Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067**. Come meet the team, tour their newly refreshed space, and enjoy an afternoon of celebration and community! Attendees can enjoy Crescent Ridge Ice Cream Truck, raffles and prizes (enter to win a free Invisalign Treatment, Free Whitening, and more!), and drinks & snacks – fun for the whole family! This is a free event, just let us know you're coming. RSVP at the QR Code on the left.



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## 35th Annual Legislative Reception - You're Invited!

Thursday, October 9 | 5-7:30PM | Donahue Hall, Stonehill College | 320 Washington St., Easton



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STONEHILL COLLEGE

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SCAN TO REGISTER

The reception is a casual event at which business leaders, elected officials, and candidates for public office can renew contacts and discuss issues of importance to them and the business community while enjoying complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Legislative actions at municipal offices, on Beacon Hill and in Washington are having far greater impact on Metro South area businesses than ever before. As a result, there is a greater need for our business community to speak out and be heard on regulations affecting commerce and industry.

As a member of the Metro South Chamber, your organization has a vested interest in helping foster stronger relationships with local officials. The Legislative Reception is an excellent and cost-effective way for you, your key staff, and colleagues to initiate or renew contacts at the state, federal and local level. *Tickets to this event are complimentary, but please RSVP in advance at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events). Questions? Contact Hannah McGuire at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance.*

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

**September**

**03**      **Chamber Ambassador Meeting**      9AM  
*Online via zoom*

**10**      **Ribbon Cutting @ Sharon Orthodontics**      3PM  
*374 S Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067*

**25**      **Good Day Metro South**      11:45AM  
*Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton*

**October**

**01**      **Chamber Ambassador Meeting**      9AM  
*Online via zoom*

**09**      **35th Legislative & Candidates Reception**      5PM  
*Donahue Hall, Stonehill College: 320 Washington St., Easton*

**30**      **Traveling Business Resource Tour**      8AM  
*Metro South Chamber: 60 School Street, Brockton*

**30**      **New England Real Estate Journal Summit**      8AM  
*Showcase Cinema: 73 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph*

**November**

**19**      **112th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo**      10:30AM  
*TC Auditorium: 1315 Main Street, Brockton*

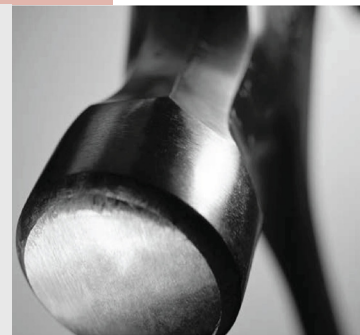
**Impact.**

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.

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 Leading Communities.*

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## UP-TO-DATE News

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### Bluestone Bank Welcomes New Vice President, Commercial Lending Officer

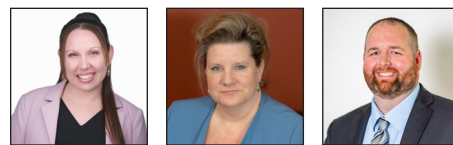


Bluestone Bank is excited to announce a new hire: Sara Hiebner, Vice President, Commercial Lending Officer. Sara, a University of Rhode Island graduate with a B.S. in Business Administration, joins Bluestone Bank as Vice President, Commercial Lending Officer with over 26 years of experience in commercial banking and more than \$400 million in financing provided. She will manage customer loan relationships across Rhode Island and the South Coast of Massachusetts, bringing deep expertise to Bluestone's long-standing commitment to responsible, relevant financial solutions. "Sara has a relentless pursuit of client satisfaction, something we at Bluestone Bank share," said William Benford, Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer. "We are excited to welcome her and confident she will help local businesses and communities thrive." Sara added that she is energized to join Bluestone's commercial lending team and looks forward to helping businesses reach new heights.

