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To best serve the unique
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to champion the broader
economic vitality of the
Metro South region.



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Boston Tall Ships Networking Night with UMB and NESB!

SOLD OUT! | Tuesday, July 14 | 6PM - 9PM | 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125



METRO SOUTH
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Tall Ships Social

You're invited aboard the
M/V Columbia Point with the
Metro South Chamber, UMass
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Tuesday, July 14
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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SOLD OUT! We're looking forward to welcoming a full boat aboard the M/V Columbia Point with the Metro South Chamber, University of Massachusetts Boston, and North Easton Savings Bank for an evening of networking while viewing the iconic Tall Ships in Boston Harbor. Guests will enjoy refreshments, great networking, and the chance to experience this historic maritime tradition from the water as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Thank you to everyone who registered, we can't wait to see you on board!

Don't Miss a Moment: Order Your 2026-2027 Chamber Season Tickets for Year-Round Access to Key Programs

The new season of Metro South Chamber events is kicking off soon - make sure you're part of it! With a Season Ticket, you'll gain year-round access to key programs including Good Morning Metro South, Business After Hours, the Legislative Reception, and signature luncheons like ATHENA and Small Business Awards. All for just \$299 (a 26% + savings!). Contact Hannah for info: events@metrosouthchamber.com



113th Annual Meeting to Feature W.B. Mason CEO

Wednesday, November 18 | 10:30AM - 3:00PM | Adult & Teen Challenge Center | 1315 Main Street, Brockton



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113th ANNUAL
meeting

November 18, 2026



featuring the:



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Leo Meehan, CEO, W.B. Mason

SAVE THE DATE for the Metro South Chamber's 113th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo featuring the Economic Impact Awards! Sponsorship opportunities and corporate table reservations available. For more info, email Hannah McGuire at events@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x231.

Metro South Regional Priorities Moving Forward

LEAD ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESILIENCY

- *Champion* – Regional water and sewer infrastructure improvements to support smart growth, especially in Gateway Cities like Brockton
- *Advance* – Transit-oriented development and expanded MBTA Commuter Rail service for improved job access and reduced emissions
- *Transform* – Underutilized land and buildings into mixed-use, innovation-ready spaces through public-private partnerships
- *Support* – Local clean energy and climate resiliency projects to align with statewide decarbonization and equity goals
- *Position* – Metro South as a regional hub for bio-manufacturing, advanced materials, and climate tech industries

ATTRACT, TRAIN AND RETAIN A 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

- *Partner* – With schools, colleges, and training providers to expand early college, career pathways, and apprenticeship models
- *Invest* – In workforce readiness and wraparound support services for underrepresented populations
- *Scale* – Access to credentials in healthcare, clean energy, life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and digital skills
- *Recognize* – The economic and social value of workforce diversity, multilingual talent, and second chance hiring
- *Promote* – Affordable housing, accessible child care, and workforce wellness as essential economic infrastructure

COLLABORATE TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE

- *Advocate* – For state and federal investment in Gateway Cities and rural communities, ensuring inclusive growth
- *Expand* – Resources for entrepreneurs, women- and minority-owned businesses, and new Americans
- *Deliver* – Business technical assistance through the Chamber's Business Assistance Center and Edison Innovation Hub
- *Educate* – Through targeted programming on capital access, export readiness, digital transformation, and growth strategy
- *Brand* – Metro South as a destination for business, innovation, arts, and talent — leveraging its location, infrastructure, and affordability



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- Now including the Legislative Reception
- All Good Morning Metro South Programs (5, \$195 value)
- All Business After Hours (up to \$60 value)
- Annual Legislative Luncheon (\$39 value)
- ATHENA Award Women's Leadership Luncheon (\$39 value)
- Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (\$39 value)

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Good Day Metro South luncheons feature economic development panels highlighting key projects, trends, and growth opportunities—bringing leaders together to shape our region's future.



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CHAMBER Calendar

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

July

07	Ambassador Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom	9:00AM
14	Tall Ships Social - Networking Event 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston	6:00PM

September

09	Ambassador Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom	9:00AM
24	Save the Date: Good Day Metro South Location TBA	TBA

October

07	Ambassador Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom	9:00AM
08	Legislative Reception Stonehill College, Donahue Hall: 320 Washington Street, Easton	5:00PM

November

18	113th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo B2B Expo: 10:30AM-12:00PM & 1:30PM-3:00PM Luncheon 12:00PM-1:30PM Multipurpose Auditorium @ Adult & Teen Challenge: 1315 Main Street, Brockton	12:00PM
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The Ambassador Team meets on a monthly basis to serve fellow members by providing information, resources, member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in Chamber programs and services. To learn more, please email Ian Abreu at membership@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x229 to get involved.



