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Brockton Tax Hearing:

It's Time to Speak Up!

*December 8, 2014 **Brockton City Hall**

Brockton is the hub of the Metro South Region (south of Boston). With an extensive infrastructure, ample workforce, and strategic location, it is a natural hub of business and an attractive city for businesses looking to grow and expand. Aside from these factors, however, the most prominent indicator a business considers in choosing where to operate is the commercial tax rate. This is particularly true when comparing a nearby community or a similar sized "gateway city." When combining a lower commercial tax rate with water and sewer rates, a city like Brockton can gain a significant strategic advantage in attracting and retaining business. In order to achieve growth, Brockton must provide an irresistible value to business. Setting a tax rate of 1.5 is a clear sign, Brockton wants business!

Over the past 4 years, the City Council took a step to attract and retain business when they adopted a tax fairness strategy by a 6 - 5 vote. This step is part of a larger strategy designed to attract and retain businesses in Brockton, thereby increasing the commercial tax base and alleviating the burden to residents. The Chamber considers the move toward a factor of 1.5 beneficial to Brockton residents because when businesses locate and grow here, job creation for city residents is the result. Business-friendly policies promote strong businesses and in turn good jobs.

The current commercial tax in Brockton is 33.96 for every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value - up from \$18.48 in 2008.

Join us at Brockton City Hall on *December 8th (tentative date -stay tuned for confirmation) to prevent an increase in this Commercial Tax Rate. Let vour concerns be heard!

Annual Meeting Draws 500+, Elects Sue Joss as Chair

Banner Year Celebrated; Centennial Fund Goal Exceeded!

A sold-out crowd of nearly 500 business people attended the Metro South Chamber of Commerce 101st Annual Meeting & Expo on November 19, 2014 at the Conference Center at Massasoit sponsored Brockton, Credit Union, Crescent UMASS Donahue Institute, Bridgewater State University. The event celebrated the conclusion of the Metro South Chamber's 100th year of serving businesses and exceeding the goal of the Chamber's Centennial Campaign Fund.

The celebration included an Expo featuring over 50 businesses, caricature drawings,

strolling holiday carollers, valuable raffles and give-aways, and keynote speaker Ken Gronbach. The event also featured the presentation of numerous awards including the Charles A. Fuller Award to President of Bridgewater State University, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, and Board Service Awards



Governor-elect Charlie Baker & Susan Joss, Chamber Chair

to Loretta DeGrazia, East Coast Petroleum; Steve Hall, Control Point Technologies; and Patricia Williams, HarborOne Bank.

In addition, Economic Impact Awards were presented to 11 companies whose combined investment exceeded eighty-five million dollars and represents employment of 450 people.

Susan Joss, Executive Director of Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, was elected Chair of the Metro South Chamber, following William Morse of Mutual Bank who recently completed his term. Joss is the second woman to serve as the Chair in the history of the Metro South

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President of MA Taxpayers Foundation at Next Breakfast

Thursday, December 11, 2014, 7:30 am - 9:00 am, Shaw's Center

GOVERNMENTAffairs & Good Morning Metro South

Join us at the next special edition Good Morning Metro South and Government Affairs combined

breakfast meeting on Thursday, December 11 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am at The Shaw's Center, 1 Feinberg Way in Brockton. The featured speaker is President of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Michael Widmer.



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Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation



Michael Widmer **MA Taxpayers Foundation**

Set to retire at the end of this year, Michael J. Widmer has been leading the MA Taxpayers Foundation since 1992. Founded in 1932, the Taxpayers Foundation is widely recognized as the state's premier public policy organization dealing with state spending, tax, and economic policies. Foundation's record of high

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quality research and non-partisan analysis has earned the organization broad credibility on Beacon Hill and across the state.

Mr. Widmer joined the Foundation in 1990 after more than 20 years of management and political experience in both the public and private sectors in Massachusetts. A cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Widmer also holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from Harvard University.

Also during the Good Morning Metro South breakfast, Rob Peters Entertainment will lead



attendees in a game of musical holiday bingo! Join us for the holiday fun.

Please bring non-perishable canned food items

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Business After Hours at Eastern Bank

Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 3 from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm for a Chamber Business After

Hours. This networking event will take place at Eastern Bank,



Please save the date and join us on bank and earned their reputation as a bank that cares about its customers, communities, and employees. Visit

easternbank.com for more information.

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1265 Belmont Street in Brockton. Eastern Bank has helped generations of individuals, families, and businesses reach their goals for nearly two centuries. They've accomplished it with honest values and service that always puts their customers first. It's how they've grown to be the largest independent mutually owned

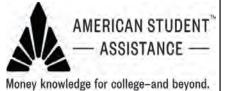
business cards and join us for an evening of networking, refreshments, and raffles. Register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration, or contact Athena Lavoie, alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x231. Please RSVP in advance for this complimentary event.