### MSBDC Online Training Calendar - visit [msbdc.org/training](http://msbdc.org/training) to register

- 9/10: Tech Talks with Rob
- 10/1: Tech Talks with Rob
- 11/5: Tech Talks with Rob
- 11/13: Exploring the Government Marketplace
- 12/3: Tech Talks with Rob
- 12/10: Finding Government Contracting Opportunities

### Abington Bank Promotes Three to VP, Regional Branch Manager



Abington Bank, a division of North Shore Bank, has promoted Carolyn Brunette, Karen Dwyer, and Lucas Lawson to vice president, regional branch manager, a new role supporting retail branches and advancing growth and customer service. Brunette will oversee branches in Cobb Corner, Holbrook, Marion, and Stoughton; Dwyer will lead Cohasset, Avon, Braintree, and Randolph; and Lawson will manage the Abington office, retail float team, and additional branches after the upcoming merger. "Carolyn,

Karen, and Lucas have shown strong leadership and dedication to customers, and we're excited for the impact they'll make," said Michael Wheeler, president and CEO of North Shore Bank.

### The Brockton Farmers Market is Back! Through Oct.



Visit the Brockton Farmers Market on Fridays, 10AM-2PM on City Hall Plaza, 45 School Street in Brockton. Vendors include Freitas Farm, Barbosa Family Farm, Souza Family Farm, LaFleur's Wildflower Honey, Roxanne's Garden Center, Mai Asia Vegetables, Mig's Dogs, Nurcha Foods, and Glorify Glow. Cooking Demos and Summer Food Service Programs available. Visit [brocktonfarmersmarket.com](http://brocktonfarmersmarket.com)

### Brockton Hospital School of Nursing obtains a 98% NCLEX Pass Rate



As Brockton Hospital School of Nursing (BHSON) prepares for the Class of 2025 graduation, we celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2024, which achieved an impressive 98%

pass rate on the NCLEX for first-time test takers which is well above the state average. The NCLEX is a standardized exam that nursing graduates must pass to become licensed registered nurses (RNs). As Massachusetts' only hospital-based nursing school, we provide hands-on clinical experience from day one, supported by faculty with master's degrees who are dedicated to our students' success. To learn more visit [MySignatureCare.org/BHSON](http://MySignatureCare.org/BHSON).

### Eastern Bank Foundation Welcomes Eva A. Millona as New Foundation Fellow to Lead Career-Focused English Proficiency Initiative



Eva A. Millona has joined Eastern Bank Foundation as a Foundation Fellow to lead its \$10 million Career-Focused English Proficiency Initiative, aimed at expanding economic inclusion through career-focused English learning. A civic leader and immigration policy expert, she brings decades of experience, including senior roles at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and 13 years as President & CEO of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. Millona said she looks forward to helping individuals gain the English proficiency needed for career growth and economic success.

## Health Care Matters

Boston Medical Center - South

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

508-427-3000

[www.bmchealthsystem.org/bmc-south](http://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.

## Tracks to Transformation: MSCC and NEREJ Summit

Thursday, October 30 | 8AM-11:30AM | Showcase Cinema | 73 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph

### 2025 NEW ENGLAND REAL ESTATE JOURNAL SUMMIT

New England Real Estate Journal  
**nerelj**

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COMMERCE

**OCTOBER 30, 2025**  
8:00am-11:30am

Showcase Cinema de Lux Randolph  
73 Mazzeo Drive  
Randolph, MA

# TRACKS TO TRANSFORMATION:

## Integrating Real Estate and Public Transportation

**Mixed-Use Developments:** Blending retail, residential, and public space for walkable communities. **Public-Private Partnerships:** How local governments and developers can collaborate to create subsidized housing. **Equity in Transit Access:** Closing gaps in service for underserved communities. **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD):** Building housing and business hubs around transit stations to reduce car dependency. **Creating opportunities for corporations to move into the suburbs.**

### AGENDA

8:00am-9:00am  
Registration, Networking, and  
Continental Breakfast

9:30am-10:30am  
Panel Discussion

9:00am-9:30am  
Keynote Speaker: Phillip Eng,  
CEO, MBTA

10:30am-11:30am  
Q&A, Conclusion,  
Networking

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Phillip Eng, CEO, MBTA



Please join us on **Thursday, October 30th** at **Showcase Cinema de Lux, 73 Mazzeo Drive in Randolph** for a **New England Real Estate Journal & MSCC Summit, "Tracks to Transformation: Integrating Real Estate and Public Transportation"**.

The Metro South Chamber is partnering with the New England Real Estate Journal (NEREJ) to bring you an engaging event. Keynote Speaker: MBTA CEO, Phillip Eng. This event is sponsored by Trinity Development and Management.