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

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

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UP-TO-DATE News

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

- 7/10: BIS Affiliates Rule Roundtable: Compliance Challenges and Practical Solutions [export training]
- 7/30: Compliance Clinic [export training]
- 8/13: Small Business Open House (Newton)
- 9/17: Small Business Open House (Fall River)
- 9/23: Small Business Open House (Pittsfield)

Brockton Farmers Market 2026 Season: Fridays 10am-2pm, June 5 - October 30



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, Sabine's Cafe, Batch Brockton English Muffins, Noels Farm, Mai Asia Vegetables, Souza Family Farm, Roxanne's Garden Center, Surfing Goat Soap, and more. Summer Food Service Programs available. SNAP accepted. Visit brocktonfarmersmarket.com

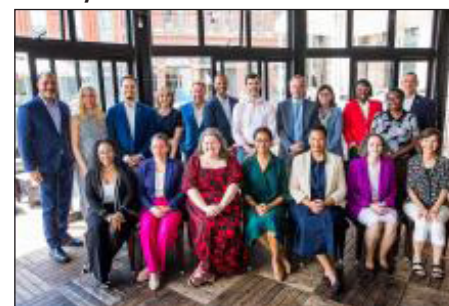
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Annual Reading Frederick Douglass Event July 11

This annual event—hosted by the Frederick Douglass Neighborhood Association—brings our community together to reflect, honor, and raise our voices in unity. Brockton proudly stands out as the first city in Massachusetts to read the speech in multiple languages, including Haitian Creole, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Polish, Vietnamese, Lithuanian, Cape Verdean and more. Frederick Douglass Garden, 93 Frederick Douglass Ave, 10AM-12PM. Visit brockton.ma.us/event/reading-frederick-douglass-together

Eastern Bank Foundation Recognizes Community Leaders Working To Expand Civic Knowledge and Strengthen Democracy With 2026 Community Advocacy Awards



Eastern Bank Foundation has named 11 organizations across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island as recipients of its 2026 Community Advocacy Awards, recognizing their efforts to strengthen civic education, community engagement, and public participation. Each year, the Foundation honors nonprofit leaders addressing critical community issues by providing grant funding and recognizing their impact. This year's recipients include organizations such as the Allen Lab for Democracy Renovation, Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights, Massachusetts Voter Table, Neighbor 2 Neighbor, and Queer History Boston, among others.

Bluestone Bank Welcomes New Assistant Vice President, Government Banking Officer



Bluestone Bank has welcomed Apryl Robinson as Assistant Vice President

& Government Banking Officer. A Bridgewater State University graduate with a degree in Business Management, Robinson brings more than 18 years of banking experience, including 12 years specializing in municipal banking. In her new role, she will provide deposit accounts, cash management, and other financial solutions to municipalities, school districts, housing authorities, water departments, and other public entities.

TruNorth Bank Supports Envision Home for Veterans Through Annual Veterans Drive



TruNorth Bank continued its annual Veterans Drive in support of Envision Home for Veterans in Randolph, extending its long-standing commitment to addressing veteran homelessness. The initiative supported the 10-unit affordable housing community developed with Envision Bank, which opened in 2020.

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.

Workforce in Demand Across Metro South



HOT JOBS: ROUND UP



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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 masshiregbcc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs for a complete, up-to-date list.

MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, Brockton
Career Coach, 24105836

Artisan Industries, Inc., Stoughton
Machinist (CNC Lathe & Milling), 24451549
CNC Programmer/Machinist, 24451552
Technical Marketing Specialist, 24451563
Process Engineer – Vacuum Systems (Jets, Liquid Ring & Hybrid Systems), 24451566

Superior Rail & Iron Works, East Bridgewater
Estimator, 24451533
Lead Rail Fabricator, 24451528
Design Steel Detailer, 24451521
Detailer for Misc. Iron/Light Structural Steel, 24392426

