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BUSINESS NEWS FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE ONE SOUTHCOAST CHAMBER

OCTOBER 2023

So Much to Celebrate!



As the summer draws to a close, and the leaves begin to turn, One SouthCoast Chamber turns to a busy fall and early winter as a time of celebration and business leadership. We have recovered from another wonderful New Bedford Seaport Chowderfest and our events team is ready to hit the ground running as celebration season begins.

On October 17, the Chamber is honored to present the Roger Valcourt Award to Jim Wallace of BayCoast Bank at a dinner in his honor at Whites of Westport. Few non-profits in the region have been untouched or unimproved by this dedicated man, who embodies the spirit of service to the community and business integrity, and the Chamber Awards Committee chose a fine example of servant leadership to receive this year's Valcourt Award.

At our Annual Meeting breakfast on December 13, One SouthCoast Chamber will mark the passing of another successful year and present both the Brayton and Apex Awards to deserving

individuals and companies. This year's Brayton Awards, given for service to the community, will be presented to Liz Carpenter from Faneek's Restaurant, Jim Oliveira, retired Executive Director of MassHire Greater New Bedford, Sharon Macinnes from Bank Five, Joe Nauman of Acushnet Company and Dave and Kim Berube. Apex Award honorees include for Small Business, Tropical Smoothie; for Large Business, Bristol Community College, for Educational institutions, Diman Regional Vocational and Technical High School and for Non-Profit, the United Way of Greater New Bedford. We will also present our Ambassador of the Year.

On November 2nd at lunch time at Fall River Country Club, we will be with Congressman Jake Auchincloss who will fill us in on everything Washington. What happens in government affects us all and affects our ability to succeed in business, so please come armed with your good questions for the Congressman.

Our One SouthCoast Human Resources Council will have its quarterly meeting on November 28th, also as Fall River Country Club, and will feature a panel of women-owned businesses.

There will, as always, plenty of opportunities to mix and mingle and to build your business through quality networking. On October 24, the Chamber will host Coffee with the Chamber at our Fall River office where members have the chance to meet with Chamber leadership and discuss the future of the organization. Members will also have the chance to meet the newest members of the team. We are very excited about our incredible staff and their ability to serve the membership. Business After Hours sponsored by Fall River Municipal Credit Union at the Fall River Country Club on October 26, and on December 7 three lucky people will walk away with a lot of money, as we pull the Holiday Raffle with prizes of \$10,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 at our Holiday Business After Hours at Whites!

As always, register for Chamber events on onesouthcoast.com. We have so much to celebrate, and please know that we are here for you – our members – and for a better, stronger South Coast region.

Mike O'Sullivan
CEO



Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen
Award Dinner
Tuesday, October 17
5:30 PM - 8 PM
Whites of Westport

Coffee with the Chamber
Tuesday, October 24
9 AM - 10 PM
200 Pocasset St, Fall River

Business After Hours Sponsored by:
Fall River Municipal Credit Union
Thursday, October 26
5 PM - 7 PM
Fall River Country Club

Congressional Luncheon
with Jake Auchincloss
Thursday, November 2
11:30 AM - 1 PM
Fall River Country Club

One SouthCoast Annual Meeting
Brayton & Apex Awards Breakfast
Wednesday, December 13
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Whites of Westport

For additional information and/or to register for events please visit:
www.members.onesouthcoast.com/events/

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Staff Updates

Katie Greene Named Vice President of Marketing and Events for One SouthCoast Chamber



One SouthCoast Chamber CEO, Mike O'Sullivan, is pleased to announce the appointment of Katie Greene as Vice President of Marketing and Events for the Chamber, effective August 1, 2023.

Katie Greene has worked in the marketing and events field for nearly 20 years. A Fall River native, Katie graduated from Durfee

High School before going on to attend Bristol Community College and later, UMass Dartmouth, where she majored in Marketing.

Before joining the One SouthCoast Chamber staff in 2021, Katie served as a volunteer on the Events Planning Committee for the Chamber. Currently, she serves as an elected member of the Durfee Alumni Association and as an Executive Board Member for Feed the First Responders. Katie is also a previous board member/Past-President of Westport Business to Business and former mentor for EforAll.

Katie most recently was Director of Programs and Events for the Chamber where she was responsible for producing and

overseeing events such as Chowderfest, New Bedford State of the City, Fall River State of Business and the Governor's Dinner. She looks forward to getting back into marketing while also working on new programs and events for One SouthCoast Chamber for the coming year.

