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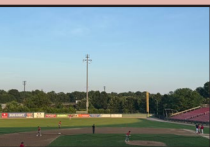
To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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# New Faces, Energy Innovation & Brockton High School Plans Featured at September Chamber Program

Thursday, September 24 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA 02301

## GOOD DAY METRO SOUTH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 11:45AM - 1:30PM

@ Thorny Lea Golf Club 159 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA 02301

- ✓ **New Faces Panel**  
Brockton Planning Director  
Mayflower Council CEO  
United Way President
- ✓ **Powertown Panel**  
Reduce Peak Energy Costs  
for Manufacturers
- ✓ **Project Overview**  
New Brockton High School

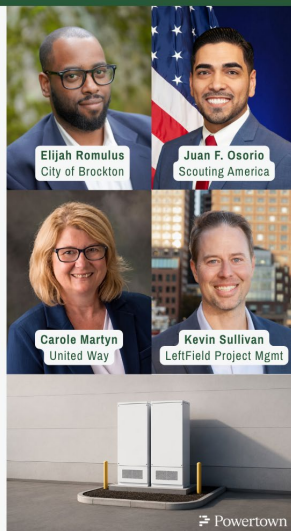


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or visit [www.metroouthchamber.com/events](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/events)



Join us for an economic development luncheon Thursday, September 24, 11:45am-1:30pm at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton, sponsored by Rockland Trust.

The event will feature a New Faces Panel highlighting new leadership across the region, including Brockton's Interim Director of Planning & Community Development Elijah Romulus; Mayflower Council, Scouting America CEO Juan Osorio; and United Way of Greater Plymouth County Interim President and CEO Carole Martyn.

A second panel will focus on reducing peak energy costs for manufacturers through on-site battery storage. Representatives from Powertown, the company leading the project, will be joined by manufacturers participating in the initiative to discuss the technology and its potential impact on their operations.

The luncheon will conclude with a project overview of the new Brockton High School, presented by Kevin Sullivan, Owner's Project Manager with LeftField. *Learn more on page 2.*

## 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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Leo Meehan, CEO, W.B. Mason

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## Chamber Mourns Board Chair Dan Evans Jr., EMI Evans Machine Co. Inc.



Daniel R. Evans, Jr., 60, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

"Dan's positivity, optimism and focus on putting people first, made him an extraordinary human being and impactful leader. He was a leader within his community at large, within his business, as chair of the Chamber and as chair of the MassHire Board of Directors. He was humble, kind and focused on people and what really mattered, always. His presence and positivity will be missed beyond compare for so many within the region." - Chris Cooney, CEO, Metro South Chamber of Commerce

Visit [www.conleypicasso.com/obituaries/daniel-evans-jr](http://www.conleypicasso.com/obituaries/daniel-evans-jr) to read the full obituary and for information regarding service and visitation schedule.



# New Faces, Energy Innovation & Brockton High School Plans Featured at September Chamber Program - About the Guest Speakers

Thursday, September 24 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Thorny Lea GC | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton



Elijah Romulus, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development for the City of Brockton

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**Elijah Romulus**, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development for the City of Brockton, brings more than a decade of experience in municipal planning, economic development, infrastructure, and resilience. A Brockton native and Brockton High Class of 2007 graduate, he holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering from RIT and Urban Planning & Environmental Policy from Tufts. He oversees planning, permitting, community development, and economic development initiatives supporting Brockton's responsible growth.



Juan F. Osorio, Scouting Executive/CEO, Mayflower Council BSA, Scouting America

**Juan F. Osorio** is Scout Executive of the Mayflower Council, BSA, serving Eastern Massachusetts. He joined the council in 2024 after serving as Scout Executive of the Chattahoochee Council in Georgia. A native of Medellín, Colombia, and former Central Falls, Rhode Island resident, Osorio began his Scouting journey as a Cub Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. A longtime advocate for access and inclusion, he co-founded the BSA's Hispanic Work Resource Group and focuses on expanding participation and ensuring Scouting meets the needs of today's families.



Carole Martyn, Interim President & CEO, United Way of Greater Plymouth County

**Carole Martyn** is Interim President & CEO of United Way of Greater Plymouth County, bringing decades of experience in leadership, learning and development, and community service. She spent more than 25 years with HarborOne Bank, most recently as Vice President of Learning and Development, leading employee education, leadership development, and professional development programs. A longtime United Way leader, Carole has served on its board since 2015, including as Board Chair. She is passionate about financial literacy, workforce development, and strengthening communities through collaboration and service.



Kevin Sullivan, Project Director for the Brockton High School Building Project, LeftField, LLC

**Kevin Sullivan** is Project Director for LeftField, LLC, the Owner's Project Manager for the Brockton High School Building Project. He brings more than 16 years of public and private construction management experience, including 14 years with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), where he oversaw K-12 school construction projects. His work includes more than \$1.5 billion in public school projects and over 100 projects across Massachusetts. In Brockton, he works with the City, schools, School Building Committee, MSBA, design team, and community to guide the project through planning and design.