Ruby Wines, Avon
Accounts Receivable, 24421347

Claremont Companies, Bridgewater
Maintenance Technician, Bridgewater, 24417202

Double E Company, Inc. West Bridgewater
Manufacturing Assembly Technician, 24417157
CAD/CAM Programmer, 24417164
CNC Set up Lathe Machinist, 24417174
Manual Lathe Machinist, 24417178
CNC Setup Milling Machinist,

24417182
Warehouse Associate, 24417183
Diagnostics & Repair Manager – Industrial Manufacturing Industry, 24417186

Town of Easton
Administrative Assistant - Department of Health & Community Services, 24421439

The Bank of Canton, SE MA
AVP Branch Manager, 24410416
Loan Operations Administrative Assistant, 24410378

Barbour Corporation, Brockton
Maintenance Technician, 24461980
Stitcher Sewing Operator, 24461976

Old Colony Hospice, West Bridgewater
C.N.A./HHA, 24386766

Rexa, Inc., West Bridgewater
Manufacturing Engineer, 24377572
Test Technician, 24377575
Manual Machinist, 24377577
CNC Programmer, 24377579

Yanow, Inc., Stoughton
Customer Support Trainee, 24377537

Stairway to Recovery Center (Gandara), Brockton
Peer Gambling Ambassador, 24374858

Gandara, Brockton
Family Partner Bilingual, 24374969

Clinician FIT Bilingual, 24375030
Case Manager FIT Bilingual, 24377353
Floor Supervision, 24375059

Boston's Best Coffee Roasters, South Easton
Mechanic, 24374872

Jet Machined Products, East Bridgewater
CNC Turning or Milling Operator (Lead option), 24374830

Draper Knitting Company, Inc., Canton
Machine Operator, 24374837

Old Colony Elder Services, Brockton
AFC Community Support Specialist, 24380751
Community Transition Liaison, 24380752
Community Transition Liaison Program Case Assistant/ Admin Support, 24380755
Financial Analyst, 24380756
HC Meals Care Manager, 24380760
I&R Specialist, 24380762
Money Management Program Coordinator, 24380764
Nutrition Program Director,

24380766
Nutrition Program Manager, 24380804
Nutrition Program Specialist, 24380805
Nutrition Program Supervisor, 24380809
Once Care Plan Advocate, 24380769
Options Counselor, 24380771
Program Assistant – Nutrition Program/Clerical, 24380772
Program Billing Manager, 24380775
Protective Services Worker, 24380778
Quality Compliance Director, 24380782
Revenue Cycle Analyst, 24380785
Senior Care Options Manager, 2430788
Senior Care Options Program Assistant, 24380791
Training and Quality Assurance Lead, 24380794
Transitions Coach/ Social Worker, 24380797

Want to list your job here? Visit masshiregbcc.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.

Summer Jobs are HERE! June 2026

Employer Hosts Needed!

Youth works, we pay, you win!
Our Annual Summer Employment Program is underway, and we are seeking employer partners. Host a summer intern and MassHire GBWB will pay their wages! Help young people from our community build skills & experience to strengthen the area's workforce (and yours!). Youth development IS workforce development!

Submit a Request



Know a young person 14-25 interested in Summer Jobs? Send them **HERE**.
For employer or youth questions contact: youthservices@masshiregbwb.org.

Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Opening of Divine Watch Training School in Randolph

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce joined community leaders, educators, and local supporters for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Divine Watch Training School in Randolph.

Founded by registered nurses Helen Ugiagbe and Augustina Idahor, Divine Watch Training School is dedicated to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals through hands-on, career-focused training. The school offers programs including Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training, CPR certification, Nursing Assistant coursework, and other essential healthcare skills designed to meet growing workforce needs in the region.

During the celebration, attendees toured the new training space, met the founders and instructional team, and learned more about the school's mission to create accessible pathways into healthcare careers. The event highlighted the importance of workforce development and the expanding opportunities available in the healthcare field across Metro South.

Chamber staff and ambassadors were joined by local partners and community members in recognizing the launch of this new training institution, which aims to strengthen both the regional healthcare pipeline and the broader local economy.

The Metro South Chamber is proud to support businesses like Divine Watch Training School that are investing in education, workforce readiness, and the long-term vitality of our communities. Congratulations to Helen Ugiagbe, Augustina Idahor, and the entire team on this exciting new chapter. Located at 950 N Main St., Suite #206, Randolph, MA 02368, visit www.divinewatchts.com to learn more.