"As One SouthCoast Chamber continues to grow, we are pleased to have someone with Katie's knowledge and experience to assume greater responsibility – something she has earned in her time with us. Coming on board in the midst of a pandemic, Katie proved from the first day that her skills and attitude made her immensely valuable to the team. Everyone had to adjust, and Katie helped lead the way for the

Chamber."

In her free time, Katie can still be found planning events for family and friends. She and her husband, Jamie, enjoy golfing, traveling, entertaining and spending time with their dogs, Alfie and Georgie.

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS @ The Fall River Country Club

Sponsored by:



Thursday, October 26th

5 - 7 pm

4232 North Main Street, Fall River, MA

Staff Updates

Ian Trombly Named Vice President of Public Policy for One SouthCoast Chamber



One SouthCoast Chamber CEO, Mike O’Sullivan, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ian Trombly as Vice President of Public Policy for the Chamber, effective October 10, 2023.

Mike O’Sullivan, CEO of One SouthCoast Chamber said, “Ian has carried a deep passion and focus on improv-

ing the South Coast through public policy at the local, state, and federal levels here in Southeastern Massachusetts for over ten years. His addition to the team and his deep roots in this region will enhance our efforts for the business community to have an effective advocate for policies that help produce good jobs in our communities and enhance our region’s ability to compete.”

From 2015 to 2020, Ian served Congressman Keating in the New Bedford District Office, where he advocated on behalf of the constituents on the South Coast and of the 9th Congressional District while cultivating

meaningful relationships with government officials and local businesses. In 2020, Ian joined the Southcoast Health Government Affairs and External Affairs team, advocating on behalf of the health system, their patients, and our community.

Ian was born in Fall River, raised in Freetown, and has lived in New Bedford for ten years now. His love for the great outdoors is second only to spending time with his family.

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Hunter Tackett Named Marketing and Communications Coordinator for One SouthCoast Chamber



One SouthCoast Chamber CEO, Mike O’Sullivan, is pleased to announce the appointment of Hunter Tackett as Marketing and Communications Coordinate for the Chamber, effective September 14, 2023.

Hunter graduated from Providence College in 2023

and has lived in Portsmouth, Rhode Island since 2016. Because Hunter’s father was in the army, he has had to move all over with his family. He was born in Germany and then moved to Georgia, Kansas, Tennessee, Australia, Louisiana and then finally Rhode Island where his father retired from the Army and decided to settle down. Before becoming the Marketing & Communications Coordinator at the Chamber, Hunter interned at The Empowerment Factory and Gray Matter Marketing where he obtained some valuable marketing experiences.

Mike O’Sullivan, CEO of the

Chamber, said, “The Chamber is very pleased to have had Hunter join our team. While he has been with us only a short time, he clearly has demonstrated the talent and expertise required to work with Katie to bring our communications to a new level. Like all of our recent hires, Hunter has hit the ground running!”

In his free time, Hunter likes ski as well as spend time with his friends and family.

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Good News!

Alltrust Credit Union Welcomes Alec Shumway to the Retail Team



Alec Shumway has joined Alltrust Credit Union as a Branch Manager.

Shumway has been in the retail banking industry for 8 years now. In his most recent role, he was the Retail Trainer for Bluestone Bank, where he created and maintained Universal Banking Modules to further the training development for all retail employees. Shumway enjoys getting to know the members and helping them with their financial goals. He likes to be able to sit down and have meaningful conversations to establish stronger relationships. It makes him grateful to be able to assist them as well as providing a positive experience for them.

“With his background in retail and working with members, we knew that Alec would be a great leader for one of our branches,” stated Carmen Sylvester, President and Chief Executive Officer. “His experience in training and helping his coworkers aligns with the Credit Union’s core values and culture.”

As Branch Manager of the Fairhaven Branch, Shumway will maintain a high-quality service culture by expanding and establishing member relationships. He will also be responsible for assisting and guiding staff members to be successful and ensuring members are being served efficiently.

Shumway resides in Taunton with his husband James, and his furry family members; dogs named Bandit and Brody, and a cat named Moria Rose. In his free time, he likes to experience new places with his friends and family. Whether it is a new restaurant or going to a new city, Shumway is always up for adventure.