Powertown

**Powertown USA** is helping manufacturers reduce energy costs through battery storage that charges during off-peak hours, helping utilities manage demand and distribute electricity more efficiently.

# Metro South Chamber Launches Referral Program to Grow and Strengthen Regional Business Community

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is launching a new membership referral initiative to encourage and reward current members, Ambassadors and Board Members for introducing business colleagues, associates, customers and vendors to the Chamber.

Beginning September 1 through December 31, 2026, eligible Metro South Chamber members will receive a \*\*\$25 Visa gift card for every new business they refer that joins the Chamber.\*\* The program is unlimited and uncapped, meaning there is no maximum number of referrals or rewards. One successful referral earns \$25; five earn \$125; and ten earn \$250.

"Research continues to reinforce something we have long believed: businesses that invest in their local chamber are viewed as more credible, more established and more engaged in the communities and regions they serve," said Chris Cooney, CCE, MPA, President & CEO of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. "Chamber members are also uniquely positioned to provide trusted business leadership and a strong, informed voice on the issues that shape economic growth and opportunity."

"Our members and volunteer leaders are therefore our greatest ambassadors. They know firsthand the value of Chamber membership and are in the best position to introduce us to business colleagues, associates, customers and vendors who would benefit from becoming more engaged in Metro South," Cooney continued.

"This new referral initiative makes those introductions easier while recognizing and rewarding the members who help us strengthen our organization. By inviting more businesses to invest in the Chamber, we broaden the business perspective at the table, strengthen our collective voice, expand connections and opportunities, and build an even stronger regional economy. There is no limit to the number of businesses a member can introduce to us. Every new relationship strengthens the Chamber, and a stronger Chamber helps strengthen the entire Metro South business community."

To qualify, the referred business must become a new Metro South Chamber member and cannot be an existing member or an active prospect already in the Chamber's membership pipeline. The referring member will receive the \$25 Visa gift card once the new member has completed enrollment and payment. Members are encouraged to consider customers, vendors, suppliers, colleagues, business associates and neighboring employers they interact with and make a personal introduction to the Chamber.

"We know businesses are much more likely to consider Chamber membership when the invitation comes from someone they already know, respect and trust," said Ian Abreu, Director of Business Development at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. "Our goal is to turn the relationships that already exist throughout our membership into an even stronger network of advocates for Metro South. Every introduction gives us an opportunity to bring another business to the table, strengthen our regional network and create new connections and opportunities for everyone."



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

The initiative supports the Chamber's efforts to connect more businesses with networking and relationship-building opportunities, educational programming, advocacy, business resources and community connections. **Businesses interested in learning more about Chamber membership, or members interested in participating, can contact Ian Abreu at (508) 586-0500, ext. 229, or email [membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com)**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                                                   |                                                        |
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| Robert Haffey - Signature Healthcare              | Scott Sanborn - Hometown Financial Group               |
| Kelly Mallory - Mallory Headsets, Inc.            | Rich Spencer - North Easton Savings Bank               |
| Jeni Mather - JM Pet Resort                       | Andrew St. Pierre - Brockton Plumbing & Heating Supply |

CHAMBER STAFF

|                                                                    |                                                                                        |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
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CHAMBER Calendar

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

September

|    |                                                                           |         |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 09 | Ambassador Meeting<br>Virtual Meeting via Zoom                            | 9:00AM  |
| 24 | Good Day Metro South<br>Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton | 11:45AM |

October

|    |                                                                                                          |        |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 07 | Ambassador Meeting<br>Virtual Meeting via Zoom                                                           | 9:00AM |
| 08 | Legislative Reception<br>Stonehill College, Donahue Hall: 320 Washington Street, Easton                  | 5:00PM |
| 16 | New England Real Estate Journal / MSCC Summit<br>The Shaw’s Center: One Feinberg Way, Brockton, MA 02301 | 9:00AM |

November

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 18 | 113th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo<br>B2B Expo: 10:30AM-12:00PM & 1:30PM-3:00PM<br>Luncheon 12:00PM-1:30PM<br>Multipurpose Auditorium @ Adult & Teen Challenge:<br>1315 Main Street, Brockton | 12:00PM |
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December

|    |                                                                                                  |         |
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| 18 | Good Day Metro South: Holiday Edition<br>Fuller Craft Museum: 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301 | 11:45AM |
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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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It takes the right tools to start or grow a business. And it takes customers to keep business growing.