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35th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Luncheon Celebrates Metro South Excellence in Business and Workforce Development



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Keegan Shepardson, SBA Massachusetts; Secretary Eric Paley, Executive Office of Economic Development; Clare Bertrand, College Board; State Rep Bridget Plouffe; Elio Silva, Vineyard Farm; Dan Evans, EMI; State Rep Bill Driscoll; Matthew Osborne, Eastern Bank, Accepting Award on Behalf of Mother's Daughter Juice, Joanne Schneider, Eastern Bank; and Metro South Chamber Chris Cooney.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce hosted its 35th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Luncheon sponsored by Eastern Bank, bringing together business leaders, educators, and public officials to celebrate excellence in entrepreneurship and small business across the region.

This year's program emphasized workforce readiness and the importance of preparing students for real-world careers through stronger alignment between education and industry. Speakers highlighted the expansion of career-focused Advanced Placement courses, including AP Business with Personal Finance and AP Cybersecurity,

as part of a broader national initiative in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Remarks were also provided by Eric Paley, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development, Clare Bertrand of the College Board, and Keegan Shepardson of the Massachusetts District U.S. Small Business Administration, who each spoke to the importance of building strong pathways between education, workforce development, and small business support.

The Small Business of the Year Award was presented to Vineyard Farm of West Bridgewater, founded by Elio Silva. Since opening in 2023, the 74-acre agricultural destination has become a regional attraction known for its farm market, seasonal corn maze, and agritourism experiences. Silva has also invested in a major expansion project aimed at strengthening production, retail, and year-round programming.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award was presented to Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar, founded by Chandra Gouldrup. The business is a community-focused wellness concept centered on fresh, locally sourced ingredients and accessible nutrition, designed to promote healthier lifestyles and community connection.

The luncheon highlighted the strength and diversity of Metro South's small business community and reinforced the Chamber's commitment to supporting workforce development, entrepreneurship, and regional economic growth. Visit metrosouthchamber.com/blog to learn more, or scan the QR code above. PC: Rich Morgan Photography.

ATHENA Award Celebrates Women's Leadership



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President; Guest Speaker - Shaleen Title, Lawyer, Educator, Emerging Industries (AI); State Representative Bridget Plouffe; ATHENA Award Recipient - Christiana Oduze, MA Dept. of Developmental Services, BAMSI; event emcee Maria Celli, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; event interviewer Sue Murray, SEED Corporation; and event sponsor, Eastern Bank - Senior Vice President, Senior Client Portfolio Manager, Cambridge Trust, a Division of Eastern Bank.



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The Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank proudly recognized Christiana Oduze, MA Dept of Developmental Services, BAMSI, as the recipient of the 28th Annual ATHENA Leadership Award during a special luncheon at Massasoit Community College. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who demonstrate professional excellence, serve their communities, and actively mentor and empower women to reach their full leadership potential.

The program also featured keynote speaker Shaleen Title, a nationally recognized attorney, educator, and advocate specializing in artificial intelligence and cannabis regulation, who shared insights on leadership, innovation, and navigating emerging industries.

Congratulations to Christiana on this well-deserved recognition and thank you to our sponsors, speakers, attendees, and everyone who helped make this inspiring celebration of women's leadership a success.

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Thank you to our event sponsor - Eastern Bank. Tom Babka, Cambridge Trust, a Division of Eastern Bank



Shaleen Title, guest speaker, Lawyer and Educator, Emerging Industries (AI, Cannabis)



ATHENA Award Recipients Phyllis Ellis, Brockton Area NAACP (2022); Christiana Oduze, MA Dept. of Developmental Services, BAMSI (2026); Elaine Reiser, BAMSI (2011); Janet Trask, Brockton VA Hospital (2014).

Behind the Scenes at Brockton's GTR Manufacturing



Metro South Chamber representatives recently joined Eliza Wilson of Brockton Economic Development and members of Powertown for a tour of GTR Manufacturing, a Brockton-based advanced manufacturing and precision machining company. The tour was led by Corinne King, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, who provided an inside look at the company's operations, capabilities, and continued growth.

Headquartered in Brockton, GTR also operates facilities in Taunton and New Hampshire and employs more than 120 people across its three locations. The visit highlighted the company's role in the region's manufacturing sector and its continued investment in innovation and skilled workforce development.



