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Panel Discussion: Pandemic Impact on Real Estate in Metro South

Thursday, September 17 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Live Virtual Event via ZOOM



The Chamber is partnering with the New England Real Estate Journal to bring you the **Metro South of Boston 2020 Virtual Conference on Thursday, September 17th**. This event will be offered live via Zoom from 10:00AM-11:30AM.

The panel, *"How the Pandemic is Impacting Commercial and Residential Real Estate in Boston and the Metro South Region"* will be moderated by MSCC Board Chair, Fred Clark Esq., Bridgewater State University President.

Panelists include Mike Kennealy, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing & Economic Development; Russell J. Stein and Jay R. Peabody, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP; Brockton Developer, Geoffrey Anatole, South Shore Property Management LLC, and a commercial banker. *Continued on page 5.*

To register or for more information, visit www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.



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SMALL BUSINESS STRONG

Small Business Strong is a non-profit organization empowered to help women and minority owned small businesses navigate the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

They recognize that our 650,000 Massachusetts small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and we have set out to provide best-in-class support where it's needed most.

Small Business Strong provides expedited, pro-bono resources to small businesses ranging from access to capital to consulting, business restructuring, business growth, digital marketing and customer engagement plans.

You don't need to work through these hard times alone, visit smallbstrong.com to learn more about this helpful resource.

Brockton Business Assistance

Program, Still Accepting

Applications



The Brockton Business Assistance program is designated for businesses experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will aid small businesses in job creation & job retention and to maintain business continuity. Funded through the City of Brockton's COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant program and managed by Brockton Redevelopment Authority and MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, Applicants may request up to \$10,000.00 for the proposed need. *Continued on page 8.*

One-Stop Business Resource Guide in Response to COVID-19

The Metro South Chamber has developed a web resource page with current offerings for our business community affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resources include business assistance loans, labor & employment updates, legislative action, support of our small businesses, best practices when working from home, and services to help maintain communication and keep business moving forward! Please visit www.metroouthchamber.com/covid-19-resource-guide for a list of helpful links provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, MOBD, MEMA, the Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Administration, SCORE, SEED, MSBDC, and more.

Free Zoom Calls! Fridays at 2:00pm with City, State, and Federal Resources.

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility.

However, you can reach us. Let us know how we can best help you!

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CHAMBER *Calendar*

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

September

02	Ambassador Meeting <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	9:00 am
03	Live Virtual Networking <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	10:30 am
10	Live Virtual Networking <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	10:30 am
11	COVID-19 Resource & Recovery Update Call <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	2:00 pm
17	Metro South 2020 NEREJ Virtual Conference <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	10:00 am
24	Live Virtual Networking <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	10:30 am
25	COVID-19 Resource & Recovery Update Call <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	2:00 pm

October

01	"Reach Customers Online with Google" <i>Grow with Google Webinar Series</i>	10:00 am
06	Executive Board Meeting <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	3:00 pm
07	Legislative Luncheon <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	12:15pm
08	"Get Your Local Business on Google Search & Maps" <i>Grow with Google Webinar Series</i>	10:00 am
14	Ambassador Meeting <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	9:00 am
22	"Make Your Website Work For You" <i>Grow with Google Webinar Series</i>	10:00 am
28	Board of Directors Meeting <i>Zoom Virtual Meeting</i>	12:00 pm
29	"Use YouTube to Grow Your Business" <i>Grow with Google Webinar Series</i>	10:00 am


November

05	"Using Data to Drive Business Growth" <i>Grow with Google Webinar Series</i>	10:00 am
18	107th Annual Meeting & Business Expo <i>Teen Challenge Brockton OR Virutally via Zoom Pro.</i>	12:00 pm

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

UP-TO-DATE News

Members - send Good News to
estration@metroouthchamber.com
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MassDevelopment Monthly Office Hours at the Chamber with Jay Pateakos

Jay Pateakos, Vice President of Business Development for the South Region of MassDevelopment will host a series of virtual office hours through the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

Pateakos will be available to provide information and answer questions about how the organization can help businesses, financial institutions, and municipalities in southeastern Massachusetts.

For more information, email Jay at jpateakos@massdevelopment.com or call (508) 678-0533 x 1201.