American Student Assistance Celebration

Friday, December 5, 2:30 pm

Join us in celebrating the Grand Re-opening of American Student Assistance at their new location at 231 Main Street in Brockton on Friday, December 5. (Snow date is

December 12). A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2:30 pm, with a reception to follow until 5:00 pm,



including complimentary appetizers and desserts. American Student Assistance® (ASA) is a private nonprofit dedicated to opening the gateway to opportunity by revo-

lutionizing the way students approach,

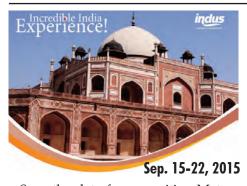
finance, and repay their higher education. Their vision is for every student who wants a college degree to be able to get it in a financially responsible way.

ASA's College Planning Centers—located in Boston, Brockton, and Chelsea helps young people and adults from all backgrounds plan for college and find sources of financial aid through school-based programs located in libraries and community agencies. Many of their programs, backed by a wide range of supporting partners, focus on improving college preparation, enrollment, and success for students traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

For more information, please contact Athena Lavoie, 508.586.0500 x231, or visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

Chamber Travel: Incredible India Experience!



Save the date for an exciting Metro South Chamber travel opportunity, taking place in Fall 2015!

Explore India in this once-in-a-lifetime 10 day travel trip. Your journey starts in Delhi and moves on to Samode, Jaipur, Agra, and back to Delhi. Feel like royalty with royal welcomes, spa activities, and a Gala dinner at the Samode Palace. You'll get the chance to participate in exciting activities like Elephant Polo in the spectacular countryside, a gem cutting demonstration, travel by elephant back, exploration of famous pink sandstone city buildings and museums, a visit to the Taj Mahal, and

This exciting and cultural travel adventure will take place from September 15-22, 2015. Prices start at just \$2795 for double occupancy. Space is limited, reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. For more information, visit www.metrosouthchamber.com/even ts/travel or contact Alison van Dam, 508.586.0500 x225, avandam@metrosouthchamber.com.

Rock Your Holidays & Grow Your Business!

Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

It's that time of year – the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us. There is no better time to reach out to your customers, bring new clients in, and boost repeat and referral business! Join us for a member-led workshop by Adrienne Baumann of 508 Marketing on Tuesday, December 9 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am at 60 School Street in Brockton, and learn how to use online marketing to rock your holidays and grow your business!



Rock Your Holidays & **Grow Your Business**

Whether you have a

retail shop, provide a specialized service, work business-to-business, or have a nonprofit in need of outreach, this workshop will provide simple, practical tips for closing out

2014 on a high note. Participants will learn:

- How to leverage social media to engage new and existing customers
- Which promotions and special offers work for your business right now
- Best ways to drive response from your emails and social posts
- Easy strategies to keep your offers looking good on a cell phone or tablet
- How to create and manage a campaign for the holidays
- Create a simple playbook to plan your marketing activities all season long
- · Most importantly, how to measure your results to get more out of your effort This session is best suited for beginners in online marketing but all skill levels are welcome. The subject matter is less about technology and more about how to grow your business or organization. To register, visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration or contact Adrienne at 508-965-3503, adrienne@508marketing.com.

Moe's Southwest Grill Grand Opening

Wednesday, December 10, 11:30 am

Please join us as we celebrate the Grand Opening of new Chamber member, Moe's Southwest Grill® at 27 with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, December 10th, 11:30 am at 27 Westgate Drive in Brockton. Chamber members can enjoy a complimentary lunch but donations will be accepted to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton.

Moe's Southwest Grill® is a fun and engaging fast-casual restaurant franchise serving a wide variety of fresh, made-to-order Southwest fare in a welcoming environment that rocks. The first thing you'll hear when you walk into the restaurant is an enthusiastic, "Welcome to Moe's! ® " It's more than just our rally cry. It embodies the entire culture. Everybody is welcome at Moe's. With more than 20 incredibly fresh ingredients like all-natural chick-



grass-fed en, steak organic tofu to a-kind meals,

Moe's has everyone covered, from meat lovers to tree huggers to vegetarians and flexitarians. While we are best known for our awesome burritos, our menu also features kids', vegetarian and low-calorie options - all served with free chips and salsa.

This event is complimentary to attend. For more information, contact Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 x231, alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com.

*Moe's Southwest Grill also invites the public to their official grand opening on Thursday, December 11th at which 50% of proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton.

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> Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), 60 School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

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G<mark>ood Samaritan Recei</mark>ves 5th "A" Safety Grade

Good Samaritan Medical Center was awarded an "A" grade in the Fall 2014 update to the Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries, and infections. The Hospital Safety Score is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group (Leapfrog), an independent industry watchdog. "Good Samaritan is a fifth-time recipient of Leapfrog's recognition since 2012 which is a testament to processes and culture we have developed around patient safety as a top priority throughout our organization," said John A. Jurczyk, president of GSMC. "Thanks to the efforts of our medical staff, nurses and allied health professionals working together, we never lose sight of patient safety, quality care and the patient experience. Visit goodsamaritanmedical.org to learn more.