**Phillip Eng, General Manager and CEO of the MBTA**, is a civil engineer with nearly 40 years of transportation experience. He previously served as President of the MTA's Long Island Rail Road and Interim President of New York City Transit, where he led major modernization efforts including the Subway Action Plan and the Forward initiative. Earlier in his career at the New York State Department of Transportation, he advanced to Executive Deputy Commissioner and oversaw projects such as the Rochester Train Station and the Kosciuszko and Mario M. Cuomo bridges. A Cooper Union graduate and member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, he was honored in 2021 as Government Engineer of the Year by its Long Island Branch.

Registration is required, RSVP at the QR Code above or visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events). Chamber members price: \$79, non-members: \$99. Questions? Contact Rick Kaplan (800) 654-4993 ext. 247 or email [rkaplan@nerelj.com](mailto:rkaplan@nerelj.com).

## 112th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo, November 19

Wednesday, November 19 | 10:30AM - 3:00PM | Adult & Teen Challenge Center, Brockton

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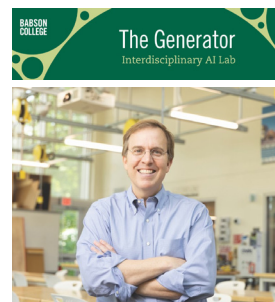
**112th ANNUAL meeting**

**November 19, 2025**

featuring the: **business connection Expo 2025**

Adult & Teen Challenge Massachusetts  
President From Addiction Starts Here

Join us on **Wednesday, November 19th** at the **Adult & Teen Challenge Center, located at 1315 Main Street in Brockton**, for the **112th Annual Meeting and B2B Expo**. Meet other business people & community leaders by attending the Annual Meeting to celebrate businesses working together for the future of the Metro South Region. **The Annual Meeting will feature Dr. Erik Noyes, Director of "The Generator - Interdisciplinary AI Lab" at Babson College - training 1,000 Small Business Owners in AI for business growth**, as well as networking, awards, and giveaways.



Dr. Erik Noyes, Director of "The Generator - Interdisciplinary AI Lab" at Babson College.

Professor Noyes, the Michael London '92 and Stephen H. Kramer '92 Term Chair in Entrepreneurship at Babson, is an expert in innovation, growth strategy, and AI. He founded The Generator, Babson's interdisciplinary AI lab, and teaches AI Pioneers: Creating the Future of Business along with other entrepreneurship courses.

He also co-founded the Weissman Foundry and Affordable Design & Entrepreneurship, and co-led Babson's award-winning Foundations of Management & Entrepreneurship program. Recognized as a "Top 50" business professor by Poets & Quants, he has twice received Babson's Teaching Excellence Award.

Noyes has consulted for companies such as Nokia, BMW, HP, and Motorola. A founding editor of Entrepreneurship Education & Pedagogy, his research appears in leading journals and case collections, and he has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and other major outlets.

The cost to attend is \$129 for members and \$159 for future members. Tables of 10 are available for \$1250/members and \$1590/non-members. Expo booths are available for \$499/members and \$599/non-members. The expo will sell out, register now. For information and to reserve your ticket, contact Hannah McGuire at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x 231. You may also purchase tickets online at [metrosouthchamber.com](http://metrosouthchamber.com).

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# Rotary Club and Chamber Members Network on Patio at Heights Crossing with City Concert Series



In August, the Rotary Club of Brockton and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce partnered for an After Hours Networking session at Heights Crossing Assisted Living at 35 Christy's Place in Brockton. Guests enjoyed the Mayor's Summer Concert Series featuring the Westwood Swing Band, set against a picturesque backdrop on the Heights Crossing patio. String lights, lawn games, an abundant charcuterie spread, and delicious hors d'oeuvres created a welcoming atmosphere for an evening of connection, music, and community. Check out the Chamber Calendar at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events) - hope to see you next time!

# Business After Hours Took the Field with Doug Flutie, the Brockton Rox, and Eastern Bank



Dan Evans, Evans Machine Co.; Mike Lambert, Brockton Area Transit; Bob Rivers, Eastern Bank; Doug Flutie, former BC Eagle and NFL star; Rob Janetschek, Brockton Rox Owner; Jay Pike, CPA, Citrin Cooperman; and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber.