Brockton Farmers Market, Every Friday through October 30 from 10AM-2PM on City Hall Plaza, 45 School Street in Brockton!

Every Friday, from July 1o through October 30 at the Brockton City Hall Plaza, Brockton, MA 10am-2pm

Please expect restrictions to comply with Mass Department of Health COVID-19 orders. The market accepts cash, credit, debit and SNAP/ EBT/Food Stamps and participates

in the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP). Farm vendors also accept WIC and Senior Coupons. Please stop by the market manager tent for more information. The market offers a range of locally produced vegetables, fruits and beverages in addition to weekly music and activities.

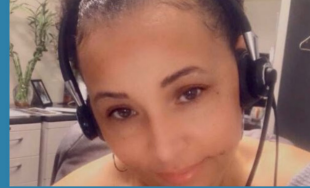
Brockton Public Library ArtSmart 2020 Voting

Help Brockton’s high school artists to win recognition for their talents and enhance the Brockton Public Library with original art. All high school students living in Brockton and enrolled in public, private, or home school were eligible to enter. Voting will be live from August 31, 2020 9 am to September 4, 2020 at 4 pm. Visit <https://bit.ly/3hKIIVZ> to vote! One vote per person. Brockton Public Library is awarding students 1st (\$200), 2nd (\$125) and 3rd (\$75) prizes based on the top three popular vote winners. The BuzzAround is proud to provide voting assistance for this great contest. For sharing your Brockton good news stories or any questions, email us at Brockton@BuzzAround.Info


31st Annual BVNA Golf Tournament, Oct. 7

Please join us at the 31st Annual BVNA Golf Tournament on October 7, 2020 at Thorny Lea Golf Club. Perhaps like never before, during the COVID-19 crisis, we have shown the incredible value that a community-based, non-profit Home Health and Hospice organization can deliver! Through the outstanding efforts of our staff to adapt to the intense challenges of caring for patients who


COVID-19 TESTING: THE SIX SIMPLE STEPS




1. CALL TO REGISTER:
CALL 1-844-4TEST19 TO SIGN UP




2. LINE UP AT BHS:
ENTER AT FOREST AVE. AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS




3. DRIVE INTO TENT:
WHEN SIGNALLED, ENTER THE TENT SLOWLY



4. UNDERGO TEST:
LOWER WINDOW AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS



5. EXIT TENT SLOWLY:
FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OUT OF BHS



6. AWAIT RESULTS:
WE’LL CALL IN A FEW DAYS WITH RESULTS!

are COVID-positive, through the considerable added cost to BVNA to acquire crucial personal protective equipment and through the use of our advanced telehealth technology, we have helped ensure that patients receive uninterrupted care at home, where they feel safest. Your support, through participation in this event, can help ensure that we continue to be a strong resource to our community. Visit brocktonvna.org to learn more.

Fuller Craft Museum Presents: "From Where I Sit: Permanent Collection Seating" Sept 19-February 21, 2021

From Where I Sit: Permanent Collection Seating celebrates the boundless aesthetic potential of the things upon which we sit. The 20+ works from the Fuller Craft collection—chairs, benches, and

one stool—address both human physiology and innovative artmaking in various ways. Some objects embrace the foundational utility of chairs, while others take a more sculptural approach to blur the lines between form and function. Several works reference the natural world through organic elements—still more conflate Eastern and Western sensibilities through design and narrative references. From Where I Sit also includes communal benches that invite collaboration and conversation between sitters. Fuller Craft Museum is proud to present these remarkable objects from our permanent collection, each one proving a seat is much more than a tool for sitting. Visit fullercraft.org to learn more.

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Good Samaritan Medical Center receives Get With The Guidelines Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award

Good Samaritan Medical Center has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital’s

commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence. Good Samaritan Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include an evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments that are aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive

education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions. “Good Samaritan Medical Center is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative,” said Marisela Marrero, MD, President, Good Samaritan Medical Center. “The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes.” Good Samaritan Medical Center has also met specific scientific guidelines as a Primary Stroke Services Hospital, featuring

a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department. “We are pleased to recognize Good Samaritan Medical Center for their commitment to stroke care,” said Lee H. Schwamm, MD, national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. “Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates.”