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July 7: Simple Steps for Starting Your Business - Basics

July 7: Commercial Leasing: Avoiding Pitfalls and Landmines

July 8: Recruitment and Training of Board Members for Nonprofits

July 9: Creating a Quick Business Plan

July 9: Small Business Essentials Series Certificate Program - July

July 13: Setting Up a New Business Entity

July 15: Not For Profit Workshop

July 15: Marketing Part 1: Developing Your Marketing Plan

July 16: Marketing Part 2: Promoting Your Business

July 17: Financial Business Development Strategy

July 18: Business Model Canvas: Clarify What You Sell and to Whom

July 20: Google Ads Made Simple

July 21: Get Ranked & Recommended with SEO & GEO

July 22: Artificial Intelligence

July 22: Running a Productive Nonprofit Board Meeting

July 23: Digital Marketing Foundation In An AI World

July 23: Developing Financial Projections for Your New Small Business

July 27: Starting Your Own Business

July 28: The Art of Great Writing with AI for your Nonprofit

July 29: Business Finance 1 & 2

July 29: Technology Essentials for Startups

Aug 4: Simple Steps for Starting Your Business - Basics

Aug 14: Price for Profit Without Losing Customers (Springfield)

Aug 15: Funding Your Biz: Loans, Grants, Investors, and Bootstrapping (Springfield)

Sept 1: Simple Steps for Starting Your Business - Basics

Sept 8: Simple Steps - Validation

Sept 11: Marketing for Financial Profit

Sept 15: Simple Steps - Marketing

Sept 16: SCORE NE MA 2026 Women's Business Summit (Andover)

Sept 30: Money 101 - Foundation - At Your Own Pace

HR Alternatives
Hub Technical Services
John Corcoran & Company
John DeCosta Jr., Inc. Lock & Security
MassHire Greater Brockton
Workforce Board
Modern Auto Body
New England Truck Solutions
Old Colony Planning Council
Philip Nessralla, Jr., Esq.

Ranfac Corp
Republic Services
Residence Inn by Marriott
Boston/Bridgewater
SCU Credit Union
South Shore Property Management
Stadelmann Electric
VIP Tires & Service
Walker-Clay, Inc.

Community Connections: Upcoming Events Across Metro South! Visit metrosouthchamber.com/events

Blood Drive



Make a Lifesaving Difference: Donate Blood at Westgate Mall
Westgate Mall in Brockton is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on Monday, August 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are encouraged—visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code 'Brockton'. For additional details, visit ShopatWestgateMall.com.



Edward Jones

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FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Edward Jones Open House Bridgewater. Join us for an open house to celebrate 6 amazing years serving the South Shore community.

Date: 07/15/2026, Time: 9AM – 5PM

180 Winter Street, Suite E
Bridgewater, MA 02324
(508) 697-5389



Play Ball! Brockton Rox Summer Schedule: Summer is here, and that means Brockton Rox baseball is back! Grab your family, friends, and coworkers and head to Campanelli Stadium for an evening of hometown fun, exciting baseball, and great community spirit. Check out the 2026 summer schedule below and mark your calendars for a season full of Rox action. Theme night game schedule below, get tickets at brocktonrox.com

FRIDAY
JULY 10

SHARK NIGHT

SATURDAY
JULY 11

COUNTRY NIGHT

SUNDAY
JULY 12

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

FRIDAY
JULY 17

TIK TOK NIGHT

SATURDAY
JULY 18

STAR WARS NIGHT

SUNDAY
JULY 19

KIDSFEST

TUESDAY
JULY 28

A.M. GAME

WEDNESDAY
JULY 29

A.M. GAME

THURSDAY
JULY 30

UNION NIGHT + THIRSTY THURSDAY

TUESDAY
AUGUST 4

A.M. GAME

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 5

A.M. GAME

THURSDAY
AUGUST 6

THIRSTY THURSDAY

FRIDAY
AUGUST 7

IRISH HERITAGE NIGHT

SATURDAY
AUGUST 8

BOXING NIGHT

SUNDAY
AUGUST 9

CHAMP'S BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY
AUGUST 14

UNDER CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON

SATURDAY
AUGUST 15

SHOE CITY NIGHT

SUNDAY
AUGUST 16

BARK IN THE PARK

TUESDAY
AUGUST 18

2 FOR TUESDAY BOGO TICKETS

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19

WE CARE WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
AUGUST 20

THIRSTY THURSDAY

FRIDAY
AUGUST 28

COLLEGE COLORS NIGHT

SATURDAY
AUGUST 29

GREATEST NIGHT IN BASEBALL

SUNDAY
AUGUST 30

FAN APPRECIATION DAY

Meet the Metro South Chamber Team!