Massachusetts Maritime Academy Receives \$1 Million Grant from MassCEC for Offshore Wind Vessel Simulation and Training Center



Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA), a leader in offshore wind training, is the recipient of a \$1 million award provided by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (Mass CEC). This funding will be used for the expansion, design, development, and implementation of an Offshore Wind Vessel Simulation and Training Center.

“The clean energy industry will bring valuable jobs to residents across Massachusetts,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, when announcing the grant recipients on August 29th at Pip-fitters Local 537 in Dorchester.

The \$1 million funding awarded to MMA will allow development of the Academy’s Offshore Wind Vessel Simulation and Training Center (OWVSTC), a facility that will serve to create, support, and increase offshore wind development initiatives while delivering workforce training for offshore wind to workers and students with an emphasis on expanding opportunities for under-represented populations. The project will look to design and install a full-service simulation platform capable of training a range of functions related to offshore wind support vessels from basic tug handling maneuvers for maritime related trainees to advanced seamanship methods for master mariners.

The OWVSTC will provide educational and training programs for the skilled trade and labor unions, K-12 dual enrollment and extended learning programs, undergraduate and continuing education programming, and professional training. It is expected to be operational in 2024.

“Strengthening a dynamic and inclusive clean energy workforce is vitally important to reaching our state’s climate targets. These awards stand at the intersection of the climate crisis, environmental justice, and economic development,” said Governor Maura Healey. “These awards empower our communities and residents to actively join this clean energy transition by creating pathways that offer accessible entry points into valuable careers, ultimately creating a diverse, inclusive and robust workforce.”

“We are grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center for providing the funding to move forward with this important project,” said Rear Admiral Francis X. McDonald, USMS, president of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. “With 75% of the Academy’s student population from Massachusetts and more than 85% from the New England region, we are focused on offering programs that result in opportunities for career and economic success within our region.”

The Academy is one of more than 40 organizations in receipt of a total of \$18 million from the Healey-Driscoll Administration to drive equitable clean energy workforce development. The grants have been awarded to organizations that are focused on lowering barriers faced by underserved and un-represented populations entering the clean energy workforce, introducing young people to clean energy careers, providing essential training for climate critical fields and supporting minority- and women-owned businesses entering and expanding in the clean energy sector – all in an effort to form the strong, skilled, inclusive workforce that is essential to achieving the Commonwealth’s climate goals in 2030 and 2050.



St. Anne’s Credit Union Holds its 28th Annual Free Summer Concert

St. Anne’s Credit Union recently held their 28th Annual Free Summer Concert at Heritage State Park in Fall River. This year’s festivities starred Petty Larceny, New England’s No. 1 Tom Petty

tribute band and two-time Worcester Music Awards winner for Best Tribute Band.

Music lovers from all over the South-Coast area filled the outdoor venue to enjoy a variety of rock ‘n’ roll sounds in performances of some of their favorite Tom Petty songs. St. Anne’s employees offered concertgoers free St. Anne’s swag to add to the fun for the whole family, and food trucks offered refreshments for purchase. “We were so pleased to have such a great turnout at this year’s concert,” says Eileen Danahy, President and CEO of St. Anne’s Credit Union, “Putting on this fun-filled event gives families and friends the perfect opportunity to get together and make memories - one of our favorite ways that we reinvest in the communities in which we serve.”

This free community concert was sponsored in cooperation with WSAR and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. To stay up-to-date on more free upcoming events hosted by St. Anne’s Credit Union, such as in-person and virtual seminars on a wide range of personal finance topics, check stannes.com/free-seminars and St. Anne’s Facebook page regularly.



NBSO Opens Season in New Location October 14



On Saturday, October 14, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra opens their season with Three Worlds in the Bronspegel Auditorium at New Bedford High School. Under the direction of Music Director Yaniv Dinur, the orchestra will perform works by Sibelius, Elgar, and James Lee III. The guest soloist for this concert is cellist Sydney Lee.

With her performances in many of the world's leading venues, Korean-American cellist Sydney Lee has established herself as an artist of refined elegance and profound sincerity. She will join the orchestra for Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto, a Romantic era masterpiece. The opening night program also offers American composer James Lee III's Sukkot through Orion's Nebula and Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 7 - one of the most beautiful and moving works ever written for symphony orchestra

Three Worlds will take place on October 14, 7:30 PM, at the Bronspegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford. Please join Maestro Dinur and Ms. Lee for the pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m. Doors to the theater will open at 6 p.m. for the talk and 7 p.m. for the concert.