Pandemic's Impact on Commercial and Residential Real Estate in Boston and the Metro South Region

Thursday, September 17 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Live Virtual Event via ZOOM



Fred Clark Esq., Bridgewater State University President



Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., is the 12th president in the 178-year history of Bridgewater State University, his alma mater. The advancement of student success has been the cornerstone of President Clark's four years as the institution's leader, with BSU aspiring to become a national leader in removing barriers to academic success, providing the necessary supports to help each and every student grow and succeed, and eliminating achievement gaps among all student groups.

Meanwhile, the university continues to build upon its nationally recognized undergraduate research program and expand experiential learning opportunities for students through its study abroad, honors and paid internship programs. Under President Clark's leadership, BSU's full-time faculty ranks have grown to 354, the largest in the institution's history.

Because ensuring access to high-quality higher education remains a priority, President Clark has forged ground-breaking relationships with neighboring Massasoit Community College and Bristol Community College to help students transition to a four-year degree, and is expanding BSU's College of Continuing Studies to serve the needs of adult learners.

President Clark served BSU in many capacities prior to assuming the presidency in July 2015, including as a member and chairman of the Board of Trustees, vice chairman of the Bridgewater State University Foundation, and executive vice president and vice president for external affairs.

His commitment to the commonwealth has been recognized by Governor Charlie Baker, who appointed President Clark to serve as a Massachusetts delegate on the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), which has provided leadership to strengthen the relationship between higher education and the economic well-being of the region.

President Clark also serves as chair of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The chamber has served the Greater Brockton Area for more than a hundred years.

President Clark worked for nearly 20 years as district director, legal counsel and Washington liaison officer for Congressman John Joseph Moakley. He is also the former chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE).

Like the majority of Bridgewater State University students, President Clark represents the first generation in his family to attend college. He graduated from Bridgewater State in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and received his Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1986.

President Clark was born and raised in Brockton and lives in Easton with his wife Carrie Kulick-Clark, '85, whom he met while they were students at Bridgewater State. They have two sons, Justin, '14 and Derek, and a daughter, Reilly.



Mike Kennealy, MA Secretary of Housing & Economic Development



As Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Mike Kennealy is responsible for advancing the Baker-Polito Administration's agenda to create economic opportunity for residents, collaborative leadership in communities, an environment that supports job creation and business growth, and new housing for residents through targeted investments.

In early 2015, Kennealy joined the Administration as Assistant Secretary for Business Growth. As Assistant Secretary, Kennealy played an integral role in advancing the administration's strategy for job creation and business development across the entire Commonwealth and provided leadership in key sectors, including serving as co-chair of the board of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.

Kennealy combines a successful track record in the private sector with

a strong commitment to the public good. He began his career in private equity at TA Associates, a Boston-based firm. In 1997, he joined Spectrum Equity, a private equity firm founded in 1994 with offices in Boston and San Francisco. During his more than 15 years at Spectrum, he helped grow the firm to become an established market leader with nearly \$5 billion in assets under management and investments in over 100 high-growth internet, software and information services companies. After his career in private equity, Kennealy spent two years as Special Advisor to the Receiver at Lawrence Public Schools, where he worked with the state-appointed superintendent/receiver on strategic and financial initiatives to support the school district's turnaround plan.

Kennealy and his family live in Lexington, Massachusetts, where they have been highly involved in town government, education and youth sports. He previously served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at St. John's Prep in Danvers and currently serves on the Board of Visitors for The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College.

Kennealy received a A.B. in Government from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.



Jay R. Peabody, Partner, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP

A diverse range of businesses and closely held companies rely on Jay Peabody for his experience in corporate, real estate and complex real estate financing matters. Clients are attracted to Jay's even keel demeanor in the pursuit of complex matters, along with his ability to deliver pragmatic solutions.

Acting as outside general counsel, Jay represents businesses in banking, financial services, clinical research, retail, and real estate, and educational institutions. He frequently handles matters including business formation, structure and strategic planning. One of the greatest compliments Jay's received from a client is that they work with him because he always gets the deal done.

As Chair of the firm's Transactional Practice, Jay regularly represents regional and national owners, developers and lenders in all phases of commercial real estate transactions, from planning through development and leasing. He also facilitates complex financings of office, industrial, retail, and large-scale multi-use lifestyle developments on behalf of lenders.