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

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

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

## UP-TO-DATE News

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

- 9/2: Tech Talks with Rob: Getting Found Online: Google, AI Search, and Your Digital Presence
- 9/15: Veteran Founder Blueprint (8 weeks through Nov 3)
- 9/17: Small Business Open House (Fall River)
- 9/23: Small Business Open House (Pittsfield)
- 10/4: Tech Talks with Rob: Year End Tech Tune-Up: Simplify, Secure, and Set Up 2027 for Success
- 1/28-29/2027: Export Expo

### Brockton Farmers Market Open through 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](https://brocktonfarmersmarket.com)

Members - send Good News to [estration@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:estration@metrosouthchamber.com)

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### Bluestone Bank Launches Community Commitment Initiative to Support Local Nonprofits



**Bluestone BANK**  
Let's get there, together.

Bluestone Bank launched its Community Commitment Initiative, a one-time funding opportunity awarding \$10,000–\$25,000 to eligible local nonprofits. Applications are open through Sept. 25, 2026, with priority for housing, health, food access, education, financial literacy and children's programs.

### Hometown Financial Group, Inc. Announces Agreement to Acquire Primary Bank and Plan for Mutual-to-Stock Conversion



Hometown Financial Group, parent company of bankESB, bankHometown and TruNorth Bank, announced an agreement to acquire Primary Bank

in a deal valued at approximately \$160 million. The acquisition will add four New Hampshire locations and \$743 million in assets. The merger and Hometown's planned mutual-to-stock conversion are expected to close in Q1 2027.

### Downtown Brockton Art & Music Festival (DBAM)

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## DOWNTOWN BROCKTON Arts & Music Festival

**DBAM 2026**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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Get ready for the Downtown Brockton Arts & Music Festival! Join Brockton Arts on Saturday, Sept. 12, 1–7 PM at the Stacy Adams Cultural Arts Building, 33 Dover St. Enjoy live music, local art, cultural performances, food trucks, family activities, and more! FREE & family-

friendly. Advance registration required. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/4wrjac6t>. Contact Jeremie Marcellus [brocktonarts@gmail.com](mailto:brocktonarts@gmail.com).

### SBA Offers Relief to Massachusetts Businesses and Private Nonprofits Affected by February Blizzard



The SBA is offering low-interest disaster loans to eligible Massachusetts small businesses and private nonprofits affected by the Feb. 22–27 blizzard. Loans of up to \$2 million can help cover operating expenses, payroll, debts and other bills. Applications are due March 12, 2027. Visit [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster).

### Exclusive Concert Offer for Chamber Members



Metro South Chamber members can enjoy special pricing on VIP concert experiences at venues including Xfinity Center and Leader Bank Pavilion! Benefits include VIP box tickets, parking, in-seat service and private VIP Club access. Upcoming shows include Rob Zombie, Pitbull, TLC & Salt-N-Pepa, Hayley Williams, O.A.R., Staind and more. Contact Chris Elias for details, email [chriselias@livenation.com](mailto:chriselias@livenation.com)

## Health Care Matters

Boston Medical Center - South

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

508-427-3000

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

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 [masshiregbbc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs](http://masshiregbbc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs) for a complete, up-to-date list.



SCAN ME

**MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, Brockton, MA**  
Staff Accountant & Payroll Specialist, 24535758

**Town of Easton, North Easton, MA**  
Assistant Town Clerk, 24593161

**Martignetti Companies, Taunton**  
Business Systems Analyst, 24594587  
IT Helpdesk Technician, 24594592  
Director, Marketing and Non-Alcohol, 24594615  
Warehouse Supervisor, Mid, 24594616  
Warehouse Supervisor, Nights, 24594617  
Facilities Supervisor, 24594618  
Director, Human Resources Operations, 24594621

**Aspire Health and Community Services, Braintree, MA**  
Outreach Case Worker, Braintree, 24592488  
ACCS Recovery Coach, Braintree, 24592491  
Residential Rehab Coordinator, Randolph, 24592494  
Residential Rehab Coordinator, Weymouth, 24592499  
Residential Rehab Educator, Part time, Brockton, 24592505  
Residential Rehab Educator, Part time, Brockton, 24592509

**MA Department of Correction, Bridgewater, MA**  
Correction Officer I, 24584234

**Bank of Canton, Canton, MA**  
Senior Marketing Specialist, 24579121

**Charlesbridge, Various Locations:**  
South Shore Bank, Senior Personal Banking Advisor, Hanover, 24584218  
Dedham Savings, Senior Credit Analyst, 24584228  
Dedham Savings, Branch Supervisor, Dedham Square, 24584232  
Dedham Savings, Credit Portfolio Manager I, 24584238

**Everett's Auto Parts, Brockton, MA**  
Human Resources Administrator, 24584645  
Heavy Equipment Operator, 24584637  
Automotive Parts Cashier, 24584638

**Hilb Group, Stoughton, MA**  
Dental Assistant, 24587425

**Advanced Home Care Services, Braintree, MA**  
HM, PCA, HHA CNA, RN, and Admin, 24587481

**F.H. Peterson Machine Corporation, Stoughton, MA**  
CNC Milling Machinist, 24584765

**Industrial Communications Boston Headqtr, Marshfield, MA**  
Construction Estimator, 24584772  
Concrete Form/Civil Laborer, 24584780  
Tower Technician (Sign on Bonus of \$1200), 24584781