Jingle Bell Run

Kids and adults will put on their Rudolph and Santa costumes for the city's 16th annual Jingle Bell Run on Saturday, Dec. 6. The run will begin at 1 pm at the Conference Center at Massasoit, 770 Crescent Street in Brockton; registration will start at noon. Each year, the run is held to raise money and collect toys for The Enterprise's Helping Hands Fund. All of the money and toys raised for the event are donated to local charity organizations. There will be a free buffet lunch, prizes for costumes, raffles, DJ, live music, and appearance by Santa Claus. The registration fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and younger. On the day of the race, children can bring a non-perishable food item in exchange for their registration fee. Checks may be made out to The Jingle Bell Run -Helping Hands Fund. For more information, contact Dave Gorman at 508-588-3148.

Sharkansky LLP creates Accounting Scholarship Fund

Sharkansky LLP has created the The Sharkansky Accounting Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship of \$2,500 will be annually awarded to an academically-qualified student at Stonehill College with demonstrated financial need from Brockton, MA or the surrounding towns who is pursuing a business degree in the area of accounting. For more information on applying, call 508.313.2324. Visit sharkcpa.com to learn more.

Old Colony Elder Services Offers Seasonal Meals

Old Colony Elder Services (OCES), the Brockton based regional agency serving older adults and individuals with disabilities throughout greater Brockton and Plymouth county, recently offered special seasonal meals at partnering Council on Aging (COA) congregate meal sites in Brockton, East Bridgewater, Kingston and Wareham. Hot, nutritious meals and fun activities were provided to older adults and individuals with disabilities. Visit oldcolonyelderservices.com.

HarborOne Welcomes Scott Sanborn

James W. Blake, President and CEO of HarborOne Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Scott Sanborn as SVP of Commercial Lending. Mr. Sanborn holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MBA from Babson Graduate School of Business, and most recently served at TD Bank as the Regional Vice President where he built a team of eight commercial relationship managers for the Metro Boston and Rhode Island/Southern MA markets. He was a past chairman for Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and is involved in many community service organizations. Visit harborone.com for more information.

Fuller Craft Museum Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop Open at the Fuller Craft Museum, now through January 12, 2015. Choose from a superb selection of hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind gifts: elegant winter wear, lovely jewelry, ceramics, children's toys, catalogs, gift certificates, and more. We'll have something for everyone on your list, and items to fit every budget. Located at 455 Oak Street, Brockton. For more information, visit www.fullercraft.org.

Franklin Sports Warehouse Sale

Franklin Sports will have a Holiday Warehouse Sale on Saturday, December 6th, December 13th, and December 20 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, cash and carry. Low prices and new items. Overstock, closeouts, samples, and discontinued styles for sale. Incredible prices and bargains! Located at 17 Campanelli Parkway in Stoughton. For more information, visit www.franklinsports.com.

Mechanics Cooperative Bank Donates to Pro-Home Inc.

Mechanics Cooperative Bank is once again proud to support Pro-Home, Inc. of Taunton, MA in 2014 with a \$5,000 contribution. This is the third installment of a \$15,000 commitment Mechanics Cooperative Bank made to Pro-Home, Inc. over a three year period. Pro-Home, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established for the production and protection of affordable housing in our local community. Their mission is exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, and aims to produce and advocate for the production of affordable housing, prevent loss of or displacement from existing housing, eliminate discrimination and bring together diverse groups to aggressively work towards housing solutions. For more information, or to schedule an appointment for free counseling services, contact Pro-Home at 508-821-2514 or visit www.ProHomeinc.org.

MGCC Names New President & CEO

The Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) has named Larry Andrews as their new President & CEO. Andrews brings significant private sector

experience to MGCC, primarily working on the commercial side of several banks while maintaining strong ties to the community. Andrews, who began serving in mid-October, replaces outgoing President Chuck Grigsby. MGCC works to create and preserve jobs in Massachusetts by providing financing and management assistance to small businesses with specific emphasis on businesses located in Gateway Cities, minority and women owned businesses that may not be able to access working capital from traditional sources. Visit www.mcdfc.com to learn more.

Brockton Historical Society Hosts Holiday Open House

The Brockton Historical Society will host their first open house of the holiday season on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Homestead, 216 North Pearl Street, Brockton. This event is full of fun for everyone from a story teller for young children, to tours and presentations just to name a few. For more information please contact Carl at 508-521-5900 or email eleccarl@aol.com

Old Colony Hospice to Hold 35th Anniversary Gala

Old Colony Hospice is celebrating 35 years of giving compassionate care Massachusetts residents in need. Join us at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro on Thursday, December 4 from 6 pm-11pm for our black tie optional gala. Enjoy dinner, dancing to music provided by Soul City of Boston, silent auctions, and raffles while supporting a great cause. Also, help us recognize this year's Compassion Medallions recipients. Tickets start at \$135 per person, or purchase VIP tickets to include an exclusive tour of the stadium. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting 781-341-4145 or visit www.oldcolonyhospice.org/35thanniversarygala for more details or to purchase tickets online.