In August, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce hosted a memorable Business After Hours event at Campanelli Stadium in Brockton. Attendees enjoyed an evening that began with networking, snacks, and beverages before the baseball game commenced. The highlight? Football legend Doug Flutie—a Heisman Trophy winner and former NFL star—took the mound to throw the ceremonial first pitch, signed autographs, and even officially joined the Brockton Rox as a guest player by pitching to a live batter during the game!

The event wasn't just about sports and business—it was also about community and giving back. Organized in partnership with Eastern Bank, the night featured a football-themed community challenge designed to raise funds for the House of Possibilities, a local nonprofit that supports individuals with disabilities. The playful yet purposeful competition, which involved a throw by Eastern Bank's Quincy Miller, helped drive awareness and support for the cause. Meanwhile, Brockton's Mayor Robert F. Sullivan declared August 21, 2025, "Doug Flutie Day in Brockton," honoring the legendary quarterback's contribution to the event and the community.



John Nesti, MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board; Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber; and Doug Flutie,.



Derek O'Connor, Northeast Community Bank; Tim and Nancy Holick, Wood Palace Kitchens



Nina Garcia, ServiceMaster South Shore; Jessica Medina, Residence Inn by Marriott Brockton/Boston



Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) team



# Farewell & Fond Wishes to Long-Time Chamber Ambassador Brenda Carrens, OCES



Chamber Ambassador Team (L-R) Felicitia Sepulveda, Cape Verdean Association of Brockton; Reiko McNeil, Bluestone Bank; Brenda Carrens, OCES; Emma Penardi and Hannah McGuire, Metro South Chamber; Richard Hooke, SCU Credit Union; and Marcy Venezia, GleeWorks Holistic Coaching.

The Chamber bids a warm farewell to longtime Ambassador Brenda Carrens, Community Programs Director at OCES, as she celebrates her retirement. Since 2013, Brenda has been a dedicated Chamber Ambassador, always among the first to arrive and last to leave, lending a hand wherever needed. We thank Brenda for her years of service and wish her the very best in retirement! Read more at the blog in QR Code.



## Brockton Area Transit Launches After-Hours Employment Transportation Program

### **bat** After-Hours Workforce Transportation

Brockton Area Transit has partnered with Uber to provide discounted late night trips within our service area everyday between 9:00pm to 6:00am

#### Location of Service:

Any commutes with an origin or destination within BAT's service area are eligible. (Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman).

#### How to Book a Ride:

1. Download and make an account with Uber (if you do not already have one).
2. Sign up for the program using the QR code below.
3. Once you are accepted into the program a \$9.00 per trip voucher, up to ten vouchers per week, will be sent to your email.
4. Accept your voucher.
5. If your trip is eligible for the \$9.00 discount, it will automatically be applied by Uber.



If you do not have a smartphone or need assistance please call Customer Service at 508-638-5920 or email [info@ridebat.com](mailto:info@ridebat.com)

Brockton Area Transit Authority has launched a new After-Hours Workforce Transportation Program to support second and third-shift workers across its service area. In partnership with Uber, BAT now offers subsidized late-night rides between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM for eligible commuters in communities including Brockton, Abington, Bridgewater, Easton, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Whitman, Hanson, Avon, Rockland, Stoughton and Randolph.

Participants receive up to ten \$9 vouchers per week, making essential travel more affordable and accessible. The initiative is

part of a broader effort to improve regional transit connectivity and support local employment needs.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ridebat.com/bat-after-hours-workforce-transportation-program/>. Visit the Chamber blog to read more: <https://metrosouthchamber.com/2025/08/brockton-area-transit-launches-after-hours-employment-transportation-program/>

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

### SECURE YOUR SEAT FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SEASON

The new season of Metro South Chamber events is about to begin, and we want you to be there! Reserve your 2025 - 2026 Season Ticket now and get access to events all year long. The season ticket includes:

Now including the Legislative Reception; All Good Morning Metro South Programs (5 Programs, \$195 value); All Business After Hours (12, up to \$60 value); Annual Legislative Luncheon (\$39 value); ATHENA Award Luncheon (\$39 value); Small Business Awards Luncheon (\$39 value)

#### SEASON TICKET AND ADDITIONAL SAVINGS OPTIONS

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Contact Hannah McGuire at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for more information.