**Cape Cod Café, Southeast, MA**  
Shift Manager, Halifax, 24584769  
Front of House Manager, Brockton, 24584768

**Italian Kitchen, Brockton, MA**  
Restaurant Team Member, part time, 24584766  
Restaurant Operations Manager, 24584767

**GRS Transit, Abington, MA**  
7D-Certified Van Driver, 24587500

**Fagron Sterile Services, Canton, MA**  
Packaging Associate, 24584629

**Lowe's, West Bridgewater, MA**  
Retail Sales- Part time, 24584280

**Self Help Inc., – Head Start, Brockton**

Home Visitor, 24563559  
Health Specialist, 24563563  
Maintenance Worker, 24563567  
Bus Driver, 24563581  
Family Advocate, 24563589  
Billing Specialist, 24563591  
Intake/Certifier Specialist, 24563597  
HEARTWAP Outreach Coordinator, 24563600  
Early Head Start Toddler Teacher, 24563606  
Kitchen Aide, 24569687  
Prep Cook, 24569699

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## JOB FAIR FALL 2026



Fall outdoor job fair under the concourse at the Brockton Rox Stadium; this will be a great opportunity to meet job seekers face to face. Reserve your table now, only \$45.00 to reserve.



**Thursday**  
September 10



**Time**  
10.00 AM - 12.00 PM



Campanelli Stadium,  
home of the Brockton  
Rox

### REGISTRATION



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## Chamber Partners w College Board for Expanded Role

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is building stronger connections between employers, educators, workforce organizations, and higher education through its partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and College Board's Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce initiative. The partnership focuses on expanding access to AP Business with Personal Finance and AP Cybersecurity, courses that address employer demand for financial literacy, business fundamentals, technology, and workforce-ready skills.

Over the past several months, the Chamber has brought these workforce priorities into conversations throughout the region. In May, the Chamber hosted College Board Executive Director Clare Bertrand at its Workforce and Education Summit, including educators and workforce representatives. The Chamber engaged four educational organizations representing five schools: Brockton Public Schools; New Heights Charter School; Easton Public Schools; and South Shore Vocational Technical High School. Earlier in the year, Brockton Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Priya Tahiliani addressed the Chamber Board during planning for the following school year, and the district moved forward with plans to include both AP courses in its offerings.

The work also connects directly to the Chamber's strategic planning. In June, the Chamber Board held its annual retreat at Stonehill College, bringing together business and higher education leaders for a facilitated discussion led by Bryan Baldwin on the future of the Metro South region. The group examined regional strengths and challenges, business and residential attractiveness through 2030, and forces shaping the region, including technology, economic pressures, demographic change, and workforce needs. With leaders from Bridgewater State University, Massasoit Community College, Stonehill College, and regional businesses at the table, workforce needs were central to the conversation. Baldwin will present the results at the Chamber's August Board meeting.

Through the College Board partnership, district outreach, and collaboration with MassHire and higher education partners, the Chamber is strengthening connections between education and employment while expanding pathways to credentials and work-based learning. This work demonstrates the Chamber's role as a regional convener, bringing employer needs to the table to help prepare students for the workforce and businesses for the future.



[First photo] Clare Bertrand, College Board addresses chamber audience and school districts across the Metro South region, including [second photo] districts represented by Paul Bello, South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School (serving nine towns - Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, and Whitman), and Daniel Fitzgerald, Oliver Ames High School (serving the Town of Easton).



Members of the Metro South Chamber Board of Directors participate in the Chamber's annual strategic planning retreat at Stonehill College, examining regional strengths, challenges, and workforce needs as part of the Chamber's long-term strategy for the Metro South region.

## Tropical Smoothie Cafe Opens in Easton!



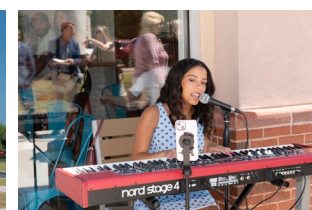
community.

The grand opening brought together the owners, staff, local leaders, friends, and supporters to celebrate the occasion. Guests had the opportunity to experience the new location, meet the team, and enjoy an afternoon of food, entertainment, and community connection. The celebration also featured a performance by Carina Melodies, a Berklee College of Music student, adding live music to the festivities.

State Representative Bridget Plouffe attended the celebration and presented an official citation recognizing the opening. She was accompanied by Julie Smith from the office of State Representative Lisa Field, adding to the strong community support for the new business.

The opening represents another exciting addition to Easton's business community and highlights the continued investment being made by local entrepreneurs throughout the Metro South region.