Tickets are \$20, \$50, and \$65, with \$10 student tickets (available at the box office only with student ID). Purchase tickets through the Z box office, 508-994-2900, or online at www.nbsymphony.org. Convenient and free parking is available in the lots near the entrance to the auditorium. Feel free to bring your own water bottle as we cannot guarantee a concession and water is the only item allowed in the auditorium. Please note that there is no smoking allowed on school grounds.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach more than 8,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today!



Bristol Community College names new Vice President for Academic Affairs



Andrew Fisher, Ed.D., has been appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs at Bristol Community College. Dr. Fisher enters his new role after working at NHTI-Concord's Community College, as Vice President of Academic Affairs - Chief Academic Officer, since 2020. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in anthropology, from the University of North Texas and his Master of Science in higher education teaching and his Doctor of Education in supervision, curriculum development and instructional leadership in higher education, from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

He has worked in higher education for more than 15 years, as both an innovative leader and faculty member. As Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Fisher directs Bristol's academic programs and services, in alignment with the college's mission, goals and core values and ensures that Bristol's academic programs and services continue to meet the evolving needs of our students and communities.

Some of Dr. Fisher's most notable achievements at NHTI-Concord's Community College include advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts to incorporate more inclusive hiring and support for professional development, establishing an enhanced system for learning outcome documentation and developing a micro-credential program that spanned credit to non-credit offerings tied to workforce demands.

Prior to this most recent role, he held positions as Provost and Chief Academic Officer, at North Central Texas College; Campus Director and Instructor of Developmental Reading and Writing, English and Learning Frameworks, at Paris Junior College; as well as Chair of the Developmental Studies Department, at Panola College.

Dr. Fisher began at Bristol on May 22, 2023.

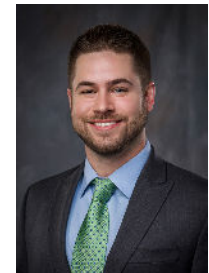


Justin Grolley Joins NEBBA Board of Directors

Coastal M&A is very pleased to announce Justin Grolley, MBA, CBI, M&AMI, CMEA has been voted in as a new member of the Board of Directors for the New England Business Brokers Association (NBBA).

NEBBA is the largest association of business brokers and M&A advisors in New England. Established to promote the highest level of professionalism among its business brokers, NBAA is a voice for advocating on behalf of business brokers.

NEBBA is an affiliate of the International Business Brokers Association (IBBA), the largest national & international association of business intermediary advisors, and regularly offers IBBA sanctioned continuing education courses and training.



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RECENT EVENTS



**End of Summer Bash
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**Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting
The Wandering Pour
Fairhaven, MA**

Jack Rua Invitational raises over \$60k for The Jack Rua Camp for Children with Diabetes



On Tuesday, September 12, People Incorporated held its annual Jack Rua Invitational at Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth. The golf tournament raises funds to support the Jack Rua Camp for Children with Diabetes, a program of the Diabetes Association, Inc., which is an affiliate organization of People Incorporated. With over 60 sponsors, the event raised over \$60,000, which assists with operating “Camp Jack” each summer.

After registration of the 136 golfers, the day began with an outdoor grilled lunch followed by a shotgun start of the scramble tournament at noon.

The 2023 Jack Rua Invitational winning foursome with a score of 59 consisted of Justin Carvalho, Justin Cohen, Mike Dolan, and Jeremy Provost, which was sponsored by The Lopes Companies.

Among the on-course contests, the tournament featured two hole-in-one

contests (a \$10,000 prize sponsored by Rua-Dumont-Audet Insurance Agency and a Toyota bZ4X electric SUV prize sponsored by Toyota of Dartmouth), along with an on-the-turn Cornhole contest.

The men’s Longest Drive contest winner was Jaxon Farina from Mutual of America; Paula Dineen took the Longest Drive title for the women. Closest to the Pin contest winners were Andrew McNaught of East Bay Pharmacy, Rene Lachapelle of RALCO Electric & Generator, and Debbie McMahon of Spindle City Insulation.

For the putting contest, all golfers who sunk a put were entered into a raffle to win a Yeti cooler donated by Mechanics Cooperative Bank. The winner of that raffle was Jaxon Farina from Mutual of America.

