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ONE SOUTHCOAST CHAMBER APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

As CEO of the One SouthCoast Chamber, part of my responsibility is ensuring our members understand how statewide initiatives connect to the realities of doing business here on the South Coast. The Massachusetts Competitiveness Council is one such initiative, and its work has meaningful implications for our region and your business.

The Massachusetts Competitiveness Council was created by Executive Order under the Healey-Driscoll Administration. It is made up of leaders from business, labor, and innovation from across the Commonwealth, along with members of the Healey Administration. Some members include Economic Development Secretary Eric Paley, Administration and Finance Secretary Matt Gorzkowicz, Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Lauren Jones, Senator Finegold, Senator Feeney, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Mass Business Roundtable, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Competitiveness Partnership, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, and my favorite, One SouthCoast Chamber. The Council was designed to study and assess Massachusetts' economic competitiveness in comparison to other states and regions, with a focus on the factors that influence economic growth, business investment, and job creation. It serves as a strategic sounding board for the Governor on economic and business climate issues, providing insight and recommendations. The Council's work is intended to inform long-term economic strategy and decision-making at the highest levels of state government.

The One SouthCoast Chamber is honored to have been selected by Governor Healey to serve on this council. Ian Trombly, our Vice President of Public Policy, will be serving on our behalf. For the Chamber and our members, the Competitiveness Council plays a vital role. It creates a clearer pathway for the South Coast's unique business concerns to be reflected in statewide economic policy. It strengthens our role as a regional economic convener by connecting state-level competitiveness goals to the real, on-the-ground needs of local employers. Additionally, it provides a voice, your voice, to the statewide strategy, ensuring that the South Coast is not overshadowed. Perhaps most importantly, it positions One

SouthCoast as a trusted partner to state leadership, enhancing credibility, influence, and access for the businesses we represent.

The Competitiveness Council was created in response to real economic pressures facing Massachusetts. These include the rising cost of housing, unemployment insurance, energy, childcare, and the general cost of living and doing business. The Council gives our members a direct line into statewide economic strategy at a time when collaboration between the public and private sectors is essential. It allows the One SouthCoast Chamber to align our regional priorities with statewide competitiveness efforts.

For the South Coast, this work matters. One SouthCoast Chamber will continue to engage, advocate, and ensure our region's voice is heard as Massachusetts shapes its economic future.

Sincerely,

Mike O'Sullivan CEO

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2025 IN REVIEW





January

State of the City Luncheon with Mayor Jon Mitchell

We kicked off 2025 with a sold-out State of the City Luncheon on January 29 at New Bedford High School, where Mayor Jon Mitchell delivered an energizing and forward-looking address to a packed room of business and community leaders.

Februrary

GA Committee: Regeneration Edition

In February, the One SouthCoast Government Affairs Committee hosted the Regeneration Edition, a round-table discussion in partnership with the NBEDC and the Regeneration Committee.



March

Women's Forum

We hosted for Women's History Month, our annual Women's Forum at Rachel's Lakeside. Keynote speaker Cait Donovan, an international burnout recovery expert, delivered a powerful talk on dismantling burnout and building healthier workplace cultures, followed by a luncheon, networking, and a book signing.

April

State of Business with Mayor Paul Coogan and The Chamber Invitational Golf Tournmanent

April featured two major Chamber traditions, beginning with Mayor Paul Coogan's State of Business Luncheon at the Fall River Country Club, where attendees heard updates on the city's recent accomplishments, economic priorities, and ongoing efforts to support a growing business community. Later in the month, members returned to the same venue for the Chamber Invitational Golf Tournament, a full day of friendly competition benefiting the Chamber's mission to drive business advancement and regional economic growth.





May

Celebrity Scholarship Dinner with Johnny Damon

In May, we hosted our highly anticipated Celebrity Scholarship Dinner featuring two-time World Series champion Johnny Damon. Guests enjoyed an engaging keynote filled with stories from his iconic Red Sox career, and a special presentation of scholarships to deserving local students. The evening also included a silent auction with autographed memorabilia and an exclusive meet-and-greet opportunity with Johnny.

June

Legislative Luncheon

In June, we hosted a sold-out Legislative Luncheon at Rachel's Lakeside, bringing together key state legislators for an in-depth discussion on the issues shaping our region.





July

Luncheon with Governor Maura Healey

In July, members filled White's of Westport for a Luncheon with Governor Maura Healey, who shared insights from her administration's work on housing, education, transportation, health care, and economic development. Attendees heard updates on key initiatives—from tax relief and childcare expansion to infrastructure investments and the state's growing leadership in innovation sectors.

Women's Power Lunch

In August, our Women's Power Lunch brought members together at Cask & Pig for a "Sunset on Summer"—themed afternoon of networking, introductions, and a lighthearted game to close out the season.



September Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen Award Dinner and Job Fair

In September, the One SouthCoast Chamber honored Anthony R. Sapienza at the Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen Award Dinner, recognizing his decades of leadership in the men's apparel industry and dedication to community and workforce development. Later in the month, the SouthCoast Job Fair brought together dozens of local employers and hundreds of job seekers at Venus de Milo, providing opportunities, resources, and networking to support career growth across the region.

October

Chowderfest

October kicked off with the 20th Annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival, bringing the SouthCoast community together to celebrate local flavors! Attendees enjoyed delicious chowder tastings from a wide range of local restaurants while casting their votes for their favorites.





November Congressional Update with Jake Auchincloss and Bill Keating

November brought an informative start to the day as members gathered at White's of Westport for our Congressional Update with Representatives Jake Auchincloss and Bill Keating. Attendees heard firsthand about federal priorities shaping the SouthCoast, from economic development and clean energy to national security, infrastructure, and support for working families.