The Metro South Chamber is proud to support new businesses as they open their doors and become part of the communities they serve. Congratulations to Anthony Vicente, Tony Vicente, Ollie Spears, and the entire Tropical Smoothie Cafe team on their new Easton location.



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## Summer Networking Fun at the Rox w Eastern Bank!

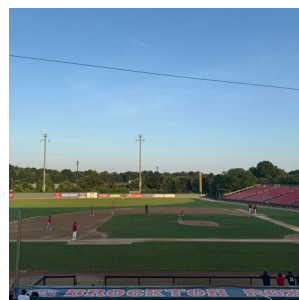
Metro South Chamber members enjoyed a summer evening of networking, baseball, and community at Campanelli Stadium, hosted in partnership with the Brockton Rox and Eastern Bank. Guests connected over food and drinks before settling in to enjoy the Rox game. It was a fun night of building relationships, supporting local business, and enjoying America's pastime together. The Chamber thanks the Brockton Rox and Eastern Bank for helping make the evening a success!



Brockton Rox General Manager, Connor Carey



Chamber members and guests network in the Eastern Bank box seats at Campanelli Stadium



## Chamber Visits Hanscom FCU's WealthTrek in Boston



Thank you Megala Anbazhagan, Matthew Francis, Michele Hart, and the Hanscom Federal Credit Union team for hosting us!

The Metro South Chamber recently visited Hanscom Federal Credit Union's WealthTrek in Boston to experience its innovative approach to financial wellness firsthand. Located at Government Center, WealthTrek combines financial education with a guided, escape-room-style adventure where participants learn through puzzles, challenges, and everyday money scenarios.

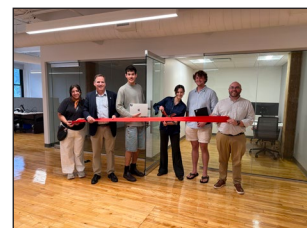
We took on the Boston experience, Meow or Never: Cats, Puzzles, and Purrsonal Finance, and can confirm: it's actually a lot of fun. Rather than sitting through a traditional financial education presentation, participants learn by doing, working together to solve challenges while exploring practical financial concepts.

The Boston location is part of Hanscom FCU's broader effort to make financial wellness more accessible, engaging, and approachable. The experience takes about 30–50 minutes and accommodates up to four players.

Thank you to Hanscom FCU for welcoming the Chamber team and giving us a firsthand look at this creative new way to make financial education interactive!

## Powertown Opens Seaport Office, Expands to Brockton

### ≡ Powertown



Hannah McGuire, Chris Cooney, MSCC; Elio Torres, Elson Bankoff, Cole Cochrane, Powertown; and Ian Abreu, Metro South Chamber.

Powertown is expanding its presence with a new Seaport office at 374 Congress Street, Boston, and another office at 60 School Street in Brockton. The company recently celebrated the Seaport location with a ribbon cutting.

Powertown's battery storage technology helps businesses reduce energy costs by charging during off-peak hours and using stored power during peak demand. The model also helps utilities better manage electricity demand.

The Metro South Chamber congratulates Powertown on its continued growth and investment in the region!

## Metro South Meets Sail Boston for America's 250th

Metro South Chamber members celebrated America's 250th anniversary with a sold-out sunset cruise aboard the M/V Columba Point, hosted by UMass Boston Captain Shawn and cruise partner North Easton Savings Bank.

Guests enjoyed an evening along the Boston waterfront, taking in the Sail Boston festivities, beautiful views and plenty of relaxed conversation with fellow members and business leaders. Special thanks to Phil, Chris, Mary and the entire crew for making it a wonderful evening on the water!



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# MEMBER Profile - Leah Lane Flowers

**Company Name:** Leah Lane Flowers

**Address:** P.O. Box 116  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

**Website:** leahlaneflowers.com

**Year Established:** 2026

**Products or Services:** Flower preservation including wedding bouquets, real flowers preserved in catchall trays to be used as home decor, vanity, bedside table, nightstand and or bathroom dishes.

**Number of Employees:** Owner only

**What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?** My first career was critical care nursing including aeromedical transport in which i continue now to work in a thoracic surgery icu caring for open chest surgeries including lung transplantation and ecmo. I have transitioned to preserving flowers after buying a home in TN, as keepsakes as a second career which makes my crafting uniquely different due to the construction, maker, and story.

**What is your market area?** Nationwide

**What markets do you serve?** Wedding, home decor, events

**What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community?** My business is specific recognizing the life events and emotional attachments to those events after working in a complex and tragic healthcare system for over 20 years. People buy, display and preserve flowers for the emotion they carry.