## BAT Fare Free Service Extended Through June 2026!

FARE FREE SERVICE EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE OF 2026!



Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan and BAT Administrator Michael J. Lambert announced that fare-free service will continue through June 2026, funded by new revenues from the Fair Share Amendment (Millionaire's Tax) and supported by Governor Healey and the Massachusetts Legislature.

"The free fare program has been a game changer for our residents, visitors, and local businesses," said

Mayor Sullivan. "Reliable access to transportation is essential for work, shopping, and enjoying our region. I'm grateful for the continued support recognizing the importance of convenient and affordable transit."

Since December 2023, BAT has offered free fixed-route, ADA paratransit, and senior services, with increased frequency and strong on-time performance. Ridership has more than doubled, reaching a 25-year high.

"Sincere thanks to Mayor Sullivan, the BAT Board, the Governor, and the Legislature for expanding transit options," said Lambert.

This year, all 15 of Massachusetts' Regional Transit Authorities offer free service, supported by MassDOT grants. "Brockton's fare-free extension helps more people take safe, reliable trips and encourages a shift from cars to public transit," said Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt.

BAT provided over 3.7 million trips in FY25 and has served as the South Shore and Greater Brockton transit hub since 1974. For routes and updates, visit [www.ridebat.com](http://www.ridebat.com).

Visit the Chamber blog to read more: <https://metrosouthchamber.com/2025/07/bat-bus-fare-free-service-extended-through-june-of-2026/>

The point is not saying everything, but everything that matters.



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## Emma Penardi, Chamber Communications VP Graduates from Institute for Organization Management



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Emma Penardi, IOM, Vice President of Communications & Special Projects, has graduated from the Institute for Organization Management, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's premier nonprofit professional development program, and earned the IOM designation. This recognition marks her completion of 96 hours of advanced coursework in nonprofit management.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, vice president of the Institute for Organization Management.

"Emma's achievement is an extraordinary milestone that reflects her commitment to excellence and her dedication to serving our members and the regional business community. The Institute for Organization Management is a rigorous national leadership program, and earning the IOM designation is a testament to Emma's skills, determination, and professionalism. We are especially proud that she brings the strength of her education at Bridgewater State University and her seven years of dedicated service at the Metro South Chamber to this distinction. Her leadership and hard work have already made a lasting impact, and this recognition further underscores the great value she brings to our Chamber and the region we serve."

— Christopher Cooney, CCE, President & CEO, Metro South Chamber of Commerce

## Report of the Nominating Committee



The Chamber Board of Directors, composed of a broad cross-section of Chamber members, is responsible for policy direction for the organization. For continuity, board terms are staggered over three years. The Chamber's Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of candidates to fill terms expiring this year on the Board of Directors.

Nominated to serve in the Class of 2028 are Robert Haffey, Signature Healthcare; Jay Pike, CPA, Citrin Cooperman; Richard Spencer, North Easton Savings Bank; and Doug Smith, Stonehill College.

Nominated to serve a two-year term in the Class of 2027 are Bill Mitchell, Massasoit Community College; Kelly Mallory, Mallory Headsets; and Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort.

Nominated to serve a one-year term in the Class of 2026 are Matthew Osborne, Eastern Bank (extended with merger); Scott Sanborn, Consultant; Maria Celli, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; and Sue Joss, Consultant.

In accordance with the Chamber bylaws, additional names of Chamber members can be nominated by petition bearing the signatures of at least 30 member firms in good standing. Such petitions must be filed by September 12, 2025. If a legal petition is presented with additional candidates, the names of all candidates will be mailed to all active members. If no petition is filed, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate will be elected by the Board at their October meeting.

New Board members will take office at the Chamber's Annual Meeting on November 19, 2025. All Board of Directors' meetings are open to any Chamber member who wishes to attend.

## Got Your Guide to the Metro South Region?



The Metro South Chamber's 2025 Regional Guide and Member Directory is here! Designed to encourage in-state support for our local businesses and highlight regional manufacturers making a difference; shop local, and support small businesses!

Our member businesses, among the finest in their respective fields, are featured in this 100 page publication. Their appreciation of you as consumers, employees, and customers has never been greater. In turn, it is so important for us to remember how vital these local businesses are to our American way of life and our great democracy. More than ever, they need our recognition and support!