James Edgar Comm. Service Award Recipient Named

Good Samaritan Medical Center in partnership with USA Christmas Town is happy to announce the 2014 recipient of the James Edgar Community Service Award: Claire Appling, PhD. Dr. Appling has been involved in the Brockton After Dark program since its inception, and served on several boards and councils including her Parish Council, Industrial Development Committee, The Red Cross, My Turn, Health Education Advisory Board, Multi Cultural Committee, Brockton Alliance for Youth, and as a camp director at Camp Playground - to name only a few. Dr. Appling's name will be added to the plaque on Main Street at the former site of Mr. Edgar's store, and will be presented with her award in February during the Winter's End Celebration.

Anthony Simonelli Reappointed to MCC Trustees

Massasoit Community College is pleased to announce that Governor Deval Patrick has reappointed Anthony Simonelli to the college's Board of Trustees for another five year term. Anthony Simonelli is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. (BAMSI), a position he has held since 1984. Mr. Simonelli's long-time service with BAMSI affords him a unique familiarity with the College's service region and the educational and training needs of its residents.

Trinity Management Announces Rental Housing

Trinity Management LLC is pleased to announce the availability of two new, affordable rental housing communities located within ENTERPRISE CENTER in Brockton - CENTRE 50 and ENSO FLATS - that have been specifically designed to meet the needs of both the general population and Brockton's thriving artist community. There will be 71 mixed-income units at CENTRE 50, and 42 affordable one and two-bedroom artist live/work apartment homes for occupancy in April 2015. Due to the anticipated demand for the affordable rentals, Trinity will be holding a housing lottery on January 23, 2015. Applications can be picked up at the Enterprise Center, 162 Main Street in Brockton, or call 508-434-4072.

Brockton Symphony Holiday Pops Concert

Sunday December 7, 2014: Brockton Symphony Holiday Pops Concert, West Middle School, West St. Brockton, 3:00 pm. The concert will feature holiday favorites from around the world, baritone Andrew Fernandez and Brockton's Kennedy School Chorus. For information visit the orchestra on facebook, call-508-588-384, or visit www.Brocktonsymphony.org. Look for details about shuttle bus from the High School to West, a convenient way to avoid traffic hassle.

3rd Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The Brockton Youth Council, The Old Colony YMCA, and the Office of Mayor Bill Carpenter will hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, December 13, 3:00 pm at the Old Colony YMCA, 320 Main Street in Brockton. Ages 16-19 first 16 teams to register at the Mayor's Office, \$10 per player. Winners will receive gift cards, trophies, and t-shirts. All proceeds go to the Youth Council along with a local youth serving non-profit. For more information, email ccolin@cobma.us.

Brockton Public Library Presents New Teen Zone

Teens are encouraged to visit Brockton Public Library's new Teen Zone, on the main level of the library, 304 Main Street in Brockton. Teens can hang out in a decorated area and borrow video games in Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo, and more. There is a space to create art work, read novels, magazines, and more. Internetaccess notebooks and a large screen TV will be added. Visit brocktonpubliclibrary.org for more information.

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for The Charity Guild, Inc. and be entered to win a great raffle prize!

The cost to attend is \$25 for members and \$35 for future-members and includes breakfast and networking opportunities. If you would like to register, please call Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 x 231, email alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com or register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.

This event is sponsored by Crescent Credit Union and UMass Boston.

Ellie Paris Clothing Store Celebrates Grand Opening



Ellie Paris, owner, is joined by Mayor Bill Carpenter, colleagues, and friends to celebrate the Grand Opening of her new clothing store at 278 Main Street in downtown Brockton with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Visit ellieparis.com to learn more.



Copeland Chevy in Brockton Parade

Thank you to Chamber member Copeland Chevrolet for providing a beautiful new Chevy Camaro SS convertible for the James Edgar Community Service Award Recepient, Claire Appling to ride in at the Brockton Holiday Parade held recently. Visit copelandchevrolet.com for more information.

Evans Machine Co. Tour

Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO (right) tours Evans Machine Company, Inc. on Manchester Street in Brockton. Evans Machine Co. has been producing high quality precision-machined parts since 1968, serving many industries. Visit emievans.com.