# RENEWING Members!

*Thank you!*

Air Energy Group, LLC  
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Artisan Industries Inc.  
Brewster Ambulance Service  
Brockton Symphony Orchestra  
CareerWorks/UMDI  
Catholic Charities South  
Chapel of New Hope, Inc.  
Citrin Cooperman  
City of Brockton  
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Farley Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Grow Associates, Inc.  
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Heidi's Hollow Farm  
Italian Kitchen  
Jack Conway & Company, Inc.  
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Lynch for Congress  
NeighborWorks Housing Solutions  
Parker Property Management Inc.  
Rotary Club of Brockton

# WELCOME New Members!

*Reinvesting in Our Community*

**Fine New England Living At Coldwell Banker Realty**  
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Whitman, MA 02382  
(781) 252-0512  
[www.finenewenglandliving.com](http://www.finenewenglandliving.com)  
*Real Estate/Residential*

**Alpha Chemical Services, Inc.**  
Elsie Dauksevicz  
46 Morton Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072  
(781) 341-3460  
<https://gtrmfg.com/>  
*Manufacturing*

**Quinlan & Company Inc.**  
Daniel Quinlan  
44 Pleasant Street  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
(508) 238-6528  
<https://quinlancompany.net/>  
*Home Improvements*

**Leah Lane Flowers**  
Jennifer Vieira  
P.O. Box 116  
Bridgewater, MA 02324  
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<https://leahlaneflowers.com/>  
*Florists*

**Metacommet Studio Agency, LLC.**  
Adam Zeidman  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
(508) 443-4059  
<https://www.metacommetstudio.com/>  
*Marketing/Public Relations*

**Clean Earth Energy**  
Colin Robichaud  
42 Sutton Street  
Weymouth, MA 02188  
(781) 910-4145  
<https://cleaneearth.energy/>  
*Solar Energy*

South Shore Habitat for Humanity  
Spilldam Environmental, Inc.  
St. Joseph Manor Health Care, Inc.  
Tiny & Sons Glass Co.  
TJocelyne Counseling and

**Tiny Hands Enrichment Center**  
Alicia Meyers  
474 N Bedford Street  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333  
(617) 436-2390  
<https://tinyhandsec.com/>  
*Child Care*

**Common Wealth Realty Services & Property Preservation**  
Sonia Hart  
44 Intervale Street  
Boston, MA 02121  
(617) 777-4331  
*Insurance*

**WORK Inc.**  
Andrea Cook  
25 Beach Street  
Dorchester, MA 02122  
(617) 691-1528  
<https://www.workinc.org>  
*Human Services*

**N-Gon Viet Subs**  
James Lam  
321 Crescent Street  
Brockton MA 02302  
(508) 521-3234  
<https://www.ngonvietsubs.com/>  
*Restaurants*

**NEAMC Primary Care**  
Natalia Mattke  
20 Pleasant Street  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
(508) 894-7922  
<https://www.neamcpc.com/>  
*Veterinarians*

**To promote your business and support your community, contact Ian Abreu, Development Director**  
(508) 586-0500 x 229  
[membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com)

Consulting Clinic  
Town of Bridgewater  
TruNorth Bank  
Unified Family and Youth Network, Inc.  
Woodwards Auto Parts & Spring Shop

# Essentials of Starting a Business: 5 Part In-Person Workshop Series with Your Own Dedicated Business Mentors



**Essentials of Starting a Business: 5 Part In-Person Workshop Series**  
Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29, and October 13 from 5:30-7:30pm @ Stonehill College, Meehan School of Business, 320 Washington Street in North Easton.

Essentials of Starting a Business was developed as a series of workshops that build on each other to give you an effective model for launching your venture. You'll develop a plan, increased knowledge and confidence in running your business, while gaining a dedicated SCORE mentor to help you along your journey. A small fee of only \$50 covers all five sessions. It is highly recommended that you attend all five sessions to get maximum benefit from the program.

To sign up, scan the QR code! Questions? Contact Linda Foss at [scoresemass@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:scoresemass@scorevolunteer.org)

**Session 1 – Discovery**  
*Tuesday, Sept. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

Our presenters will guide you through the crucial first steps in launching your business. Learn how to formalize your business idea and set realistic goals, determine whether you have the entrepreneurial mindset critical to success, create the all-important elevator pitch, and develop personas of your target customers.

**Session 2 – Validation**  
*Tuesday, Sept. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

You have quantified your idea and your goals. But is your business feasible? We will show you how to research your target market to determine whether there is an opportunity for your product or service. This session will also cover sales and marketing and teach you how to convert a lead into a sale!

**Session 3 – Financial Matters**  
*Tuesday, Sept. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

Your business cannot succeed without effective financial management. This session will cover the essentials of financial accounting, how to understand key financial statements, how to forecast revenue, and a path to building your business's valuation.

**Session 4 – Business Planning**  
*Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

We will educate you on the many structures available for your new business (LLC, sole proprietorship, partnership, and others) and how to determine

which is right for your venture. This session also covers funding options, including an insider's view of what lenders are looking for.