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

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

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



Becoming a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce provides your business opportunities to accelerate its growth. When you join the Chamber, you become a leader within the business community and a member of the region's most dynamic advocacy organization. Membership means potential new business prospects, new savings, access to valuable resources and information, a variety of marketing opportunities, and more, for you and your business.

Chamber membership is affordable no matter how small your business, and it provides your business with tremendous opportunity.

### Join to Receive OVER \$1,000.00 IN PROMOTIONAL BENEFITS

- FREE** Member Listing in the Action Report newsletter (distributed to over 20,000)
- FREE** Member Profile in Action Report newsletter, distributed through *The Enterprise*
- 2 FREE** Listings in the 2023/24 Guide to the Metro South Region
- FREE** 2022/23 Guide to the Metro South Region
- FREE** Chamber Business List in Excel or mailing labels, \$150 value
- FREE** Enhanced member listing on the Chamber website with hotlink to website
- FREE** access to members-only page of website to post discounts, events, and more
- FREE** opportunity to promote company at event share tables and at the Chamber
- FREE** opportunity to promote company in the Action Report
- FREE** business workshops
- FREE** membership sticker and virtual badge for your website.
- Health Insurance Opportunities, Energy Power Purchasing Program, **And More!!**

(Base Rate is \$375 + \$5 per full time employee)

For more info or to set up an appointment call (508) 586-0500 x 229 or email [membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com).

## MBAE Education & Workforce Development Survey



The Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education (MBAE) promotes and supports continuous improvement in our schools and innovation that is needed to ensure that EVERY student receives a high-quality education that prepares them for success in college, career and citizenship.

The views and opinions of leaders like you inform MBAE's policy work and strengthen organizational impact on student success. MBAE appreciates you completing this survey and helping them to prioritize this important work in the years ahead. To participate in the survey, scan the QR Code to access.



## Brews & Bites Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival



Westgate Mall in Brockton, MA will host Brews & Bites Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Rockland Federal Credit Union, Planet Fitness and Xfinity, the family friendly afternoon will feature a selection of local food trucks, craft brews, games, live music and more! The event is free and open to the public; each vendor will price and serve their fare independently. For a full list of participating food trucks and breweries visit [ShopatWestgateMall.com](http://ShopatWestgateMall.com).

## Signature Healthcare Announces Organizational Changes to Strengthen Long-Term Sustainability



Signature Healthcare today announced a series of organizational changes designed to address ongoing financial challenges and position the organization for long-term stability and growth. These changes include a reduction in workforce and restructuring across both Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital (SHBH) and Signature Medical Group (SMG).

As part of a broader strategy to ensure financial sustainability, the organization is also pausing or discontinuing several planned projects and holding open select roles following recent resignations to manage staffing levels responsibly.

Like many healthcare providers across the country, Signature Healthcare continues to face mounting financial pressures. Nearly 80% of the organization's revenue is tied to government payers such as Medicare and Medicaid, which have not kept pace with the rising cost of care delivery. Compounding this challenge are the high expenses related to the hospital's reopening and ongoing delays in insurance reimbursements stemming from last year's hospital closure.

"These were extremely difficult decisions that were not made lightly," said Robert Haffey, President and CEO of Signature Healthcare. "We are deeply grateful for the hard work and commitment of every member of our team. These changes are necessary to ensure that we can continue delivering safe, high-quality, and compassionate care to the communities we serve."

The organization remains steadfast in its mission to provide personalized, patient-centered care and is committed to supporting affected employees during this transition.

## Governor Healey Launches DRIVE Initiative to Create Thousands of Jobs, Grow Research, Innovation Economy

Governor Maura Healey has launched the DRIVE (Discovery, Research, and Innovation for a Vibrant Economy) Initiative, a \$400 million state-funded program aimed at bolstering Massachusetts' research and innovation sectors. This initiative seeks to create thousands of jobs, retain top talent, and support industries critical to the state's economy, especially in light of anticipated federal funding cuts. The DRIVE Initiative underscores Massachusetts' position as a global leader in research and development, with the state receiving \$8.57 billion in annual federal R&D funding, supporting over 81,000 jobs and generating more than \$16 billion in economic activity.