Vicente's Tropical Grocery/BNHC Ground Breaking



A Ground breaking ceremony took place recently at 160 Pleasant Street in Brockton for the construction of the new Vicente's Tropical Grocery/Brockton Neighborhood Health Center space. Pictured: Susan Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; Jason Barbosa, Vicente's Tropical Grocery; State Representative Michael Brady, & Mayor Bill Carpenter joined by colleagues

Networking at New Parkside Village in Brockton

Townhouses Available for Rent Now!

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Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO; Sheila Milton & Gary Leonard, Brockton 21st Century Corp.



Gail Delgado, Brockton Area Arc; Alison van Dam, Metro South Chamber; Derek O'Connor, Eastern Bank



Charles Hajjar, Hajjar Management, welcomes the crowd to the beautiful new Parkside Village residential development



Nicki Meade Draves, Meade Draves Consulting; Todd Marlin. The Brockton Rox



Paul Mahoney, Hajjar Management; Lou Brambilla, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Dan Kelly, Comeau & Kelly



Parkside Village townhouses, located at 770 East Ashland Street in Brockton, are currently available for rent. Visit hajjarmanagement.com

Chamber Cited in Brockton Self-Assessment

The Northeastern University Dukakis Center for Urban & Regional Policy recently released an economic report on Brockton using the Economic Development Self-Assessment Toll (EDSAT). EDSAT is an important step that public officials can take to assess their jurisdictions' strengths and weaknesses with respect to expanding and sustaining economic growth.

The report identified the "Metro South Chamber of Commerce as an Important Strength of Brockton for being vigorously active in the business community." As a result, it was recommended that Brockton build upon strengths such as the Metro South Chamber, and promote them to prospective businesses and developers.

Chamber Welcomes Intern Elisangela Da Silva



Elisangela "Ellie" Da Silva

The Chamber would like to welcome Elisangela "Ellie" Da Silva as a new intern at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. Ellie is an international student from Cape Verde, currently attending Bridgewater State University where she is pursuing her Masters Degree in Education with a concentration in Leadership.

Ellie hopes to use her time at the Chamber to learn more about event planning in a business setting and the starting a business. She would also like to develop her professional skills in public relations writing and networking.

To learn more about internships at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, call 508.586.0500 or email info@metrosouthchamber.com.

Recognition for \$85 Million Investment and 450 Jobs!

AccuRounds, Avon



AccuRounds, located at 74 Bodwell Street in Avon, has completed an 18,000 square foot building expansion to its manufacturing and office space, featuring the installation of glass floor-to-ceiling windows connecting offices to the factory. The addition gives the company a total of 45,000 square feet. Along with the construction, AccuRounds has purchased several new **CNC** machines, including a CNC Feeler HV-1000 increasing milling capacity by 50%. AccuRounds received a \$4-million tax-exempt industrial development bond in 2013 for this project, which has added 7 new jobs to their 70 employee operation. AccuRounds, founded in 1976, manufactures complex components for industries including medical, aerospace, defense, robotics and alternative energy. Visit www.accurounds.com to learn more.

Beacon Communities, LLC (Ames Shovel Works), North Easton



The Ames Shovel Works, a 19th Century manufacturing complex previously listed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the nation's Most Endangered Historic

Landmarks, has reopened as a revived energy-efficient multifamily residential community. Developed by Beacon Communities, the \$46 million revitalization has created 113 new residences located at 59 Main Street in North Easton, adjacent to a 1.6 acre neighborhood open space. The historic storage building has been repurposed for the property's maintenance staff, and an historic single-family house has been renovated as office space, gallery space and studios for the Easton Chamber of Commerce and Easton Shovel Town Cultural District Art Co-op. To learn more, visit www.amesshovelbc.com.

Boston Fresh, Brockton



Boston Fresh has opened a Brockton facility at 1020 West Chestnut Street, occupying 41,000 square feet. Formed in 2013, Boston Fresh is a wholesaler, processor, repacker, distributer and logistics provider of produce. The new Brockton location is HACCP certified, GFSI audited and PTI compliant with all labeling conforming to GS1 standards. The facility, representing an investment of \$1.5 million, specializes in tomato repacking, value-added packing and fresh-cut solutions, and will also inventory a full line of fresh fruits and vegetables. For more information, visit www.boston-fresh.com.

Brophy & Phillips (John Vlaco Building) *Brockton*

Brophy & Phillips, a general contracting, real estate development and property management company, has invest-



ed more than \$5 million to rehabilitate the former four story Scheibe mill building into 35,000 square feet of commercial space. The building, located at 88 Lincoln Street in Brockton across from the Post Office, has been leased by South Bay Mental Health Center. Brophy & Phillips employs 20 people and owns and manages more than 250,000 square feet of commercial and residential real estate. For more information, visit www.brophyandphillips.com.