In response to client demand, Jay has also expanded his representation of landlord and tenant clients in the management of their national leasing portfolio. Jay also has extensive experience in fund formation and real estate related joint ventures.



Geoffrey Anatole, Principal, South Shore Property Management LLC



Geoffrey Anatole has been in the role of Principal at South Shore Property Management, LLC for 15 years, specializing in the acquisition, management, and development of multi-family properties. He holds a bachelor's degree from University of Connecticut and an MBA with an emphasis on finance from Northeastern University. Anatole is also a licensed construction project manager and construction supervisor.

His two most recent developments are both Brockton properties; a five-level 44-unit luxury apartment building located at 47 West Elm Street, and the Standard Modern Co. Residences, 24 luxury apartment building, built at 47 Pleasant Street.

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To register for this event, visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.

To learn more, contact Lexi Reinertson via email at AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com

or call (508) 586-0500 x 231.

Gov. Baker Scheduled for October 7 Legislative Zoom

Wednesday, October 7 | 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm | Live Virtual Event via ZOOM

Join us for the 31st Annual Legislative Luncheon! Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker is scheduled to join the Metro South community on **October 7th, 12:15pm - 1:30pm for a live Legislative Luncheon offered virtually via Zoom.** To register, visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar. Contact Lexi with questions, (508) 586-0500 x 231, or email AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com



MA Governor Charlie Baker



"Governor Charlie Baker is widely credited with providing extraordinary results driven leadership especially during the recent Covid 19 Pandemic. His extensive experience in both healthcare and finance provide him with extraordinary knowledge and a vast network of people. The result is a comprehensive approach producing thoughtful data-based decision making to address the pandemic in Massachusetts.

Since taking office in 2015, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito have assembled a diverse team and put forth a "get stuff done" approach to build a state government that is as thrifty, hard-working and creative as the people of Massachusetts.

Governor Baker has used public private partnerships to spur downtown and regional economic development, allowed small businesses to become more competitive in a dynamic economy.

Also under Governor Baker's leadership, Massachusetts' structural budget deficit has been eliminated without raising taxes, and significant deposits have been made into the Commonwealth's Stabilization Fund.

Ensuring Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in education, Governor Baker has signed four budgets featuring historic investments in K-12 education, increasing local Chapter 70 education aid by over \$500 million, added 4,000 seats and supported \$50 million in equipment upgrades to the state's vocational and technical schools, and expanded early college opportunities for high school students.

Working with partners in the Legislature and in local communities, Governor Baker has put Massachusetts at the forefront of finding solutions to the opioid and heroin epidemic.

Confronted with the challenges of rising energy costs and a changing climate, Governor Baker has taken critical and nation-leading steps to diversify the Commonwealth's energy portfolio, safeguard residents, municipalities and businesses from the impacts of climate change, and secure progress toward greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Governor Baker signed the largest housing bond bill in state history, enhanced the Housing Development Incentive Program to boost housing production in Gateway Cities and put forth proposals to improve zoning and generate more housing production by equipping municipalities with a technical assistance toolbox.

Governor Baker has spearheaded long overdue reforms at the MBTA that have led to significant improvements to operations and finances, and put the T on track to spend more than \$8 billion on infrastructure over the next five years to improve riders' experience.

Raised in Needham, Governor Baker attended Massachusetts public schools and is a graduate of Harvard College. He went on to earn a Master's of Business Administration from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, where he met his wife Lauren. The Bakers reside in Swampscott, have been heavily involved in numerous civic and charitable endeavors, and are the proud parents of their three children, Charlie, AJ, and Caroline."

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September 8 @ 1:00PM: Lessons Learned About A Business Journey- The Story of a Minority Entrepreneur

Opening a business is like enrolling in a school program where you will never graduate. It's like adding another child to your family. It takes perseverance, stamina and there is absolutely no substitute for hard work. Nilson Goes, the founder of Infinite Energy Construction, knows this all too well and will share his riveting story of the journey he traveled to start and grow his highly successful business as a minority entrepreneur. This story will inspire, educate, and motivate anyone struggling to start and grow a business. In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, SCORE is excited to share Nilson's story with you and help propel you forward on your own business journey.