The event concluded with a gathering at the country club’s outdoor patio, where players bid on impressive silent auction,

live auction, and raffle package items while enjoying passed appetizers and a self-serve nacho, pizza, and taco station.

“We always enjoy the Jack Rua Invitational, and this year was another successful event. We were especially happy to see all of our friends and supporters on the course in such beautiful weather,” said People Incorporated President & CEO Megan Stirk, who was also a participant golfer. “We’re very proud of what Camp Jack does for youth with diabetes, and the players and sponsors know that their support goes directly to the children we serve.”

Title Sponsors of the 2023 Jack Rua Invitational were Mechanics Cooperative Bank and Rua-Dumont-Audet Insurance Agency.

The Dinner Sponsor was D.E.G. Associates.


Luncheon Sponsors were Mutual of

America and Southcoast Health. On-the-Turn Contest Sponsors were Atlantic Cleaning Co., East Bay Pharmacy, and STA Design.

Classic Sponsors included AirMasters HVAC of New England; Cardi’s Furniture & Mattresses; CompNet Insurance Solutions; CS&M Tele-Systems; Empire Hyundai; Kahn, Litiwn, Renza, & Co; The Lopes Companies; Office Technology Group; RALCO Electric & Generator; Safeco / Liberty Mutual Insurance; Saint Anne’s Hospital; and Tech Service Center.

The Beverage Cart Sponsor was A.I.M. Mutual Insurance Companies.

Located in Assonet, Massachusetts, Camp Jack serves children with Type 1 diabetes, along with their siblings and friends, and operates as a day camp for six weeks from July through August. More information can be found at www.peopleincfr.org.

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Child & Family Services' In-Home Therapy Receives Funding From The Fall River Women's Union



CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

The Fall River Women's Union has awarded Child & Family Services' In-Home Therapy program with a grant to help to keep youth (up to age 21) experiencing behavioral issues and/or some sort of trauma in their lives engaged in our In-Home Therapy (IHT) program. This funding will allow us to purchase therapeutic games and activities for engagement and coping skills. These items will aid in reducing the children's anxiety, teaching them to

express their feelings in a healthy way. Snacks and drinks will also be purchased to nourish the youth while engaging with their case worker.

IHT works to support the whole family including parents, caregivers, and other children in the home who may also be affected by providing them with tools to better cope with and manage crises. Our team of clinicians, case workers, and the youth

along with their family develop treatment and safety plans based on the family's identified needs and goals.

The Fall River Women's Union has sustained its position as a social service organization for over a century, remaining true to its mission of helping better the lives of women and children. This charity foundation has helped countless social supportive agencies like ours throughout the greater Fall River Area.

Over the last few years there has been an uptick in the number of youths needing our services- a stag-

gering amount who are struggling with anxiety and depression and an inability to manage their emotions and behaviors at home, in school, and in the community. The generosity of the Fall River Women's Union will help to ensure that therapeutic goals will be met and sustained after our team's involvement has ended in the homes.

United Way of Greater New Bedford Awards \$15,000 to Child & Family Services



United Way of Greater New Bedford

United Way of Greater New Bedford is doing its part to help children throughout our community. The organization recently awarded Child & Family Services' Caring Network Program with \$15,000 through its Community Impact Grant.

At Child & Family Services we recognize and understand the impact that exposure to violence has on our children. Since 1996, our Caring Network has been providing free psycho-educational groups to children between the ages of 4-14 that were victims of violence, or who have witnessed violence in their home, school, or community. United Way's contribution to our

Caring Network program will greatly enhance our agency's ability to provide critical services to children traumatized by violence in our community.

Children who have witnessed violence live with a variety of symptoms daily, both emotional and physical. These children often struggle with traumatic flashbacks, fears, anxieties, and even trouble eating and sleeping. Some repeat aggressive behavior they have seen, while others may withdraw emotionally. This program helps children through the initial trauma, develops safety plans in case of future violence, and shows them ways to settle conflict and tension without resorting to violence.

"We are proud to continue our support of the Caring Network with a Community Impact Grant to Child and Family Services," said Michelle N. Hantman, President & CEO of United Way. "The Caring Network provides a vital service for

our most vulnerable children. The importance of this work cannot be overstated in the process of helping young victims of violence to heal."