Christo's To Go!, Whitman



Christo's, the Greek restaurant that was a Brockton institution for 50 years, has been reborn as a takeout business located only 2 miles away in the Dollery Plaza at 785 Bedford Street (Route 18) in Whitman. Christo's To Go offers some of the Greek delicacies that made the former restaurant so popular, such as its Greek salad and baked lamb. Many of the iconic historic Brockton photos have been retained as well, lining the restaurant's walls. Christo's to Go retained about 20 employees from the former Christo's Restaurant. Christo's To Go is open from 11am -10pm Monday through Saturday and noon – 10pm on Sunday. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/pages/Christos/1208 62451261188.

Crown Uniform & Linen Service, *Brockton*



Crown Uniform & Linen Service, founded in 1914, has constructed a 94,000 square foot facility located on the former Howard Johnson manufacturing site at 309 Battles Street in Brockton. The facility houses a laundering plant

and administrative office space on 21 acres of land, consolidating operations from South Boston and Fall River. The project represents one the largest industrial deals in Brockton's past 30 years with an employment of 100 people and an investment of \$16 million for the site and \$6 million worth of newly purchased, state-of-the-art laundry equipment. To learn more, visit www.crownuniform.com.

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Hajjar Management (Parkside Village), Brockton



The Parkside Village Apartments, located at 770 E. Ashland Street and managed by Hajjar Management, features 42 brand new 2 and 3 bedroom townhouses for rent. The property is located near Ames Nowell State Park in Abington and is phase two of the Boulders Condominium Property Transformation. A third phase will feature the construction of an additional 39 units. Hajjar Management Co., Inc, was established in a small basement office near Fenway Park. Since then, they have grown into a new headquarters in Milton Lower Mills with a staff of 25 plus many field maintenance employees and on-site property managers to support over 99 properties. For more information, visit www.hajjarmanagement.com.

IKEA, Stoughton



IKEA, located on 27 acres along Route 24 near Central Street in Stoughton, first opened in November 2005 with 357,000 square feet of space. A recent expansion has increased their square footage to 415,575 square feet, allowing the store to house larger quantities and selections of home furnishings and to handle greater volumes of home deliveries. The facility is also adding a 51,516-square-foot solar addition that will consist of a 312-kW system, built with 1,248 panels, and



will produce 383,200 kWh more of electricity annually for the store. IKEA Stoughton employs 400 people. Visit www.ikea.com/us/en/store/stoughton.

Mutual Bank, Whitman



Mutual Bank purchased the 5 acre Saftler's lot, located at 342 Bedford Street in Whitman, demolishing the existing store and building a new twostory bank branch. The new branch is more than 5,800 square feet in size and represents an investment of \$2.5 million. In addition to providing further convenience for its customers, the branch has added two full time and three part time employees, as well as three full time employees in its residential lending department. The relocation of that department opened up space for another two new hires at the bank's main office for a total of eight new full time and three new part time positions. more information, www.MyMutualBank.com.

Signature Healthcare, Easton



Signature Healthcare has extended their footprint into Easton with the opening of a new clinical space located at Two Washington Place, 31 Roche Brothers Way. The 26,000 square foot, 2-story space encompasses 50 Signature Healthcare physicians and employees in the disciplines of Internal Medicine, Laboratory, OB/GYN, Imaging, Pediatrics and Plastic Surgery. The facility is conveniently located off Route 138 near the Stoughton town line and was built with patient comfort in mind, including esthetically pleasing colors, furnishings, and improved patient flow. For more information, visit www.signature-healthcare.org.

Village Pediatrics, Brockton



Village Pediatrics has purchased land and constructed a new medical building at 156 Pearl Street in Brockton, expanding from their previous location at 1 Pearl Street and adding 4 new jobs. Village Pediatrics has been in operation for 25 years, specializing in providing health care to children and adolescents. The 10,000 square foot building is a state-of-the-art facility that includes a brand new youth and family fitness center and 10 examination rooms. The project represents an investment of approximately \$2 million, utilizing a \$949,000 SEED Corporation loan through the Brockton Business MicroLoan Program. For more information, visit www.villagepediatrics.net.

Outgoing Board Members Recognized for Service



Chamber service awards were presented at the Annual Meeting in appreciation of Board Members' significant contributions and service. Pictured: William Morse, Immediate Past Chair; Loretta DeGrazia, East Coast Petroleum; Steve Hall, Control Point Technologies; Patricia Williams, HarborOne Bank; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO

Businesses Rewarded for Economic Impact



Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO; Peter Vlaco, Brophy & Phillips; William Morse, Mutual Bank, Chair of the Board; Murray Vetstein (on behalf of Boston Fresh); Joseph Barry, AccuRounds; Gigi Tsaganis Johnson & Maria Samson, Christo's To Go; Nadia Serret, Beacon Residential Management; George Spilios & Plato Spilios, Crown Uniform & Linen Service



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Dr. Mohler-Faria Receives Charles A. Fuller Award



Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO; Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, President, Bridgewater State University

At its 101st Annual Meeting, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce presented the Charles A. Fuller Chamber Service Award to Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, President of Bridgewater State University.