September 10 @ 1:00PM: Starting an Online Business for Next to No Money

There has never been a better time to start a business online than right now. Steve Strauss, USA TODAY columnist and bestselling startup author, will show you the steps needed to start an e-business, even without a big budget. Find out everything you need to know to launch the dream, including:

- The Shoestring process
- The different types of online businesses you can start
- Finding the money
- Making money
- Business nuts-and-bolts
- And more!

If you are looking to create a side hustle or main hustle with an online business, then this is the webinar for you.

September 17 @ 1:00PM: Overcoming Cybersecurity Challenges During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Cybercrimes have spiked during the COVID pandemic. In April 2020, the FBI reported an almost 300% increase in cybercrime cases. We are also seeing a huge increase of COVID-19 related phishing and business email compromise (BEC) attempts. Unfortunately, small businesses are the most vulnerable cybercrime targets. Unlike large enterprises, small businesses may not have adequate resources to protect themselves. In this webinar, cybersecurity experts Jon Clay, Mitchel Chang and Kristin Judge will help you gain some awareness and will provide high-level recommendations on cybercrime defense. The key areas discussed will include:

- A threat landscape update with an emphasis on what has changed since the COVID pandemic
- Threat protection for small businesses focusing on phishing, smishing, business email compromise (BEC) and general cybersecurity hygiene for working and schooling from home
- A cybercrime and fraud/scam update since the COVID pandemic

September 22 @ 1:00PM: Get Your Business Online in a Blink- Stress Free Ways to Find the Right Software

Do you need technology that helps you adapt to our new online world and meet demand after disruption strikes? Are you trying to digitize your business quickly but don't know where to start? Taylor Short and Sam Bonanno from Software Advice will walk you through easy and stress-free ways to help you find the right software to get your business online fast. They'll answer 3 critical questions you should think about as you adopt the right software for your business:

- What problem do I need to solve with software?
- How do I choose the right software for my business?
- How can I purchase software efficiently?

You'll get actionable tips for identifying the biggest challenges with current software, what to look for when evaluating multiple products, and how to accurately calculate the total cost of adopting new technology.

COVID-19 Updates, September 11 & 25 @ 2PM

Friday, September 11 & September 25 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Live Virtual Event via ZOOM

Join us for a COVID-19 Economic recovery call update on **Friday, September 11th and Friday, September 25th at 2:00pm** with the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Office of Business Development, Mayor of Brockton Robert F. Sullivan, and U.S. Small Business Administration. For more information, contact Lexi at AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com Visit our online calendar for details, metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.



MA State Representative Claire D. Cronin, 11th Plymouth District



The September 25th COVID-19 Update Call with feature guest speaker, Massachusetts State Representative Claire D. Cronin.

Representative Claire D. Cronin was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the Eleventh Plymouth District, which includes both Brockton and Easton, on November 6, 2012. She is a graduate of Stonehill College and Suffolk University Law School. Cronin is admitted to the Massachusetts bar and also admitted to practice in U.S. District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to being elected, Representative Cronin maintained a law practice in Brockton, Massachusetts. She has been affiliated with Commonwealth Mediation and Conciliation in Brockton for the past ten years, where she has arbitrated and mediated cases involving a wide range of issues, including most notably, the landmark settlement of the Massachusetts clergy sexual abuse cases.

Representative Cronin served on the board of Old Colony YMCA in Brockton and was also a member of the Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton (FEEE), a non-profit organization that supports the students of the Easton Public Schools by raising funds for state-of-the art technology and innovative grants. Formerly a member of the Brockton Democratic City Committee, Representative Cronin currently serves on the Easton Democratic Town Committee and Democratic State Committee.

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 2023 are Michele Cinquegrano, Verizon; Dan Evans, Evans Machine Corporation; Marisela Marrero, Steward Health – Good Samaritan Medical Center; Rich Hynes, Barbour Corporation; Jay Pike, Citron Cooperman; Greg Hart, Summer Street Financial.

Nominated to serve a two-year term in the Class of 2022 are Joe Casey, Harbor One Bank; Friend Weiler, Consultant; Matthew Osborne, Eastern Bank; Mahsa Khanbabai, Immigration Attorney; Bob Moran, National Grid; Rich Spenser, NESB.

Nominated to serve a one-year term in the Class of 2021 are David Texiera, Mattress Maker; Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort; Carol Chin, McDonald's Franchisee; Kelly Mallory, Mallory Headsets; Donald Donaldson, Beantown Builders

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, 2020. 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, 2020. All Board of Directors' meetings are open to any Chamber member who wishes to attend.