In addition, you'll begin a two-week collaboration with a dedicated SCORE mentor who will guide you through developing an Investor Pitch. This critical document is the key to securing the funding you need to make your dream a reality.

**Session 5 – Investor Pitch**  
*Tuesday, October 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

During this session, you will present your Investor Pitch to your peers, giving you valuable practice for making your presentation to lenders and investors. You will also hear your classmates' pitches to gain innovative ideas for refining your document.

**Your Presenters**



**Program Coordinator and Presenter:**  
**Brian Gorman, Certified SCORE Mentor**

Brian has more than 40 years of sales, executive sales management, marketing, and operational experience in the software industry. His career was focused on sales/marketing and operational roles at several early-stage and startup companies. He grew multiple startups into industry leaders within the local media-publishing industry. He now volunteers as a SCORE mentor and runs his own consulting business, bootstrap2success. Brian recently taught entrepreneurship as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Stonehill College.



**Presenter:**  
**Rich MacKeen, Certified SCORE Mentor**

Rich has extensive experience building and leading high-growth companies. He was a founding member of several startups that grew into successful, thriving businesses. As a SCORE mentor, Rich advises entrepreneurs on how to start and/or grow businesses in the areas of evaluating business ideas, creating a winning customer experience, and recommending technology solutions.



**Presenter:**  
**Rich Piccolo, Certified SCORE Mentor**

Rich began his career as a CPA at Deloitte with a focus on small businesses. Many were early stage, pre-revenue ventures, so he has lived the challenges you currently face. He also spent 30+ years in senior management roles, primarily as Chief Financial Officer for manufacturing, software, and financial-services companies. Now retired, Rich serves as a business mentor for SCORE, EforAll, and his own clients on a pro-bono basis.

## 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 2029 are George Spilios, Crown Linen; Greg Hart, CPA, Bay Financial Associates; Matthew Osborne, Eastern Bank (extended with bank merger).

Nominated to serve a two-year term in the Class of 2028 are Carol Chin, McDonald's; Scott Sanborn, TruNorth Bank; and Rich Hynes, Barbour Corporation.

Nominated to serve a one-year term in the Class of 2027 are Kelly Mallory, Mallory Headsets; 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 11, 2026. 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 18, 2026. All Board of Directors' meetings are open to any Chamber member who wishes to attend.

## 5 Benefits of Joining Your Local Chamber

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



Learn how to maximize your chamber membership

## SEED Corp. Offers Entrepreneurial Workshops

Throughout the year, SEED holds and participates in events geared toward educating, preparing, and empowering small business owners as well as all those who serve budding and seasoned entrepreneurs. Workshop schedule for September below:

**-Sept 22:** Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals & Financing Basics (Virtual)

**-Sept 23:** Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals & Financing Basics (In-Person @ SCU Credit Union, Commercial St.)

**Topics will include:** What Lenders Look For: Business Financing, Requirements of a Loan Application Package, Importance of Completing a Business Plan and Financial Projections, Local Resources/ Assistance Available to Small Businesses. The workshop is open to anyone currently in business, starting a business, or thinking about someday owning a business, as well as business assistance professionals who would like to learn more about SEED's technical assistance programming.

Registration is required, visit [seedcorp.com](http://seedcorp.com) to sign up or contact Ashley Ricard for assistance [aricard@seedcorp.com](mailto:aricard@seedcorp.com)



## 36th Annual Legislative Reception - You're Invited!

Thursday, October 8 | 5-7:30PM | Donahue Hall, Stonehill College | 320 Washington St., Easton



Program Sponsor:



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STONEHILL COLLEGE

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 8th for the 36th Annual Legislative and Candidates Reception.** The reception will be held at **Donahue Hall, on the campus of Stonehill College in Easton from 5:00 - 7:30PM.**



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](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events). Questions? Contact Hannah McGuire at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x 231 for assistance.*

## New England Real Estate Journal to Partner with Chamber for Annual Economic Development Summit

Friday, October 16 | 9-12PM | The Shaw's Center | One Feinberg Way, Brockton, MA 02301



Save the date! The Metro South Chamber will partner with New England Real Estate Journal once again to bring you the annual business summit. Topics of discussion will include housing, development and redevelopment, and issues of regional importance.

Guest speakers include Eric Shupin, CEO, Citizens' Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA); Andrew Mikula, Legalize Starter Homes/ Yes on 7; Jay Pateakos, City of Taunton Economic Development Director, Erin Corcoran, Greystar, and more TBA.

The agenda is as follows:

8-9AM: Registration, networking, light breakfast

9-9:30AM: Keynote Speaker

9:30-11AM: Panel Discussion

11-12PM: Networking & Conclusion

Pre-registration is required. Sign up at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events).

## Chamber Mourns Former Board Member Larry Siskind

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce mourns the passing of Lawrence "Larry" Siskind, a longtime Brockton attorney, community leader and former member of the Chamber's Board of Directors. Siskind passed away June 6, 2026, at age 83.