Dr. Dana Mohler Faria, 11th President of Bridgewater State University, has elevated the University and the region to unprecedented levels since taking the reins in 2002. Bridgewater State has been transformed from a regional college into a first rate University with global reach. BSU is now amongst the largest four-year institutions of higher education in Massachusetts and has added more square footage to their campus than any other public university in recent history. Dr. Mohler Faria and the community.

has also contributed positively to the economy through the management of a foundation which incorporates paid internships for students throughout the Metro South region.

Dr. Mohler Faria has served more than 10 years on the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, providing support for many Chamber initiatives and programs.

In fact, sponsorship of a Chamber breakfast meeting resulted in an introduction to candidate for Governor Deval Patrick. This meeting led to the appointment of Dr. Mohler Faria as Governor Deval Patrick's Special Advisor for Education. Dr. Dana Mohler Faria also provided leadership for two Chamber delegations to Cape Verde and played a pivotal role in what is expected to become the Downtown Brockton Higher Education Collaborative, with a physical presence on Main Street.

The late Mr. Charles A. Fuller served as Chairman of the Board for the Chamber and was very dedicated to the organization and the community. The Fuller Award recognizes an individual whose leadership performance, personal example, and good influence has done the most to advance the welfare of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Marks Banner Year (cont.)



Chamber of Commerce.

Before passing the gavel to Susan Joss, Morse reflected on some of the many recent accomplishments of the Chamber over the past year. These achievements included hosting over 70 programs, celebrating more than 20 new businesses with Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, commissioning a study through the UMass Donahue on the creation of a Regional Water Supply & Treatment Authority as well as a study of the underutilized 32 acre Brockton CSX Railyard, embarking on a regional branding campaign, hosting Brockton development tours, advocating for a water rate freeze and lower commercial tax rates, and more.

Morse went on to congratulate the Chamber on celebrating their 100th anniversary and talk about the Chamber's Centennial Innovation Fund. The Chamber sought to raise \$350,000 through the fund to renovate its headquarters and transform the Thomas Edison Power Station into an efficient and modern business hub. Peter Neville, Past Chair and President of Concord Foods made the big annoucement that the Chamber exceeded their target and raised \$354,000. (See more on page 11).

Joss, newly elected as Chamber Chair, demonstrated her enthusiasm and optimism for the future of the Metro South Chamber, looking forward to providing leadership during the completion of the Chamber building renovations, the completion of the water/sewer study, the expansion of the Metro South brand into the community, the political engagement of the new governor and administration, and more.

"I look forward to working with the business community to create opportunity and growth throughout this wonderful region and through this dynamic Chamber of Commerce because. When Metro South is Home, Everything's Within Reach" stated Joss.

Annual Meeting Rewards Investment, Promotes Business



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The "Passing of the Gavel", William Morse, Mutual Bank, past chair (sitting) is presented with a chair by Susan Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, incoming Chair (back left) and Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO, (back right)

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The Conference Center at Massasoit, 770 Crescent Street in Brockton. hosted over 400 business people at the sold out luncheon.

Chamber Elects Four New Board Members

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors: Jason Barbosa, Vicente's Tropical Grocery, John Jurczyk, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Mahsa Khanbabai, Law Office of Mahsa Khanbabai, and Friend Weiler, HarborOne Bank.

In their new role as directors, they will be responsible for helping the Chamber carry out its mission: to serve the interests of member businesses while providing community leadership to ensure the economic advancement of the Metro South region. The 30 member Board of Directors are elected from and by members of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

The Board of Directors meets regularly to address policy and issues of economic and community concern.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 17, 12:00 pm at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce located at 60 Street in Brockton.



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Chamber Affiliation News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at 508.586.0500 x 223 or email chris@metrosouthchamber.com.



The Bridgewater Business Association (BBA) will hold their 21st Annual Christmas on the Common on Sunday December 7 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm on the Bridgewater Town Common. There will be over 70 vendors indoors and outdoors, fun for the kids, Santa, food, music, pony rides, and much more. Visit bridgewaterbiz.biz.

The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce will participate in Stoughton's Holiday

Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. Join them after the parade for a Winter Wonderland Warmup at the Stoughton Middle School. Visit stoughtonma.com for more information.





The Norwell Chamber of Commerce will co-host a Tri-Chamber holiday party on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Cardinal Cushing School, 405 Washington Street in Hanover. Join in for great food and casual networking. Visit nor-

wellchamberofcommerce.com for more information.

The East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA) exists to promote a healthy and ethical business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking, and fellowship. Please visit www.eastbridgewaterbiz.com for more information.





The Avon Industrial Park Association will hold a Blood **PAVON Drive on Friday, December 12 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Industrial Park Association Logan Furniture, 1 Kiddie Drive in Avon (Door E/2nd floor). To schedule an appointment, call 800-RED-CROSS (733-2767). Visit avonindustrialpark.org for more information.