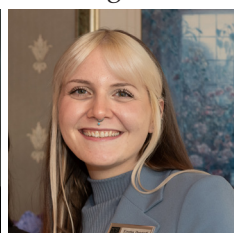
Behind every event, program, and member connection is a dedicated team working to strengthen the Metro South business community. The Chamber staff brings a mix of experience in economic development, communications, events, and member services—united by a shared commitment to helping local businesses grow and thrive.

From planning networking events and advocating for regional priorities to supporting small businesses and promoting member success stories, the team works collaboratively to deliver value at every level. Whether you're attending an event, reading our newsletter, or reaching out for resources, there's a friendly face ready to help.

We're proud to serve our members and the broader Metro South region—and we look forward to continuing to build connections that drive opportunity across our communities. We hope to see you at an upcoming event, come say hello and connect with the team! Give us a call at (508) 586-0500, visit us at 60 School Street in downtown Brockton, or email Ian at membership@metrosouthchamber.com to get involved!



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President & CEO
ext. 223



Emma Penardi, VP of Communications & Special Projects
ext. 222



Hannah McGuire, Director of Programs & Events
ext. 231



Ian Abreu, Director of Business Development & Engagement
ext. 229

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



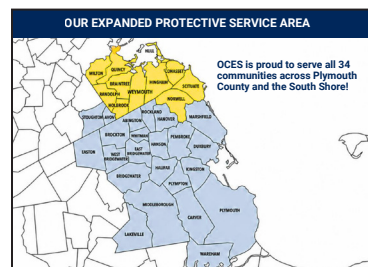
Becoming a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce provides your business opportunities to accelerate its growth. When you join the Chamber, you become a leader within the business community and a member of the region's most dynamic advocacy organization. Membership means potential new business 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 Guide to the Metro South Region
- FREE** 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 Ian Abreu at membership@metrosouthchamber.com to customize your experience.

OCES Expanding to Serve More Across the South Shore



Old Colony Elder Services (OCES) has assumed responsibility for services previously provided by South Shore Elder Services (SSES), expanding its service area to include Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate, and Weymouth. As the region's designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), OCES now provides a broad range of programs and resources for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers across the expanded service area.

The expansion strengthens the regional support network available to businesses, healthcare providers, municipalities, nonprofits, and the families they serve. OCES offers services including home care coordination, caregiver support, nutrition programs, protective services, and information and referral, helping residents remain safe, healthy, and independent. Visit ocesma.org or call (508) 584-1561 to learn more.

Jack Conway Realty Opens in Bridgewater Center

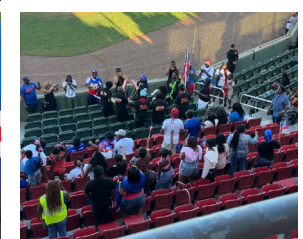


Jack Conway cuts ribbon in Bridgewater Center with a newly renovated office serving the entire region. Congratulations on such a wonderful celebration, owner Carol Bulman and the entire Conway team!

Brockton's Campanelli Stadium Hosts FIFA World Cup Watch Parties + Fan Fest



FIFA mania and New Women's Pro-Soccer Legacy facility breaks ground in Brockton and both visit Rox Stadium with two great FIFA games!



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.

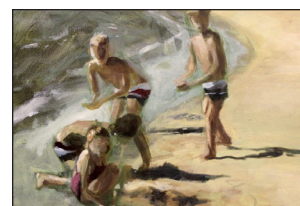


The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce's** mission is to promote the civic, economic and social welfare of its members and the Town of Norwell. They actively assist the Chamber members with the challenges of business growth, management and entrepreneurship. Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for more information.



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.

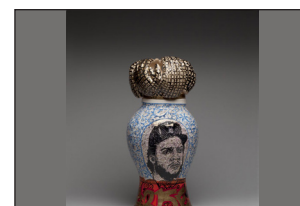
Current & Future Exhibitions at Fuller Craft Museum



Brockton Youth Creates 2026 features 30+ student works, on view July 16 through October 18.