Governor Healey emphasized that the DRIVE Initiative is a strategic investment in the state's future, aiming to preserve and expand the robust research ecosystem that has been instrumental in producing lifesaving cures and driving economic growth. The program is designed to foster collaboration among public institutions, private industry, and academic research centers, ensuring that Massachusetts remains at the forefront of innovation and continues to attract and retain the best minds in science and technology.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-launches-drive-initiative-to-create-thousands-of-jobs-grow-research-and-innovation-economy> to learn more.

## Father Bill's & MainSpring Receives Historic \$5 Million Gift to Launch Campaign for New Housing Developments



Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS), a regional leader in ending homelessness, has received the largest single gift in its history—a \$5 million donation from the Alvarium Foundation—to launch its upcoming comprehensive campaign. The transformational gift will fund the development of urgently needed housing across Southern Massachusetts while sustaining supportive services like maintenance, property operations, and case management. The Alvarium

Foundation previously played a critical role in FBMS's A Path Home campaign, which established the Housing Resource Center model and led to the opening of centers in Quincy and Brockton with on-site supportive housing. As part of its goal to create 150 new units, FBMS is advancing multiple projects: a 24-unit hotel-to-housing conversion in Stoughton, 29 new units adjacent to Roadway Apartments in Brockton, and 24 new units in Quincy in collaboration with NeighborWorks Housing Solutions. With this campaign, FBMS aims to raise at least \$10 million to expand permanent housing solutions across the region. "This incredibly generous gift allows us to think big and move fast," said John Yazwinski, President & CEO of FBMS. "Their investment strengthens our ability to scale what we know works—housing with built-in support services—and bring safe, dignified housing to even more of our neighbors experiencing homelessness." For more information, visit [www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org).

## RENEWING *Members!*

### Thank you!

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## WELCOME *New Members!*

### Reinvesting in Our Community

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North Easton, MA 02356  
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Consulting Clinic**  
Tamara Aristilde-Calixte  
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Brockton, MA 02301  
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**To promote your business and  
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## Now Hiring: Membership Development & Retention

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Are you positive, organized, committed to business & community development, and have a love for the greater Brockton area?

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



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

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

**September 4:** *Budget-Friendly Branding: Create a High-Value Brand for Less*

**September 9:** *Save Time with AI - How to Create Videos, Emails, Social Posts and More Faster*

**September 10:** *Bookkeeping and Small Businesses - Why, When, and How.*

**September 11:** *IRS Tax Tips for Entrepreneurs - Tools to Save Time and Stay Compliant*

**September 16:** *Year-End Tax Prep - Opportunities to Reduce Your Overall Tax Burden*

**September 17:** *Tax Preparation for the Self-Employed*

**September 18:** *Grow Your Customer Base - How to Create Offers They Can't Refuse*

## SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs

<p><b>FAST TRACK LOANS</b> Up to \$25,000 for start-up and existing businesses at 7% fixed <a href="#">MORE INFO</a></p>	<p><b>MICRO AND SMALL LOANS</b> Micro Loans up to \$50,000 and Small Loans up to \$350,000 at 6-7% fixed with flexible terms</p>	<p><b>SBA 504 LOANS</b> Real Estate or Machinery and Equipment Loans up to \$5.5 million at low, fixed rates</p>
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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.



**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](http://www.seedcorp.com)**

### Upcoming Events:

**October 28:** Borrowing Basics: Lunch & Learn with Rockland Federal Credit Union, 200 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02302. SEED Corporation in conjunction with Rockland Federal Credit Union will be hosting a Lunch & Learn for business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. During this free, in-person session, participants will learn the fundamentals of financing a small business, what lenders look for in a loan application, and the funding programs available to start-up and existing businesses. Topics will include the Six C's of Credit, traditional vs. non-traditional lending requirements, and SBA loan programs. This event is free to attend, registration is required. A complimentary lunch will be provided to all attendees. Please forward any questions about the event to [aricard@seedcorp.com](mailto:aricard@seedcorp.com)

## 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](http://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](mailto:chris@metrosouthchamber.com).

The **Avon Industrial Park Association** is a non-profit group seeking to advance the advocacy and business of its members in public and private affairs. Membership is open to all companies who operate within the confines of Avon Industrial Park in Avon, Massachusetts. For more information please visit [avonindustrialpark.org](http://avonindustrialpark.org).