The Randolph Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1986 representing businesses in Randolph and the surrounding communities. The chamber provides leadership in fostering business success, growth and development. Visit www.randolphchamberofcommerce.org.





Prolink Networking Group will hold an "Open House" meeting Prolink and continental breakfast on Tuesday, December 9 from 7:30 am -9:00 am at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street

in Brockton. For more information, visit www.prolinknetworking.com or contact Craig Pina at 508-408-1049, email craigpina@financialguide.com.

The South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN) will hold a Networking Lunch at Abington Ale House, 1235 Bedford Street in Abington, on Wednesday, December 10 from 11:45 am - 1:30 pm. Make new business connections over lunch! Tickets are \$25 members, \$35 for first-time guests. Visit www.sswbn.com to learn more.



New Representative DuBois Meets With Chamber



Newly elected as State Representative, Michelle DuBois spoke at the November Government Affairs meeting about her campaign and future plans in office. Pictured: Susan Joss, Chamber Chair, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; Michelle DuBois, State Representative-elect; Phillip Carver, UMass Boston; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO

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Over the past year, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th birthday! As part of the celebration, the Chamber sought to raise \$350,000 to renovate its historic headquarters, transforming the old Thomas Edison Power Station into an effective and modern business hub. Plans include a new roof, new skylights, brick ---, improved technology in the Business Assistance Center, and more.

Recently, at the Metro South Chamber 101st Annual Meeting, The Chamber was happy to announce that they have exceeded the target and raised \$354,000! Thank you to all of our supporters that made this possible:

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Chamber Wishes Fond Farewell to Kathleen Lynch



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce bids a fond farewell to Kathleen Lynch, Director of Member Services. Kathleen has played an important role in many chamber initiatives including the Annual Membership Drive, the Ambassadors Team, and the Connecting Activities Internship Program. She began working with Chamber in 2009 as a Public Relations Intern before being hired as Member Services Representative, Connecting Activities Coordinator, and finally Director of Member Services.

Kathleen will be moving on to a new role as Administrative

Assistant to Peter Dello Russo, Executive Vice President of Chamber member Bridgewater Savings Bank, who also serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

"Kathleen's skills have assisted our Chamber in many positive ways. We are happy for her and wish her well in all her future endeavors." said Christopher Cooney, Chamber President and CEO.

Ambassador Appreciation Holiday Breakfast

An Ambassador Appreciation Holiday Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street in Brockton from 8:00 am - 9:00 am. An ambassador committee photo will be taken.

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.

If you are interested in joining the Ambassador team, contact Doris at 508.586.0500 x 221, or email doris@metrosouthchamber.com.

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Did You Know? Food Producers in Metro South

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Kathy Lynch & Christopher Cooney, Metro South Chamber, and Murray Vetstein, Source4 tour the new Boston Fresh facility in Brockton. Visit www.boston-fresh.com for more information.

At the Metro South Chamber's 101st Annual Meeting, all luncheon attendees were given an extraordinary gift bag giveaway, featuring delicious food items that are manufactured right here in the Metro South region. Did you know all of these food producers call Metro South home?

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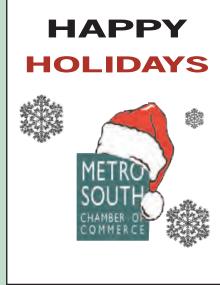
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2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

60 School Street, Brockton

Learn about the 2014 legislative and procedural changes to the Economic Development Incentive Program in this info session.

Complimentary to Attend

Please RSVP to Eileen.Rogan@state.ma.us

December 3

Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Eastern Bank

1265 Belmont Street, Brockton

Enjoy networking & refreshments courtesy of Eastern Bank. Don't forget your business cards! (See page 2)

Complimentary to Attend Please RSVP at 508.586.0500 ext. 231

December 5

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

2:30 pm

American Student Assistance

231 Main Street, Suite B, Brockton

Celebrate the Grand Re-opening of American Student Assistance at their new location. Refreshments will be served. (see page 2)

Complimentary to Attend For more information, call 508.586.0500 x231

December 9

Grow Your Business Workshop

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

60 School Street Brockton

Rock Your Holidays & Grow Your Business! This memberled workshop will teach you simple and practical tips for online marketing (See page 2)

Complimentary to Attend To register, call Adreinne at 508.965.3503

December 10

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

11:30 am

Moe's Southwest Grill

27 Westgate Drive, Brockton

Celebrate the Grand Opening of new Chamber member Moe's Southwest Grill! Refreshments will be served. (see page 2)

Complimentary to Attend

For more information, call 508.586.0500 x231

December 11

Good Morning Metro South

7:30 am - 9:00 am

The Shaw's Center

1 Feimberg Way, Brockton

This breakfast program will feature Michael Widmer, MA Taxpayers Foundation and allow for networking opportunities. (see page 1)

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