MORE CLAY! The Power of Repetition. On view through Feb 2027. Pictured Above: David Hicks, Still Life "Nucleus"



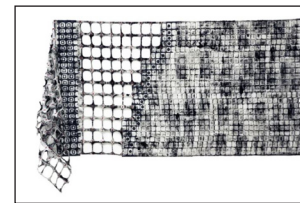
The Vessel. On view through May 2027.



Stories on the Planet: Asagi Maeda. On view through Nov 8.



Geranium and Lotus Flowers. On view through November 1.



Fiber Forward: The Judith Stern Weisman Collection. On view through December 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

METRO SOUTH Regional Economic Development Organization
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: Eliza Wilson
(508) 586-3887

Center for Women & Enterprise
Contact: Berlhey 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

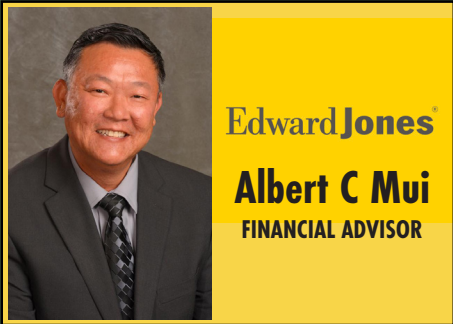
Old Colony Planning Council
Contact: Mary Waldron
(508) 583-1833 ext. 202

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

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180 Winter Street, Suite E, Bridgewater, MA 02324
(508) 697-5389 • www.edwardjones.com/us-en/financial-advisor/albert-mui

I believe financial planning starts with understanding your goals and comfort with risk before making investment decisions. Whether you're planning for retirement, saving for education, or protecting your family's financial future, I'll work with you to create a personalized strategy that evolves with your needs. Backed by the resources of Edward Jones, I also collaborate with your attorney, accountant, and other trusted professionals to provide comprehensive guidance and exceptional client service.

Divine Watch Training School



950 N Main Street, Suite 206, Randolph, MA 02368
(781) 885-2021 • www.divinewatchts.com

Founded by two registered nurses, Divine Watch Training School is dedicated to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals through hands-on training in CNA, CPR, Nursing Assistant programs, and more. Their mission is to equip students with the skills and confidence needed to provide exceptional patient care.

Hanscom Federal Credit Union



940 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301
(781) 698-2089 • www.hfcu.com

Founded on Hanscom Air Force Base in 1953, today with \$1.9 billion in assets and over 95,000 members, we are one of the most trusted credit unions headquartered in Massachusetts. Our mobile services, education programs, and innovative products are designed to help our members become financially self-sufficient and successful, whether they're well-established or just starting out. Welcome to Hanscom Federal Credit Union, where you can Do More With Your Money!

WeCare 365 AFC



528 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 584-2131 • wecare365afc.com

WeCare 365's primary goal is to ensure that our members are able to remain in the comfort of their home under a loved one's care. WeCare 365 serves as a trusted alternative to institutional placement. Our care team is trained to develop individualized care plans that meet the specific needs of our members. Our members and caregivers are treated with dignity and respect and handled with care and compassion by our amazing multilingual and multicultural staff, who strive to make a lasting, and positive impact. WeCare 365 changes lives one family at a time.

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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SCU CREDIT UNION

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TruNorthBank

When Metro South is Home, Everything's Within Reach

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

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Super 8

IHG by Hilton

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, 508.586.0500 • www.metroouthchamber.com

BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

July 14 Tall Ships Social 6:00PM - 9:00PM Fox Point Garage 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston The Tall Ships are coming to Boston! Enjoy this evening of networking on UMass Boston's "MV Columbia Point", sponsored by North Easton Savings Bank. Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events	September 24 Good Day Metro South More info coming soon. SAVE THE DATE! Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events	October 8 36th Annual Legislative Reception 5:00PM - 7:00PM Donhue Hall, Stonehill College 320 Washington Street, Easton An evening of networking with business leaders, elected officials, and candidates for public office. Connect, exchange ideas, and discuss key issues impacting Metro South businesses at the local, state, and federal levels while enjoying complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events	November 18 113th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo Expo: 10:30AM - 12PM & 1:30PM - 3PM Luncheon: 12PM-1:30PM Adult & Teen Challenge Multipurpose Auditorium 1315 Main Street, Brockton Sponsored by NESB. Join us for the Metro South Chamber's 113th Annual Meeting with Guest Speak, WB Mason CEO Leo Meehan. Economic Impact Awards, Giveaways, Recognitions, and more. Sponsorships available. Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events
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