Commercial Real Estate Available in Metro South



309 Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
11,998 SF
List Price: \$799,900
MLS #72687156
Commercial/Industrial
Contact: Bill Callahan, (508) 238-5000 x331

309 Main Street is the former Sampson Funeral Home which was built as a single family home by Gardner Josiah Kingman in 1886. The home was designed by the well known architect at the time, Wesley Lyng Minor. The property is still operating as a funeral home with living area above, but it would present itself as an excellent apartment development opportunity for the right person. All appointments require 24 to 48 hour notice for tenants. Listing Agent must accompany. Prospective Buyers must show Commercial financing approval prior to making an appointment.



955 Turnpike Street
Canton, MA 02021
16,600 SF of Retail Space
Mixed-Use
Contact: Jim Berish, (508) 586-9000



Under Construction: Brick and Glass Retail and Mixed Use Center. Phenomenal visibility and ample parking. Located adjacent to the Canton Commerce Center. This location delivers tremendous professional day time population and access to high income neighborhoods including Canton, Milton, Stoughton, Sharon.

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Series Continues; Live SBA/COVID-19 Economic Recovery Calls with City, State & Federal Officials

Return to Work: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Update with City, State, and Federal Officials

Friday, August 21 @ 2:00PM

Updates on COVID-19 Economic & Business Recovery

Join us for an update from the Metro South Chamber, Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP.

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Return to Work: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Update with City, State, and Federal Officials

Friday, August 7 @ 2:00PM

Updates on COVID-19 Economic & Business Recovery

Join us for an update from the Metro South Chamber, Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

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Return to Work: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Update with City, State, and Federal Officials

Friday, July 24 @ 2:00PM

Updates on COVID-19 Economic & Business Recovery

Join us for an update from the Metro South Chamber, Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and special guest Bob Coughlin, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council.

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Return to Work: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Update with City, State, and Federal Officials

Friday, July 17 @ 2:00PM

Updates on COVID-19 Economic & Business Recovery

Join us for an update from the Metro South Chamber, Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

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Return to Work: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Update with City, State, and Federal Officials

Friday, July 10 @ 2:00PM

Updates on COVID-19 Economic & Business Recovery

Join us for an update from the Metro South Chamber, Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

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COVID-19 RECOVERY UPDATE with City, State, and Federal Resources

JUNE 19 2:00PM

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Since March, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce has held regular live webinars with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); Mayor of Brockton, Robert F. Sullivan; and Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD) to provide updates on a range of economic relief packages and resources being developed in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The most recent call (August 21, 2020) redirected attention back to the topic of Opportunity Zones in Brockton and the federal tax benefits offered to developers with interest in Brockton. Russell J. Stein and Jay Peabody, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP gave a presentation on the OZ tax program.

On July 24th, we were joined by Bob Coughlin, President & CEO of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council.



Bob Coughlin, CEO, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council



As President and CEO of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, Bob's

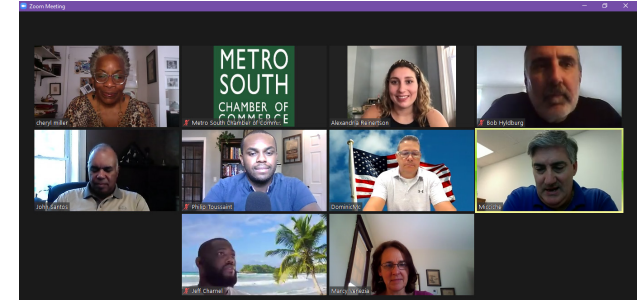
mission is to advance Massachusetts' leadership in the life sciences to grow the industry, add value to the healthcare system and improve patient lives.

Previous guests have included Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, U.S. Senator Ed Markey, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy, Congressman Joe Kennedy III, SEED Corporation, and the U.S.

Chamber of Commerce; with focuses on PPP, EIDL, OSHA Guidelines, and toolkits for employers to use when navigating returning to work.