December

Annual Meeting, Brayton & Apex Awards Breakfast

December closes out the year with one of our most meaningful traditions—the One SouthCoast Annual Meeting and Brayton & Apex Awards Breakfast, where business and community leaders come together to celebrate the people and organizations shaping the future of our region. Attendees enjoy a breakfast program that includes the election of the Chamber's Board of Directors, recognition of outgoing board members, and the presentation of our prestigious Brayton and APEX Awards.





To submit your good news, contact Hunter Tackett htackett@onesouthcoast.com



Bristol County Savings Bank, through its Foundation, has awarded grants totaling \$100,000 to four area non-profit organiza-

tions in response to the food insecurity crisis exacerbated by the federal government shutdown. Since the Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation was formed in 1996, more than \$36 million has been committed to hundreds of different non-profits in the communities the Bank serves. In 2024 alone, the Foundation awarded a record \$2.9 million to various 501(c)(3) organizations.

The Bank identified the United Way of Massachusetts Bay (Taunton-Attleboro), United Way of Greater New Bedford, United Way of Greater Fall River and the Rhode Island Community Food Bank in Providence as recipients of the \$25,000 donations. The funds will be used for the purchase and distribution of food to those households in the local area who are in need.

Bristol County Savings Bank, through Foundation, has also recently awarded a grant totaling \$25,000 to New Bedford Public Schools to help support the "Alfred J. Gomes Elementary Library Revival." The funds will go towards the purchase more than 1,000 updated, relevant, multicultural books, and in both Spanish and English titles to support dual language programming. Since the Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation was formed in 1996, more than \$35.6 million has been committed to hundreds of different non-profits in the communities the Bank serves. In 2024 alone, the Foundation awarded a record \$2.9 million to various 501(c)(3) organizations.

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MountainOne Financial, MHC, the mutual holding company parent of MountainOne Bank, and Mechanics Bancorp, MHC, the mutual holding company parent of Mechanics Cooperative Bank, announced today that all regulatory approvals required to complete the merger of the two mutual holding companies have been received.

The merger transaction is scheduled to take place on January 1, 2026, at which time the newly combined mutual holding company will operate under the name MountainOne Financial, MHC, and will have approximately \$1.9 billion in assets.

MountainOne Bank and Mechanics Cooperative Bank will continue to operate as two separate, independently chartered community banks, and will each retain their existing names, headquarters locations, leadership teams, and boards of directors. Furthermore, customers will not experience any disruption, nor do they need to take any action.

Bringing together two well-capitalized, financially sound organizations allows the newly combined mutual holding company to take their time in evaluating opportunities to collaborate where doing so strengthens service, enhances operational efficiency, or supports long-term sustainability.





RECENT EVENTS

- 1. Our last Government Affairs meeting was held at New Bedford Community Health Center, New Bedford
- 2. Attendees at the Government Affairs meeting discussed primary care access in New Bedford
- 3. Smiling faces at our latest Business Builders
 Breakfast at Ground Floor Coffee, New Bedford
- 4. Business Builders Breakfast attendees playing Networking Bingo, New Bedford
- 5. The Chamber joined Community Connections for the ribbon-cutting of their newly renovated Fairhaven Day Center, Fairhaven















RECENT EVENTS

- 6. Left to right: One SouthCoast CEO Mike O'Sullivan, Congressman Bill Keating, Congressman Jake Auchincloss, Southcoast Health CEO David McCready, and Bristol Community College President Sedgwick L. Harris, Ed.D., at the Congressional Update, Whites of Westport
- 7. The Congressional Update was a sit-down discussion in which Mike O'Sullivan and attendees asked the Congressmen questions about the government and current affairs, Whites of Westport
- 8. The last Women's Power Lunch of the year was a great success and was held at Candela Cucina, New Bedford
- 9. Women's Power Lunch attendees enjoyed lunch and networking activities, New Bedford
- 10.TFed employees at the New Bedford Art Museum Business After Hours, New Bedford





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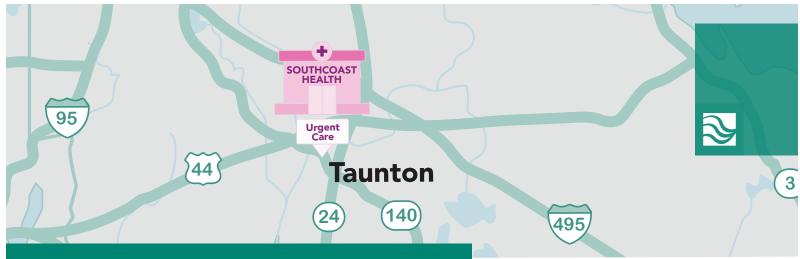
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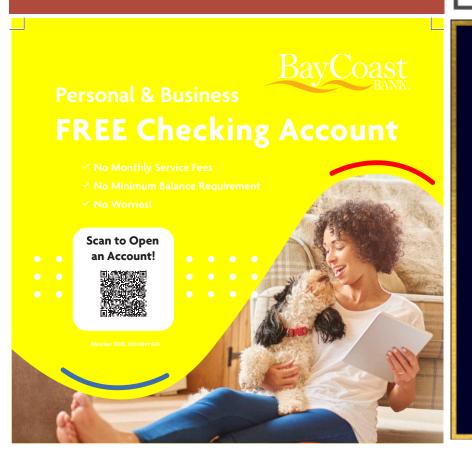
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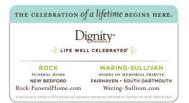
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