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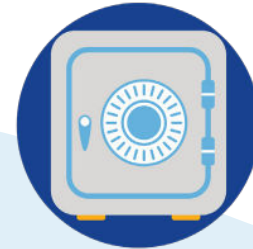
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Healey-Driscoll Administration Celebrates Tax Cut Savings for Children and Families

On October 5, 2023, One South-Coast Chamber had the honor of joining chamber colleagues from throughout the state, including the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Regional Chamber, and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, at the signing of a historic tax relief package. This package will help make the Commonwealth more affordable, more competitive, and more equitable. One SouthCoast Chamber advocated for provisions of this bill that will help our member businesses remain strong and foster growth. We thank our local legislative delegation for their hard work on this important bill!

Provisions of the tax cuts package that will save children and families money include:

Child and Family Tax Credit – Eliminates the two-dependent cap and increases the credit from \$180 per dependent child, disabled adult, or senior to \$310 for 2023 and to

\$440 on a permanent basis, starting in 2024. An estimated 565,000 families will benefit, and this will be the most generous universal child and dependent tax credit in the county. If you have two kids 12 or under, you'll be getting \$880 back in next year's taxes. If you have three kids, you'll be getting \$1,320, where before you only got \$360. And, if you care for a dependent adult, you will get that same \$440 payment for them, every single year.

Earned Income Tax Credit – Increases credit from 30% to 40% of the federal credit. If your income is under \$60,000, your state Earned Income Tax Credit is going up, from 30% to 40% of the federal credit. With two or three children, you could now be looking at a combined federal and state credit of close to \$10,000.

Rental Deduction – Increases the amount of rent that you can deduct from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The total credit could be up to \$200 per year.

Commuter Transit Benefits – Adds regional transit authority (RTA) fares and bicycle expenses – including e-bikes and bicycle improvements, repair, and storage – to deductible commuter expenses. Commuters can now deduct up to \$750 in expenses.

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Bristol County Savings Bank Named A Top Charitable Contributor in Massachusetts By Boston Business Journal



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Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB), headquartered in Taunton, Massachusetts, announces that it was named one of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts by Boston Business Journal for the seventh consecutive year at the publication's 2023 Corporate Citizenship Awards held Thursday, September 7th at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Designed to showcase companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities, the Bank ranked #36 on the BBJ list of 100 companies that

granted at least \$100,000 to Massachusetts non-profits during the 2022 calendar year. The Bank also placed 5th among all companies in the Highest Average Volunteer Hours category with an average of 13.4 volunteer hours per employee. Bristol County Savings Bank, through its Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation, awarded \$2 million to various Massachusetts 501(c)(3) organizations last year.

"Since our founding more the 175 years ago, we have operated as a

community mutual bank with a focus on "people helping people." This recognition by Boston Business Journal is additional validation that our efforts to support non-profit organizations in the neighborhoods we serve are making a difference," said Patrick Murray, President & CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank and President of Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation. Murray added that the Foundation has committed more than \$30 million to hundreds of different non-profit organizations since its inception in 1996.

"It is with honor that we present our list of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts who collectively gave \$423 million in contributions – a true example of the business community coming together to help those in need," said Carolyn Jones, Market President and Publisher at Boston Business Journal. "We are proud to celebrate these organizations who give both money and time to make Massachusetts a stronger and better place for all."

The Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation's purpose is to fund needs that contribute to the economic and the social well-being of the people and institutions located in the greater Taunton/Attleboro Region, the greater New Bedford/Dartmouth Region, the Fall River Re-

gion and the northern Rhode Island Region, with particular emphasis in the areas of education and literacy, economic development and housing for the low- to moderate-income population. In 2020, the Foundation added an additional area of focus supporting organizations that are on the frontlines of the pandemic or experiencing hardship as a result.

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KRISTEN GOMES

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Kristen Gomes is a full-time REALTOR licensed in MA + RI. She is a part of a two-person team with her husband Nickko, together they are known as Gomes Selling Homes. She helps buyers and sellers get into this market confidently and to the closing table with ease.

Kristen also recently launched a second business, The Wandering Pour, a mobile bartender service. They specialize in bringing peace of mind for every host, event planner, and venue by creating a beautiful and easy event bar experience.

As an Ambassador for the One Southcoast Chamber Kristen loves the ability to help support her local community by connecting with other business owners at networking events and building relationships with them. She continues to plan and organize the ever-popular monthly Women's Lunch through the Chamber. From homeownership, investing in real estate and the community, to your event planning needs, Kristen is here for you.

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