To register for future Friday update calls, contact Lexi at (508) 586-0500 x231 or email AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com

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Thursday, September 3 @ 10:30AM
Thursday, September 10 @ 10:30AM
Thursday, September 24 @ 10:30AM

We want all of our members to know that we're here for you. Connect with potential customers, existing chamber members and friends in the Metro South community from the comfort and safety of your homes/work spaces. Every member attending will be asked to give a 60-second pitch (who you are, and what you do) and then we will have an open discussion with the group.

Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance. For more information, contact Lexi at AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com Visit our online calendar for details, [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration](https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar-registration).

Funds Still Available for Brockton Businesses



In Collaboration with the City of Brockton and the Brockton Redevelopment Authority

The Brockton Business Assistance program is designated for businesses experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will aid small businesses in job creation & job retention and to maintain business continuity. Funded through the City of Brockton's COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant program and managed by Brockton Redevelopment Authority and MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, Applicants may request up to \$10,000.00 for the proposed need. Applicants can utilize funds to support initiatives that will allow them to continue operating during and/or after the COVID-19 pandemic. Business Assistance Program (Free Google account is required to submit application). Visit <https://forms.gle/cmSEizk325goZKes5> for info.

The grant funding may be used for the following critical needs:

- Expenses that would not have usually occurred without the COVID-19 pandemic
- Business continuity assessment and planning
- Marketing, such as paid digital advertisements during and post COVID-19 pandemic
- General business continuity expenses
- Payroll or employee training
- Or any other applicable expenses incurred since State of Emergency declared in MA on March 10, 2020

Review of applications will begin with completed applications as of Monday, June 15, 2020. Applications will continue to be reviewed on an "as received" basis until all funds are expended or October 31, 2020, whichever is first. Disbursement of funds will start on July 1, 2020.

For more information contact Sheila Sullivan-Jardim at ssjardim@masshiregbwb.org or Robert Jenkins at rjenkins@brocktonredevelopmentauthority.com

Forbes: Treasury Issues New FAQs On PPP Loan Forgiveness: What You Need To Know ¹

On August 4, 2020, the Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, issued new guidance through Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) aimed at helping Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) borrowers navigate maximum loan forgiveness.

The new PPP FAQs come as the August 8, 2020, deadline to apply for a PPP loan fast approaches, and as Congress and the White House negotiate a new Covid relief package expected to both simplify PPP loan forgiveness and create a new round of PPP loans.

Practically every lobbying group in Washington is urging Congress to allow borrowers of loans under \$150,000 to simply self-certify, or “check the box,” they have used the loan money as intended, and allow borrowers to receive a second PPP loan if they can show year-over-year losses in revenue somewhere between 20% and 50%.

Most PPP borrowers are now eligible to apply to have their loans forgiven and, in essence, converted into grants. Borrowers need to apply through their lenders using SBA forms or a lender provided application. The lender will have 60 days to review and approve the application before submitting it to the SBA, which will have 90 days to review it. The SBA may ask the lender or the borrower for additional information before making a determination to forgive all or a portion of the loan.

The following are the key questions and answers boiled down from the 10 pages of Treasury FAQs:

1. How do I submit my PPP loan forgiveness application?

In an effort to facilitate the process for sole proprietors, independent contractors, or self-employed individuals with no employees, the guidance explains you can use SBA Form 3508EZ or the lender equivalent. While Form 3508EZ is not quite a “check the box” scenario, it is far easier to understand than SBA Form 3508, which would likely require the assistance of a lawyer or CPA. The assumption here is that no employees, other than the owner, were used to calculate the amount of the loan on the front-end application.

The PPP FAQs also clarifies that all PPP lenders may accept scanned copies of signed loan forgiveness applications and documents containing the information and certifications required by SBA forms 3508, 3508EZ, or a lender equivalent. This avoids the need for any in-person meetings between borrowers and lenders.

2. Will I be responsible for payments of principal and interest while I wait for the PPP loan forgiveness decision?

The FAQs address a common question as to whether borrowers need to make payments while they await a forgiveness decision and will they be responsible for interest accrued during this period. The guidance makes clear the answer is no. As long as you submit a loan forgiveness application within ten months of the covered period and the loan is fully forgiven, you will not be responsible for any payments. If, however, all or part of the loan is not forgiven, you will be responsible for repayment of that portion over the term of loan, now up to five years. And, yes, the interest accrued from the time of the disbursement of the loan on the amount not forgiven will also need to be repaid in this scenario. Your lender will notify you if a portion of your loan and interest needs repayment and when the first payment is due.