Larry served on the Chamber's Board from 2005 to 2013, bringing his experience, leadership and deep commitment to the Brockton community to the organization. He was also active in numerous local civic and charitable organizations throughout his career.

The Chamber extends its sincere condolences to Larry's family, friends and colleagues. He will be remembered for his many contributions to the community and his years of service to the Metro South business community.



Larry Siskind (Center) Recognized with Board Service Award at Metro South Chamber's 100th Annual Meeting in 2013.

## 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.

## Got Your Guide to the Metro South Region?



The Metro South Chamber's 2026-2027 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, and cheer on the Brockton Rox at Campanelli Stadium! 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 Ian for Membership! (508) 586-0500 x229, email [membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com), or visit [metrosouthchamber.com](http://metrosouthchamber.com)

## Federal, State, and Regional Resources for Businesses

The **Metro South** Regional Economic Development Organization 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

## Allan Veterinary Clinic



627 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
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Our services are designed to support your pet’s everyday needs as well as common health concerns. We focus on non-emergency care and preventative wellness to keep pets thriving year-round. Services include: vaccinations and wellness exams, dental cleanings and periodontal care, ear infection treatment and allergy support, spay/neuter services and microchipping, sedation-based grooming for nervous pets, pet telehealth consultations, diabetes management, skin care, and more.

## Powertown, Inc.



374 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210  
(202) 365-1109 • [powertownusa.com](http://powertownusa.com)

Powertown helps businesses lower their electricity costs while strengthening the local power grid. Through its Powerblock energy storage system, Powertown installs and manages battery storage at commercial properties at no upfront cost. The system automatically stores energy when costs are lower and uses it during peak-demand periods, helping businesses reduce their electric bills without disrupting operations. Its mission is to build a new layer of grid infrastructure that benefits businesses and communities first.

## East Coast Storage



19 Camden Street, Stoughton, MA 02072  
(781) 866-6753 • [eastcoaststorage.com](http://eastcoaststorage.com)

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## New England Tortilla



1020 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
(617) 889-6462 • [miniatorrilla.com](http://miniatorrilla.com)

Tortilleria Mi Niña was founded after Chef Jamie enjoyed fresh corn tortilla chips shipped by his mother-in-law from her hometown in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Today, Mi Niña produces tortilla chips using the 3,500-year-old process of nixtamalization, soaking corn in water and limestone before grinding it with hand-carved volcanic stones. Made with just three ingredients—100% U.S. organic white corn, filtered water and mineral lime—the chips stay true to tradition while bringing authentic flavor to New England and beyond.



**METRO SOUTH BAC**  
Business Assistance Center

## 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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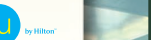
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## When Metro South is Home, Everything's Within Reach

**Hundreds of Dining Options • Great Conference Space  
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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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| <h3>September 24</h3> <h4>Good Day Metro South</h4> <p>11:45AM - 1:30PM<br/>Thorny Lea Golf Club<br/>159 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA 02301</p> <p>New Faces Panel: Brockton Planning Director, Mayflower Council CEO, United Way President. Powertown Panel: Reduce Peak Energy Costs for Manufacturers. Project Overview: New Brockton High School.</p> <p>Sponsored by Rockland Trust.</p> <p>Register: <a href="http://metrosouthchamber.com/events">metrosouthchamber.com/events</a></p> | <h3>October 8</h3> <h4>36th Annual Legislative Reception</h4> <p>5:00PM - 7:00PM<br/>Donahue Hall, Stonehill College<br/>320 Washington Street, Easton</p> <p>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. Sponsored by SCU Credit Union.</p> <p>Register: <a href="http://metrosouthchamber.com/events">metrosouthchamber.com/events</a></p> | <h3>October 16</h3> <h4>NEREJ/MSCC Business Summit</h4> <p>9:00AM - 12:00PM<br/>The Shaw's Center<br/>One Feinberg Way, Brockton</p> <p>Topic discussions: housing, new multi-family projects, and the re-development of multi-family properties from Brockton to Taunton.</p> <p>Register: <a href="http://metrosouthchamber.com/events">metrosouthchamber.com/events</a></p> | <h3>November 18</h3> <h4>113th Annual Meeting &amp; B2B Expo</h4> <p>Expo: 10:30AM - 12PM &amp; 1:30PM - 3PM<br/>Luncheon: 12PM-1:30PM<br/>Adult &amp; Teen Challenge Multipurpose Auditorium<br/>1315 Main Street, Brockton</p> <p>Sponsored by NESB. Join us for the Metro South Chamber's 113th Annual Meeting with Guest Speak, W.B. Mason CEO Leo Meehan. Economic Impact Awards, Giveaways, Recognitions, and more. Sponsorships available.</p> <p>Register: <a href="http://metrosouthchamber.com/events">metrosouthchamber.com/events</a></p> |
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