The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** promotes unity between local government and the business community and is committed to promoting goodwill among business owners, operating in an ethical manner, and supporting the community they serve. Visit [bridgewaterbiz.biz](http://bridgewaterbiz.biz) for more information.



The **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](http://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](http://easton-chamber.com) to learn more.



The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce's** mission is to promote the civic, economic and social welfare of its members and the Town of Norwell. They actively assist the Chamber members with the challenges of business growth, management and entrepreneurship. Visit [norwellchamberofcommerce.com](http://norwellchamberofcommerce.com) for more information.



The **South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN)**, established in 1991, was the inspiration of six women who felt that the needs of women in business were not being met by traditional organizations. They further believed there was a need for an organization that would provide networking opportunities to women and business owners on the South Shore. Visit [sswbn.org](http://sswbn.org) for more information.

## Fuller Craft Museum Presents "Nancy Callan and Katherine Gray: The Clown in Me Loves You"



Floral Glory, 2019, blown and sculpted glass.



Exhibition dates: September 20, 2025 - March 1, 2026

A sculpted fusion of kitsch and catharsis, this exhibition marks a dynamic, four-year collaboration in glass between West Coast artists Nancy Callan (Seattle) and Katherine Gray (Los Angeles). In this remarkable body of work, Callan and Gray explore our collective experiences with—and reactions to—clowns. Whether found in childhood memories, in circuses and parades, among those we love, or in our political worlds, clowns are ubiquitous. The artists use traditional Venetian glassblowing techniques to spark viewers associations and emotions, while mining complex social commentaries. It may seem like light-hearted fun, but multiple layers of feelings and realities emerge—is it a tunnel of love, a house of horrors, or a combination of both?

An Exhibition Celebration will be held on September 20 at Fuller Craft. FCM is open Tuesday-Sunday 10AM-5PM at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, admission is free for all! Visit [fullercraft.org](http://fullercraft.org)

## 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.

**Brockton Redevelopment Authority**  
Contact: Rob May  
(508) 586-3887

**Center for Women & Enterprise**  
Contact: Berlheye 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  
(617) 565-5590

## Schooley Mitchell



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At Schooley Mitchell, we are passionate about finding solutions that save your business time and money. Your success is our success. Through our completely risk-free analysis process, we help businesses achieve one of two possible outcomes. Either we identify areas where savings can be found, or we can confirm that your current services are completely optimized and you're not overspending.

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## TriNet



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TriNet (NYSE: TNET) provides small and medium-size businesses (SMBs) with full-service HR solutions tailored by industry. To free SMBs from HR complexities, TriNet offers access to human capital expertise, benefits, risk mitigation and compliance, payroll and real-time technology. From Main Street to Wall Street, TriNet empowers SMBs to focus on what matters most—growing their business.

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Join the Chamber and network your business to success! The Chamber hosts informative meetings, networking events, and puts you in touch with your legislators. We also offer marketing and advertising opportunities, referrals, publicity, and exposure.

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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](http://metrosouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance).

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

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

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



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

### September 10

**Ribbon Cutting @ Sharon Orthodontics**  
3:00PM-5:00PM  
Sharon Orthodontics  
374 S Main Street, Sharon

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome this new organization to the Metro South community.

Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

### September 25

**Good Day Metro South: From the Big Bill to Business Front Door**  
11:45AM-1:30PM  
Thorny Lea Golf Club  
159 Torrey Street, Brockton

Featuring guests from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Steve McAllister and Kyla Summer Miller, plus MA EOED Assistant Secretary for Business Growth Naomi Berlin.

Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

### October 9

**35th Annual Legislative & Candidates Reception**  
5:00PM - 7:30PM  
Donahue Hall, Stonehill College  
320 Washington Street, Easton

The Legislative Reception offers Metro South Chamber members a casual setting with refreshments to connect with business leaders and elected officials, discuss key issues, and ensure the business community's voice is heard at all levels of government.

Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

### October 30

**NEREJ Summit**  
8:00AM - 11:30AM  
Showcase Cinema de Lux  
73 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph

From Tracks to Transformation: NEREJ and MSCC Summit with Keynote Speaker, MBTA CEO Phillip Eng.

Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events)