3. How do I determine which payroll cycles are included in PPP loan forgiveness?

Many borrowers remain confused about when payroll costs need to occur to count towards loan forgiveness. The short answer is if payroll is incurred during the covered period, but your usual payroll run occurs after the end of the covered period, it will still count towards forgiveness. The FAQs provide the following example: *A borrower received its loan before June 5, 2020, and elects to use a 24-week Covered Period. The borrower’s Covered Period runs from Monday, April 20 through Sunday, October 4....*

For the full article, visit <https://www.forbes.com/sites/allbusiness/2020/08/07/treasury-issues-new-faqs-on-ppp-loan-forgiveness/#2aa75359c65d>.

¹ Hare, Neil. “Treasury Issues New FAQs On PPP Loan Forgiveness: What You Need To Know.” Forbes, Forbes Magazine, 7 Aug. 2020, www.forbes.com/sites/allbusiness/2020/08/07/treasury-issues-new-faqs-on-ppp-loan-forgiveness/#2aa75359c65d.

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Join Bryan Caplan, Speaker for Grow with Google, for an info-packed webinar dedicated to growing your business online. In this 45-minute webinar, you'll learn how customers find your business online and how to promote your business using Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Smart Campaigns in Google Ads.

October 8 @ 10:00AM - Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps
Register online: register.gotowebinar.com/register/9213462547450261774

Join Bryan Caplan, Speaker for Grow with Google, for an info-packed webinar dedicated to growing your business online. In this 45-minute webinar, you'll learn about Google My Business, a free tool for local businesses who want to connect with customers on Google Search and Maps. Get hands-on help creating or updating your business profile or a simple website. In this workshop we'll discuss best practices for:

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- Manage your business info across Google Search and Maps
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Additional information and resources have been included in this year's publication to assist small businesses with economic recovery in light of the impact of COVID-19 on the business community.


Over 9,000 copies of the Book are being distributed to every registered business within the Metro South region*, as well as to all Chamber members, banks, real estate offices, town halls, area colleges, libraries, legislators, and sent to all relocating businesses and families interested in the Metro South area.

For more information on the Book for Business, contact Director of Communications, Emma Stratton at (508) 586-0500 x 222 or email estratton@metrosouthchamber.com. To view the book online, visit metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/book-for-business.

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To learn more about Networking Group USA and Additional chapters visit networkinggroupusa.com/our-story. For more information about Chamber Membership and Networking Groups contact Marcy at MVenetia@metrosouthchamber.com. Please contact each group for updates on their meetings during COVID-19.

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BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

<p>Thursday, Sept. 3</p> <p>Live Virtual Networking 10:30 am - 11:30 am Zoom Meeting Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session.</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Live Virtual Networking 10:30 am - 11:30 am Zoom Meeting Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session.</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>	<p>Friday, Sept. 11</p> <p>COVID-19 Economic Recovery Call Update: Return to Work 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ZOOM Meeting Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Join the Chamber for a live COVID-19 update call with local, state, and federal resources.</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept. 17</p> <p>Metro South of Boston 2020 Virtual Conference with NEREJ 10:00 am - 11:30 am Zoom Meeting Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Join the Chamber and NEREJ with a panel discussion on the pandemic's effect on commercial & res. real estate.</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>
<p>Thursday, Sept. 24</p> <p>Live Virtual Networking 10:30 am - 11:30 am Zoom Meeting Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session.</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>	<p>Friday, Sept. 25</p> <p>COVID-19 Economic Recovery Call Update: Return to Work 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ZOOM Meeting Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Join the Chamber for a live COVID-19 update call with local, state, and federal resources.</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>	<p>Wednesday, Nov. 18</p> <p>107th Annual Meeting 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Teen Challenge OR Virtual via Zoom 1315 Main Street, Brockton (or online via Zoom)</p> <p>Join the Chamber for a presentation by Dave McGillivray, networking, B2B expo, door prizes, and more.</p> <p>Members: \$100 Non-Members: \$135</p> <p>Register online: metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</p>	<div><p>LIVE</p></div> <div><p>WORK</p></div> <div><p>SHOP</p></div> <div><p>PLAY</p></div> <p>www.BuyBrockton.org</p>